

Oakland University Senate Minutes

March 17, 2016

Members present: Aloï, Andrews, Awbrey, Beres, Berven, D., Cheng, Clark, Corcoran, Corso, Daniel, Debnath, Dereski, Dulio, Edwards, Eis, Estes, Folberg, Guessous, Hansen, Harbin, Knox, Latcha, lee, Leibert, Lentini, Margerum-Leys, Long, Mazzeo, Parkash, Polis, Ragheb, Reger, Roumani, Rozek, Schartman, Sifonis, Thompson, Westergaard, Williams, Weiter

Members absent: Baxa, Berven, K., Chamra, Chopin, Clason, Dallo, Epstein, Giblin, Goldberg, Golinski, Gooren, Grimm, Grooms, Hay, Kubinski, Mathieson, Miller, Moore, Petchauer, Roth, Townsend, Tracy, Walter, Wells

Provost Lentini called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

Summary of Information and Action Items

Information Items

Program Modification approved by UCUI for the following program:

BA in Creative Writing in the English Department (CAS) to create a new track in
Literary Nonfiction

Program Modifications approved by Graduate Council for the following programs:

Post-MSN doctor of Nursing Practice (SON) to modify program requirements
MS in Nursing-Forensic Nursing Track (SON) to update courses to align with
credentialing body requirements

MSN Family Nurse Practitioner program (SON) to update curriculum

MSN Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program (SON) to update curriculum

Provost's Updates

Action Items

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of motion from the Library to approve a revised constitution

Approval of motion from Graduate Council for the Master of Science in Cybersecurity in
the School of Engineering and Computer Science

INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Lentini informed the Senate of a program modification approved by UCUI to the Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences to create a new track in Literary Nonfiction.

He also updated the Senate on program modifications approved by Graduate Council to the following programs:

- The Post-MSN doctor of Nursing Practice in the School of Nursing to modify program requirements
- The Master of Science in Nursing-Forensic Nursing Track to update courses to align with credentialing body requirements

- The MSN Family Nurse Practitioner program in the School of Nursing to update curriculum to include competencies required by accreditors
- The MSN Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program in the School of Nursing to update curriculum to include competencies required by accreditors

Provost's Updates:

Provost Lentini reminded faculty members about the April 13 lunch (11:30-1:00) where there will be updates from Academic Affairs concerning enrollment management and retention efforts.

He congratulated Pat Dolly and her team for their success in organizing the recent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion conference which he thought was excellent.

He updated the Senate on the search for the Associate Vice President of Research for which there are 4 candidates and for which there will be an open forum coming up in the near future.

He said that there will be a delay for the launch of the new billing date for students in order that a closer look can be taken at all that is entailed.

He invited Susan Awbrey to give an update on the Faculty Feedback program from the Fall semester. She reported that 58% of faculty had submitted their feedback and she described this as a fairly good result.

Mr. Lentini encouraged faculty to take advantage of opportunities to learn more about high impact learning practices and DFWI gateway courses. He stressed the importance of these practices and the value of what we do in the classroom, and the relationship of high impact practices to enrollment patterns. He pointed out that the demographics regarding number of students who go to the university are not particularly good for this area. He said that the way the university manages transfer students is very important because transfer students represent 50% of the revenue. He added that we need to improve retention rates, and high impact practice methods are important for this.

Mr. Lentini clarified that at the previous Senate meeting, when offering congratulations to the School of Engineering and commenting on how well the online MS program in Engineering stacks up in comparison to other programs in the USA, the source was other than U.S. News and World Report.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 18, 2016, meeting were approved without objection.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the Library to approve a revised constitution (Ms. Daniel, Ms. Guessous)

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees approval of the revised constitution of the Library.

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Motion from Graduate Council to Approve a Master of Science in Cybersecurity in the School of Engineering and Computer Science (Ms. Eis, Ms. Williams)

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees the Master of Science in Cybersecurity.

The motion was approved unanimously.

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (secretary)