

Senate Minutes

November 18, 2021

Members present: *Aloi, Al-Shabrawey, Ball, Barclay, Barry, Berven, K., Berven, D., Boruff-Jones, Carey, Clark, Cortes, Craig, Debnath, Didion, Eis, EISayed, Fouladbakhsh, Goble, Guessous, Hartmus, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Latcha, Leibert, Lewis, Long, Mazzeo, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, K., Miller, J., Mitton, Naus, Nichols Hess, Ostergaard, Parkash, Rawashdeh, Reger, Rios-Ellis, Rivard, Roumani, Rutledge, Southward, Tiegs, Tracy, Wadsworth, Wells, Wendell, Zhu*

Members absent: *Chamra, Edrisinha, Gierman, Hansen, Hay, Landolt, Law-Sullivan, Lerchenfeldt, Margerum-Leys, McMillon, Merchant, Perhogan, Poly-Droulard, Shesko*

Provost Britt Rios-Ellis called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Elimination of Graduate Policy approved in 1979 that allowed 4000 level courses completed as undergraduate student later to meet graduate program requirements

Modification to Graduate Policy to allow language of approved 4+1 Programs to allow graduate courses to satisfy baccalaureate credit requirements

Modification to Graduate Transfer Credit Policy

Proposal to approve a new Graduate Certificate in Communication for Organizations; Communication, Journalism, and Public Relations (CAS)

Modification to change the credit requirement for the Applied Statistics B.S.; Department of Mathematics and Statistics (CAS)

Proposal to approve a new Minor in Communication, Advocacy and Social Justice; Department of Communication and Journalism (CAS)

New Centers and Institutes Guidelines

DUO Feature

Update Senate Committee Chairs for the Senate Record

OLD BUSINESS

Motion approved from The School of Health Sciences and The Graduate School to implement the proposed new degree Master of Physician Assistant Science (MPAS) effective Fall 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees: UPDATES and CHANGES

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provost Rios-Ellis provided an opportunity for Senators to comment on the informational items listed above. Ms. Randall was present to explain the graduate policy changes. David Stone (Research Office) explained the reasoning behind the creation of the new Centers and Institutes guidelines and noted that this includes a set of definitions and processes, as well as a form to help faculty navigate. Ms. Koneru provided an explanation for what DUO MFA is, what its applications will apply to for greater security, and announced that the date when DUO will begin is February 2022. Associate Provost Banes-Bercelli provided an update regarding a change of chairperson on the University Assessment Committee for which Sarah Lerchenfeldt will serve as co-chair 2021-2022.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of October 21, 2021

The minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2021 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the School of Health Sciences and the Graduate School to implement the proposed new degree Master of Physician Assistant Science Program (MPAS) effective Fall 2023

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees a new Master of Physician Assistant Science program to begin fall 2023 at Oakland University

The motion was approved 43 yes, 0 no.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

MOVED that the persons listed below be appointed to the committees or positions designated (Eis, Rutledge).

General Education Assessment Committee

Lan Jiang (CAS) replaced Kelli Hay (CAS) for the remainder of the term 2020-2022.

The motion was approved 45 yes, 0 no.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Provost Rios-Ellis asked Senators for ideas about how out-going and in-coming Senators can be recognized, and input regarding how to engage them more in the work of the Senate.

She requested feedback about why new students should choose Oakland University instead of other institutions. Senators' ideas included such things as campus safety, graduate and undergraduate research opportunities, low faculty/student ratio, more personal engagement with faculty, internship and community engagement opportunities, service learning projects, equitable access to technology for students seen in the laptop rental program.

She also noted that tomorrow will be the last day to RSVP for the Teaching Excellent Award Lunch.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)