

Senate minutes WEBEX MEETING May 7, 2020

Members present: Aloï, AlSalman, Ball, Barclay, Battle, Berven, K., Berven, D., Bradley, Campoy-Cubillo, Cesmelioglu, Chamra, Cheng, Corcoran, Corso, Cortes, Craig, Dean, Debnath, Didion, Dinda, Discenna, Doherty, Edrisinha, ElSayed, Epstein, Estes, Gajewski, Garfinkle, Giblin, Godren, Guessous, Havstad, Hristova, Jankowski, Knox, Knutson, Landolt, Latcha, Law-Sullivan, Leibert, Lentini, Liptak, Margerum-Leys, Massoud, McMillon, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, Parkash, Paul, Petrescu, Reger, Roach, Rodriguez, Roumani, Tracy, Van Til, Wadsworth, Weis, Wood, Zheng

Members absent: Alexander, Mazzeo, Meldrum, Rutledge

Provost Lentini called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M, noting that this would be his last Senate meeting before leaving Oakland University for his new position elsewhere.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Program Modification to the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Department of Clinical Diagnostic Sciences in the SOH

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Motion approved from the Gen Ed Committee to approve a new committee on General Education Assessment

Motion approved from the Gen Ed Committee to revise the Gen Ed Committee Charge

Motion approved from the Gen Ed Committee to extent the Pilot Assessment Program through May 2021

Motion approved from the Student Academic Success Committee to add syllabus language on Mental Health Resources

Provost's Updates

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

UCUI approved a Program Modification to the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Department of Clinical Diagnostic Sciences in the School of Health Sciences adding a specialization in Pre-Pharmacy.

Provost's Updates:

Provost Lentini said that there were teams working on the protocols for re-opening the university and noted that surveys had gone out to faculty members. He expressed his appreciation to all who were involved. He said that the enrollments are hard to assess at this time, but budgets will hinge on enrollments. He added that the planning process involves taking into consideration several scenarios. He stated that Associate Provost Michelle Piskulich will be serving as Interim Provost following his departure. He indicated that Dean Corcoran will continue as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

B. Approval of the minutes of April 16, 2020

The minutes of the Senate meeting of April 16, 2020 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Lori Ostergard was present to address the motions coming from the Gen Ed Committee. She said she had gotten feedback on how to improve the initial charges, especially coordination and communication between the two committees that would exist now, so that wording had been incorporated. She had reviewed the proposal and the division of labor between the two committees, and noted that the goal of assessment is not to make a report, but to figure out what is working and what is not. She said there are courses that don't require oversight. She observed that the committee will be receiving 44 assessment reviews in 20/21. The new committee will be able to help with that. In addition, she outlined what the process would be for new course proposals. She lamented that the committee is drowning in work, and said that there is a need to work on program cohesion in the future and so there are aspirational goals. She said this is one of the reasons that a Gen Ed Assessment committee is essential at this time. Mr. Garfinkle recalled that years ago when assessment was newer, he had written an article for the Oakland Journal saying that assessment could end up crowding out other activities, such as research, and he asked if it is crowding out scholarship. He asked if there is any way we can do less assessment in order to be able to spend more time on scholarship. Ms. Ostergard responded that simplifying assessment is a focus of the committee. Dean Chamra agreed with Mr. Garfinkle's comment and said that assessment is important, but he suggested that assistant professors should not be burdened with it.

1. Motion from the General Education Committee to approve a new committee on General Education assessment

MOVED that the Senate approve a new standing committee on General Education Assessment and approve its charge and membership

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Motion from the general Education Committee to revise the General Education Committee Charge

MOVED that the Senate approve a revised charge for the General Education Committee

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Motion from the General Education Committee to extend the Pilot Assessment Program through May 2021

MOVED that the Senate approve the extension of the General Education Pilot Assessment Program through May 2021

4. Motion from the Student Academic Success Committee to add syllabus language on Mental Health Resources

MOVED that the Senate approve addition of information on mental health resources to the recommended syllabus

D. GOOD AND WELFARE

Provost Lentini thanked everyone, and wished all a good summer.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (secretary)