

## **Oakland University Senate Minutes**

**September 15, 2016**

**Members present:** Andrews, Arnold, Ball, Baxa, Beres, Berven, D., Berven, K., Cheng, Corcoran, Daniel, Debnath, Dereski, Didion, Dulio, Edwards, Eis, Epstein, Estes, Giblin, Gooren, Grimm, Guessous, Harbin, Hay, Howell, Keller, Knox, Latcha, Lee, Leibert, Lentini, Long, Miller, Parkash, Polis, Ragheb, Reger, Rigstad, Roth, Roumani, Schartman, Sifonis, Thomas, Thompson, Townsend, Tracy, Weiter, Williams

**Members absent:** Aloï, Awbrey, Chambrã, Chopin, Dallo, Edrisinha, Engnell, Evans, Folberg, Goldberg, Golinski, Groomes, Hansen, Margerum-Leys, Mathieson, Mazzeo, Wells

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

### **Summary of Information and Action Items**

#### **Information Items:**

Final Undergraduate Graduation Lists 2015-2016  
Program Modification to create a 4+1 Bachelor of Arts to Master of Arts in Psychology  
Recommended change for catalog language for Academic Probation and Dismissal  
Undergraduate Admissions  
Provost's Updates

#### **Action Items**

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of the Senate Steering Committee for 2016-2017 academic year  
Motion from the Senate Athletic Committee to approve a new name  
Motion from the Graduate Council to modify the grading system for the SOM  
Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Provost Lentini updated the Senate on the following items:

- The final undergraduate graduation lists for Summer 2, 2015, Fall 2015, Winter 2016 and Summer 1, 2016, were approved by the Senate Steering Committee.
- UCUI and the Graduate Council have approved a program modification to create a 4+1 Bachelor of Arts to master of Arts in Psychology.
- The Academic Standing and Honors Committee had approved the recommended change for catalog language for Academic Probation and Dismissal.

He then introduced Paul Schroeder who was present to provide and update to the Senate regarding enrollment.

Mr. Schroeder observed that the overall enrollment at OU was expected to be within 1% of where we ended up last year. The official count date would be on September 22. He had the following enrollment highlight items to share:

- New FTIAC enrollment will be slightly less, but it will be the second largest FTIAC class in OU history. There was a record number of FTIAC applications (7% over 2015) and admits (4.75% over 2015), which makes this the strongest OU FTIAC class.
- Expediting applications has given a better chance of enrolling students.
- There are 1200 fewer Michigan high school graduates than there were one year ago, so the pool of applicants is smaller.
- The Honors College has the largest FTIAC class with a 30% increase in Presidential Scholars over last year's class.
- All housing is at maximum capacity.
- 54% of FTIAC students enrolled had selected OU as their first choice, 33% as their second choice.
- There are fewer transfer students enrolling this year.
- There is declining enrollment in community colleges.
- Most of the 15 Michigan public universities are having difficulty recruiting transfer students.
- OU is developing and providing more up-to-date information for transfer students (guides, equivalencies, and so on).
- Other retention activities include sending 22,000 postcards to students who recently attended OU but had not registered for 2016.
- Financial Aid staff reached out to 861 current students who had financial issues who had not registered.
- 80% to 90% of undergraduate growth will be through retention.
- Oakland's share of FTIAC market has steadily increased.
- Upcoming enhancements at the U of M include more housing, recruiting in Wayne County, developing new out-of-state and international market, increased service of prospective transfer students.

Ron Tracy brought up the new student dormitory that will be situated near Varner Hall, and asked where the students living in the dormitory will park. Mr. Lentini said that in the future, there will be a residence parking issue to resolve but the university is already looking at ways to manage parking behavior. He noted that the goal is to serve everyone. He said that he would bring the parking experts into the Senate to address this issue. Ms. Miller asked if the university is developing strategies for students who start college and then leave, and she was interested to know if there is strategy to bring them back. Mr. Lentini said that there are 'come back' scholarships, but it is a very good question and we need to work on these strategies. Ms. Hay said that she thought the Macomb campus would be a perfect site for this. Mr. Lentini replied that the focus in the Anton Frankel Center is to capture non-traditional students. Mr. Schroeder said that hybrid and online courses could help them to complete their programs. Ms. Townsend said that commuter students should be an emphasis because they are choosing not to go away to school. Mr. Schroeder said that there is a \$1500 scholarship for them. Ms. Townsend added that the student she knew who would be living at home has a one-hour drive, and had found the idea of a \$1500 scholarship not to be an incentive since it costs \$10,000 to live on campus. Mr. Lentini said the focus would be on facility upgrades and maintaining the interest of commuter students. Mr. Grimm said a bigger problem than parking is driving and noted that it took him 10 minutes to get out of the parking structure. Mr. Lentini pointed out that there is a discussion about

roads and parking in the Master Plan document which is on the Facilities Department website. He said there is an Executive Summary and the full plan is there for everyone's perusal.

Mr. Lentini then said that the Strategic Plan documents have been delivered and the Strategic Plan is in the refinement stages.

He noted that soon there would be news about the comprehensive campaign for fund-raising that is in the works.

## **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 12 and May 12, 2016, meetings were approved without corrections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Election of the Senate Steering Committee for the 2016-2017 academic year**

Mr. Edwards conducted the election and opened the floor for nominations. He said that the position was for a one-year vacancy, and that the only restriction was that the person nominated could not be from the CAS. He noted that the current membership of the Senate Steering Committee includes Kevin Andrews (CAS), Dominique Daniel (KL), Andrea Eis (CAS), Ron Tracy (SBA) and Lynne Williams (SHS). There were two nominations from the floor. Samia Ragheb (SOM) was elected.

### **2. Motion from the Senate Athletic Committee to approve a new name, a revised charge and membership(Mr. Tracy, Ms. Williams)**

***MOVED** that the Senate change the name of the Senate Athletic Committee to the Senate Intercollegiate Athletic Committee and revise the charge and membership as described.*

This was the first reading of the motion. Ms. Thompson moved that the second reading be waived (second by Ron Tracy). This motion passed.

The main motion then passed unanimously also.

### **3. Motion from the Graduate Council to approve to modify the grading system for the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. (Ms. Eis, Ms. Daniel)**

***MOVED** that the Senate approve the addition of the grade 'Pass with Remediation' be added to the OUWBSOM grading scale as recommended by the Graduate Council.*

This was the first reading of the motion. Ms. Dereski moved to waive the second reading.

She explained that remediation for the student means they have to get a certain %, but they are allowed to retake the test and pass if they do not get it. The transcript will say "Pass with Remediation". Mr. Tracy added that this grade is common among medical schools. The motion to waive the second reading passed.

The main motion then passed unanimously as well.

#### **4. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing committees (Ms. Daniel, Mr. Tracy)**

**MOVED** *that persons listed by appointed to the committees or positions designated:*

**Planning Review Committee**

Tracy, Ron (SBA) 2015-2018 as CHAIR 2016-2017

**Student Academic Support Committee**

Dinsmoor, Laura (SECS) 2015-2018 as CHAIR 2016-2017

Kashiwagi-Wood, Akiko (CAS) 2016-2018 replacing Jang 2015-2018

University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Williams, Lynne (SHS) 2016-2017 replacing Kristen Landis-Piwowar 2016-2019

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Provost Lentini announced that Kevin Ball was the new Dean of the School of Health Sciences, and Judy Didion is the new Dean of the School of Nursing.

Ms. Thompson asked how proposals are being put up for perusal by the Senators. Ms. Piskulich said they will be working for extended access to the website and there is a way to enroll the OU community without opening it to the outside world. Mr. Lentini suggested a round of applause for Michelle Piskulich for getting all of these materials and set-up together.

#### **C. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dikka Berven, secretary

