

## **Oakland University Senate**

16 January, 2020  
Oakland Center – Banquet Room B  
3:10 p.m.

### **Agenda**

Respectfully submitted by James Lentini for the Steering Committee

#### A. Informational Items

1. Financial Aid at Oakland University – Cindy Hermsen
2. New OIRA Website – Song Yan
3. Program Modifications approved by the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction
  - a. Program modification to the Bachelor of Science in Physics program in the Department of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences adding a new minor in Astronomy – Mr. Slavin
  - b. Program Modification to the Bachelor of Science in Physics in the Department of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences adding a new minor in Geology – Mr. Slavin
  - c. Request to change the name of the minor in Writing and Rhetoric to the minor in Writing from the Department of Writing and Rhetoric in the College of Arts and Sciences – Ms. Ostergaard
  - d. Request from the School of Health Sciences to eliminate the concentration in Nutrition and Health – Ms. Lucarelli
4. Change the required CLEP score for awarding competency credit from 55% to 50% to align with other Michigan Universities and to CLEP standard of 50% as passing.
5. Provost's Updates

#### B. Roll Call

#### C. Approval of the minutes of December 5, 2019

#### D. Old Business

1. Motion from Graduate Council to approve a new Graduate English as a Second Language Policy

**MOVED** that the Senate approve a new Graduate ESL Policy.

**SECOND READING:** Amendable, debatable and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

**COMMENTS:** Documents

Old Policy  
New Policy

2. Motion from the University Assessment Committee to correct an error to their membership.

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the removal of a member appointed by the Professional Advising Council on the University Assessment Committee

**SECOND READING:** Amendable, debatable and eligible for final vote at this meeting

**COMMENTS:** Document

Request and rationale

#### E. New Business

1. Election to replace a member of the Senate Steering Committee for Winter 2020 - Senate Elections Committee

The Senate needs to fill a one-semester vacancy on the Senate Steering Committee. The only limitation on electability of senators to this Committee is that no more than two may be elected from any one organized faculty. Consequently, members from all organized faculty are eligible for consideration. The Steering Committee normally meets twice a month (Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00) to set the Senate agenda, refer business to Senate committees and receive reports from those bodies and advise the Senate on governance issues; it may also meet occasionally during the summer. If you wish to nominate someone, please establish in advance that the person is willing to serve. A list of [Senate members](#) is available on the Senate webpage.

Current membership of the Steering Committee includes: Dan Aloï (SECS), Erin Meyers (CAS), Ron Tracy (SBA), Julia Rodriguez (KL) and Ellen Gajewski (SON). The Secretary of the Senate, Dikka Berven, also participates in Steering Committee meetings by virtue of her office.

F. Good and Welfare