

**Oakland University Senate
Minutes November 17, 2022**

Members present: *Aloi, Al-Shabrawey, Arnold, Ball, Barlay, Berven, D., Blumer-Schuttee, Boruff-Jones, Carey, Clark, Craig, Debnath, Edrisinha, Eis, EISayed, Farooqi, Fouladbakhsh, Goble, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Kridli, Latcha, Lerchenfeldt, Leibert, Margerum-Leys, McMillon, Merchant, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, Mitton, Naus, Parkash, Poly-Drouard, Rawashdeh, Rivard, Rodriguez, Romano, Roumani, Rutledge, Shesko, Tiegs, Tilashalski, Wendell, Zhu*

Members absent: *Barry, Berven, K., Chamra, Cortes, Hay, Landolt, Law-Sullivan, Lewis, Long, ostergaard, Pierce, Rios-Ellis, Sifonis, Tolbert, Tracy, Wadsworth, Wells*

Associate Provost Banes-Berceli called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Graduate School Modifications
2. Undergraduate Program Modifications
3. Combined Graduate School and Undergraduate Modifications
4. GEAC Presentation
5. GEC Committee
6. Instructional Methods Designation in the Schedule of Classes
7. East Campus Update
8. Provost's Updates

ACTION ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

Motion approved to accept the changes to the Constitution for MTD

2. NEW BUSINESS

Procedural motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

A1-3 information is in documents on website (no presentations)

Presentations:

A4. GEAC: Mr. Lamm was present on behalf of the Gen Ed Assessment Committee to inform the Senate that their committee has created a review calendar to add a level of transparency. He also said they are reviewing the ULOs, and exploring the possibility of assessing skill-based outcomes rather than knowledge based outcomes for which there will be a pilot, and subsequently there will be an assessment of the pilot. In addition, he stated that the GEAC is suggesting an annual Assessment Award in General Education that would show a commitment to a culture of strong assessment.

A5. GEC Committee: Mr. Campoy-Cubillo was present on behalf of the General Education Committee. He informed the Senate that reform of the Gen Ed program is currently on hold due to budgetary constraints, but he said they would like to promote a university understanding of Gen Ed best practices. He explained their efforts to work to avoid redundancies in the catalog because their committee is seeing a lot of POEs, so they are drafting a policy proposal for international students seeking a second degree which would waive Gen Ed courses. Ms. Guessous replied to say that she was disheartened to see reforms to the Gen Ed program on hold due to budgetary issues. She wanted to state for the record that the professional Schools need reform to Gen Ed, especially with regard to what students have to take. She noted that their School is restricted in their curriculum because of the large number of Gen Ed courses their students need. She indicated that more flexibility is needed, and she hopes something will be done. She recalled that the Steering Committee had approved a committee for Gen Ed reform, and she expressed her disappointment that nothing has been done yet. Dean Carey recommended attendance at the Gen Ed AACU Conference. She said conversations need to begin, and she asserted that Gen Ed needs to be important at every university. She noted that there are great models for Gen Ed. Mr. Debnath inquired as to what is the relationship between the budget situation and Gen Ed issues, and he asked why the Gen Ed Ad Hoc committee is not moving forward. Mr. Campoy-Cubillo commented that as we start to compete for students, major changes to Gen Ed may not be wise.

A6. Instructional Methods Designations in the Schedule of Classes: Ms. Westergaard and Mr. Goeth were present to explain code changes. Ms. Westergaard stated that they had worked with a Senate Task Force to develop the codes, and she thanked everyone who was involved in the good conversations about the topic of instructional methods designations. She showed how Banner will allow the display of instructional methods in the schedule of classes which will lead to more efficient classroom utilization, and said that this will be effective starting Summer 2023. She clarified that this will mean that students will see a full range of possibilities, from in-person, to online, or hybrid designations. She noted that most of the classes taught now do not have a current code but the new codes will show how the classes will be taught. The new ones are flex (in person and online—students can choose) and hyflex (similar but all the classes are available online or in-person). In summary, the designations will include: arranged, in-person, hybrid, flex, hyflex, primarily online, online sync, and online async. Mr. Mitton inquired whether the committee was able to try out these terms on students. Mr. Goeth clarified that they had representatives from the Student Congress on the committee. Dean Ball expressed his enthusiasm for these changes, stating that this is a stellar development. He noted that out of COVID, challenges arose that required definitions. He said that now there is a wealth of ways to

deliver our classes. Ms. Farooqi asked whether there will be definitions when you click on a class to register. Mr. Goeth responded that for those who use that function, it will still be there. Mr. Farooqi added that this would be helpful in every single class.

A7. East Campus Update: Mr. Westfall was present to provide a further update on the East Campus development. He said that information will be shared with the BOT in April. He reminded Senate members that the East Campus project is an OU Board initiative, which is to explore the development of the corner of Walton/Adams and to evaluate new revenue streams for the university. He outlined the breadth of the project, saying it would include 19 acres which is 1.3% of the OU land. He updated the Senate on the various work and feedback groups with whom he has met. He reminded Senate members that an OU website was created with an ever-expanding 'FAQ'. There were campus feedback meetings in May-June, he has met with the stakeholder groups on and off campus, and has sought feedback from neighbors of the campus. He summarized the campus themes that have indicated a mixed reception to the idea of development, with reference to the connection to the mission statement of the university. He said there have been concerns about conservation and sustainability. He said feedback from the outside has been positive. He also affirmed that there had been less favorable feedback and numerous articles in the Oakland Post with feedback as well, and an active petition by OU student congress in opposition to the development. He said that all of the feedback will be shared with the BOT. He added that the macro concerns of note are sustainability, traffic, safety and campus ordinances, and pointed out that the process is at a mid-point, and so no decisions have been made. The focus has been to gather information which will continue with his upcoming schedule, to include meeting with the Student Congress, Alumni, Campus CASE, East Campus Stakeholder Committee, the OU Senate, SBRC, SPRC, the Senate Steering Committee, community and AP group. He provided a schedule of the meetings and review process, and pointed out that he will meet with the BOT in February, and a second time in April. He told the Senate which firms they expect to submit proposals. Mr. Carroll asked about OU's process for environmental impact, and asked about the impact to cultural resources. He said that cultural impacts should be studied according to federal regulations. He added that CRM should be folded into the processes to avoid the destruction of resources that we have, to include archeological resources that are under the ground.

A8. PROVOST'S UPDATES: Associate Provost Banes-Berceli said there will be a Student Success Dashboard training going on for the new dashboard.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of October 20, 2022

The minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2022 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. MOTION to accept the changes to the Constitution for the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, CAS

MOVED that the Senate approve the changes to the School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

The motion was approved (41 yes, 0 no).

D. NEW BUSINESS

D1. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

MOVED that persons listed be appointed to the committees of positions designated (Mitton, McMillon)

General Education Assessment Committee

Annie Sullivan (CAS) for the 2022-2025 term to fill the vacancy

The motion was approved (42 yes)

D2. Senate Resolution for East Campus Development

RESOLUTION: *The Senate resolves to adopt the Statement of Opposition to the Proposed East Campus Development presented by the Campus Alliance for Sustainability and the Environment (CASE OU).*

Ms. Meyers read the resolution. Ms. Farooqi said that the student body has expressed their support for this resolution by means of a petition that has 4000 signatures. Mr. Latcha asserted that unless there is a clear and definite academic advantage to developing this property, which he has not heard, then he will always opt for trees and grass rather than buildings, and he noted that this was coming from an engineer. Ms. Miller expressed her desire to reinforce Mr. Latcha's comments, expounding that one of the important things about OU is its green space which is the sort of thing we should embrace, and therefore it is anathema to develop this area. Mr. Romano asserted that the most alarming thing was that at first it was presented that this area would be developed as student housing but he was struck that it was stated that this would

become a student ghetto. He thought it was upsetting that the library budget gets cut, but a project like this goes forward.

The Resolution was approved (37 yes, 8 no).

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Leibert expressed dismay that one of the web pages of their counseling site was changed without their knowledge, and it is 50% incorrect. He said it was frustrating that they had not been consulted because now the pages contain misinformation.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)