

Senate Minutes

October 20, 2022

Members present: Al-Shabrawey, Barclay, Barry, Berven, D., Berven, K., Blumer-Schuttee, Boruff-Jones, Carey, Chamra, Clark, Craig, Debnath, Eis, Farooqi, Goble, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Hay, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Kridli, Landolt, Iatcha, Lerchenfeldt, Lewis, Leibert, Margerum-Leys, McMillon, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, Mitton, Naus, Parkash, Rios-Ellis, Rivard, Rodriguez, Romano, Romani, Rutledge, Sheshko, Tiegs, Tilashalski, Tolbert, Wells, Wendell, Zhu

Members absent: Aloï, Arnold, Ball, Edrisinha, ElSayed, Fouladbakhsh, Law-Sullivan, Merchant, Ostergaard, Pierce, Poly-Droulard, Rawashdeh, Sifonis, Tracy, Wadsworth

Provost Rios-Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Undergraduate School Modifications
 - Studio Art, B.A. Program
- CASE OU Presentation on East Campus
- Provost Updates

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion approved for changes to UCUI charge
- Motion approved for changes to CDEC charge
- Motion approved for changes to SASC charge
- Motion passed for changes to membership on ASHC
- Motion passed to change Readmission Policy

NEW BUSINESS

- Procedural motion to staff Senate Standing Committees
- Motion to accept changes to the Constitution for the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, CAS

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

A1. Modification to the Studio Art, B.A. Program to delete the following specializations: Drawing, Arts/Tech/Sculpture, Painting and Photography in the department of Art and Art History (CAS) will be deleted from the B.A. program. Cody Vanderkaay was present to answer questions, of which there were none.

A2. CASE Statement about the East Campus Development: Laura Landolt represented the Campus Alliance for Sustainability and Development (CASE) to present their statement about the proposed development of the East Campus. She stated that this committee is adamantly opposed to the proposed development of the East Campus. She said that a proposed development is philosophically at odds with the OU Healthy Planet Initiative and will cause harm to the East Campus, and does not advance the university's academic mission or serve student needs. She added that that CASE finds important aesthetic problems. Ms. Karen Miller expressed her agreement with every part of the CASE statement, and she added that development would be a tragic misuse of university resources. Mr. Latcha also expressed his agreement with every part of the CASE statement, and he added that any development should wait until development makes sense for the campus which said it does not at this time. Ms. Gilson expressed her agreement as well with the CASE statement, and she remarked that she knows the students value a campus focused on climate concerns. She said OU will attract more students if we are a campus leader. Mr. Mitton suggested that we need to think outside the box, and as an example, he said we should have an environmental education center to bring in grade and high school students. Murryum Farooqi spoke on behalf of the Student Congress to say that they also agree with the CASE statement opposing the development. Ms. Eis asked how the decision about the development will be made. Provost Rios-Ellis replied that ultimately the BOT will make that decision. Ms. Craig noted that this is Native American History Month, and the proposed development would ruin the beauty of the campus. She said that the campus land is very precious whereas the proposed project is very disappointing. Ms. Hansen brought up the idea of green walls. Mr. Romano said that the proposed development is not a sustainable project. Ms. Eis asked if the Senate can formally make a statement to express its opposition.

A3. Provost Updates:

- Provost Rios-Ellis took a moment to congratulate Xander Buckingham on the birth of his daughter.
- She provided an update on Andrea Monroe (consultant) who had started in Winter 2022 to work on the Carnegie Campus Engagement project, and who will be reaching out to individual faculty members. Provost Rios-Ellis thanked those faculty members who had already answered the survey.
- She said the search for a CFO is underway.
- She invited Associate Provost Banes-Bercelli to provide an update on OU West Campus. Ms. Banes-Bercelli said that the West Campus is up and running successfully. She noted that currently MTD is occupying the space. She said that the Smart Bus line #95 is providing bus service now, for which there is an app, and she added that the Provost has provided bus passes. She also noted that there are vending machines and food trucks there now to serve the students. Regarding Varner Hall, she said that the plan is on schedule to be ready for Fall 2023. She added that renovations to SFH are also on schedule, and that there will be a faculty panel when it comes to deciding on the furniture for the new classroom building. Provost Rios-Ellis thanked her for her management of these spaces.
- Ms. Rios-Ellis updated Senate members on the dashboard for student equity. She noted that this dashboard shows gaps. She said there will be training through CETL, and she encouraged everyone to go on the dashboard, and to strive to get rid of equity gaps.
- She noted that Hispanic Heritage month was over, and she thanked those responsible for organizing the various events that had taken place.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 15, 2022

The minutes of the Senate meeting of September 15, 2022 were approved (46 yes, 0 no).

C. OLD BUSINESS

C1. Motion from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI)

***MOVED** that the Senate approve the changes to the Undergraduate Committee on Integrative Studies from the membership due to the university dissolution of this position with the General Chairperson of the Faculty Council for Interdisciplinary Studies*

The motion was approved (44 yes, 1 no).

C2. Motion from the University Senate Campus Development and Environment Committee (CDEC)

***MOVED** that the Senate approve the changes to the Campus Development and Environment Committee to change its charge to add the Associate Provost for Operations as an Ex-Officio and non-voting member to this committee*

The motion was approved (44 yes, 2 no).

C3. Motion from the University Senate Academic Support Committee (SASC)

***MOVED** that the Senate approve the changes to the Student Academic Support Committee charge to add a representative from e-Learning and Instruction (e-Lis) as an Ex-officio and non-voting member*

The motion was approved (46 yes, 0 no).

C4. Motion from the University Senate Academic Standing and Honors Committee (ASHC)

***MOVED** that the Senate approve the changes to the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to change its membership to replace the Associate Provost for Student Success to Associate Provost of designee*

The motion was approved (42 yes, 1 no).

C5. Motion from the University Senate Academic Standing and Honors Committee (ASHC)

MOVED that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to change the Readmission Policy allowing Readmissions to assume jurisdiction for all readmission applications since the Office of Student Success no longer exists to support this process.

The motion was approved (44 yes, 3 no).

D. NEW BUSINESS

D1. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

MOVED that the persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated (Meyers, Mitton):

Faculty Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Goulán Yang (CAS) for the remainder of the 2021-2024 term to replace Bruce Charlesworth (CAS) who is retiring

Michael Chaney (SEHS) for the remainder of the 2021-2024 term as an At-Large to replace Ambika Bhargava (SEHS)

Michael Greiner (SBA) for Man Jin (SBA) while he is on sabbatical for Winter 2023

General Education Committee

Stephen Bazinski (SECS) for the remainder of the 2021-2024 term replacing Jing Tang (SECS)

General Education Assessment Committee

Xie Zhu (SBA) for Tim Hodge (SBA) while he is on sabbatical for Fall 2022

Research Committee

Vardan Karamyan (SOM) for the 2022-2022 term replacing Deidre Hurse (SOM)

The motion was approved (46 yes, 0 no).

D2. Motion to accept the changes to the Constitution for the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, College of Arts and Sciences

MOVED that the Senate approve the changes to the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, College of Arts and Sciences, Constitution (Eis, McMillon)

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Julia Rodriguez announced that Open Access week was coming up. Ms. Banes-Bercelli encouraged Senate members to look at the events calendar for upcoming events. Mr. Mitton announced that the Harding Lecture Series will feature the first chairperson of Biology, and he noted that there would be a presentation from Frank Giblin, and breakfast would be provided.

Ms. Eis asked about the possibility for the Senate to make a statement to express their support for the CASE statement which opposes the development of the East Campus. Mr. Latcha clarified what this would involve, and he said that CASE will bring a formal statement to the next Senate meeting.

Ms. Rios-Ellis expressed congratulations to Bio-Engineering for their accreditation. She noted that they were maximally accredited.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn (Guessous, Rutledge) for which there was a consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)