Academic Assembly Meeting No. 13  
Monday March 31, 2021  
2:05 – 4:00 pm, Zoom Meeting  

MINUTES

Academic Assembly Members

Present: Angie Jenkins, Carol Adams, Chris Paul, Connie Anthony, Kathleen La Voy, Felipe Anaya, Frank Shih, Gregory Silverman, Holly Ferraro, John Trafton, Katie Oliveras, Kirsten Thompson, Margit McGuire, Mimi Cheng, Patrick Murphy, Richard McGaha, Robin Narruhn, Rose Murphy, Russ Powell, Sarah Been, Terri Clark, Yancy Dominick

Excused: Kate Koppelman, Peter Amah, Mark Taylor, Khalee Kiazolu

Seattle University Attendees

Presenters: Jen Marrone, Kevin Krycka, Natasha Martin

Guests: Agnieszka Miguel, Daniel Smith, David Green, Donna Teevan, Hidy Basta, Joanne Hughes, Kathy Cook, Katherine Raichle, Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler, Lydia Bello, Richard LeBlanc, Rog Aguirre, Ryan McLaughlin, Sonia Barrio Tinoco, Sven Arvidson, Teodora Shuman

I. Opening Remarks 2:05 – 2:07 pm

a. Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by AcA president, Frank Shih.

b. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the March 29, 2021 meeting of the Academic Assembly (AcA).” Unanimously Approved.

c. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from March 8, 2021.” Unanimously Approved.

d. The AcA President offered an overview of the meeting agenda, results from a survey gathering opinions from university community members regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and future AcA meeting agenda items.

II. Academic Calendar Review 2:07 – 2:40 pm

a. The Academic Calendar Review (ACR) Co-Chairs Jen Marrone and Kevin Krycka offered updates on the status of the review process, updates on the upcoming referendum and an overview of the ACR website and tools. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the co-chairs.

III. Provost Update 2:40 – 3:06 pm

a. The Provost offered updates on several topics including the funding Seattle University (SU) will be receiving from the American Rescue Plan, the efforts of SU’s Re-Opening Task Force
and SU’s continuing conversations regarding vaccination policies. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the Provost.

IV. Racial Equity Summit 3:06 – 3:23 pm

a. SU’s Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Natasha Martin, presented highlights of the upcoming Racial Equity Summit. To ensure that all SU community members have the opportunity to engage in the summit, Dr. Martin asked the AcA to endorse a “pause” on classes for the day of the summit. AcA members discussed the motion and asked questions of the Vice President.

V. Faculty Welfare Committee Update 3:23 – 3:32 pm

a. The AcA President offered an update on the work of the Faculty Welfare Committee for this academic year. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the AcA President.

VI. AcA President Update 3:32 – 3:45 pm

a. The AcA President offered updates on several subjects, including an upcoming special session of the AcA to discuss the Academic Program Portfolio Review, the Administrative Programs and Services Review, the AcA’s work on student evaluations and to remind AcA members to review the new grant compensation guidelines drafted by the Office of Sponsored Projects. The AcA discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the AcA President.

VII. AcA Organizational Business 3:45 – 3:58 pm

a. The AcA members discussed the newly drafted AcA Compensation Guidelines, as well as two varying proposals for bridge terms of AcA membership terms.

VIII. AcA Open Business 3:58 – 4:00 pm

a. AcA members discussed student welfare and mental health.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Minutes taken, and respectively submitted, by the AcA Secretary
Lindsey Nakatani, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost
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