Academic Assembly Meeting No. 15  
Monday April 26, 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, Khalee Kiazolu, Kirsten Thompson, Margit McGuire, Mark Cohan, Mimi Cheng, Patrick Murphy, Richard McGaha, Robin Narruhn, Rose Murphy, Russ Powell, Sarah Bee, Shane Martin, Terri Clark, Yancy Dominick

Excused: Peter Amah,

Seattle University Attendees

Presenters: Bob Duniway, Kevin Krycka, Natasha Martin, Jen Marrone,


I. Opening Remarks  2:07 – 2:11 pm

   a. Meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm by AcA president, Frank Shih.

   b. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the April 26, 2021 meeting of the Academic Assembly (AcA).” Seconded. Approved.

   c. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from April 19, 2021.” Seconded. Approved.

   d. The AcA President shared updates for the remainder of the AcA’s SQ meeting schedule. The Committee on Committee’s call for faculty volunteers will be sent out this week, and the AcA President requested that the AcA membership encourage their constituencies to considering volunteering for service on a university committee.
II. Provost Update  2:11 – 2:38 pm
   a. The Provost offered updates on FQ21 enrollment, as well as his reflections, analysis and comments on the results of the Academic Calendar Referendum. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the Provost.

III. Academic Calendar Review Referendum - Discussion  2:38 – 3:02 pm
   a. AcA members discussed the results of the Academic Calendar Review Referendum, asked questions of the Provost and offered comments and reflections on the calendar review and referendum processes.

IV. Anti-Racist Curriculum/Pedagogy Initiatives  3:02 – 3:26 pm
   a. The Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Natasha Martin, visited the AcA to provide an overview of ongoing efforts across the university to promote the integration of anti-racist curriculum and pedagogy into Seattle University’ academic portfolio. The AcA membership and Dr. Martin discussed possible collaborative pathways forward.

V. University NTT Committee & Faculty Handbook Revision Committee Update  3:26 – 3:31 pm
   a. The Faculty Handbook Revision Committee (FHRC) Chair, Kirsten Thompson, offered a brief update on the ongoing collaboration between the FHRC and University NTT Committee (U-NTT) on their proposal. The two committees have devised a parallel process moving forward to address all questions within the proposal. AcA members discussed the update and questions of the Chair.

VI. College/School Level Governance Document Review & Finalization  3:31 – 3:40 pm
   a. The AcA membership discussed a 17-18 AY, document draft setting forth ten criteria for minimum school/college level shared governance requirements. The AcA membership discussed the contents of the document. A vote to affirm the document will be held at the next AcA meeting.

VII. AcA Open Business  3:40 – 4:00 pm
   a. AcA members proposed agenda items for future AcA meetings.
   b. AcA members made requests for university data.

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
April 26, 2021.