



**Academic Assembly Meeting No. 5
Monday October 19, 2020
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, Kate Koppelman, Kathleen La Voy (Ex-Officio), Katie Oliveras, Khalee Kiazolu, Kirsten Thompson, Margit McGuire, Mimi Cheng, Patrick Murphy, Robin Narruhn, Rose Murphy, Russ Powell, Sarah Bee, Shane Martin (Ex-Officio), Terri Clark

Excused: Yancy Dominick, Mark Taylor

Seattle University Attendees

Presenters: Audrey Hudgins, Brenda Bourns, David Green, Dominic CodyKramers, Eric Lloyd, Giuseppe Tassone, Heath Spencer, John Fleming, Katherine Raichle, Maria Tedesco, Mary Kay Brennan, Stacey Jones

Guests: Agnieszka Miguel, Charles Tung, Christina Juarez, Christine Cole, David Neel, Doug Latch, Enyu Zhang, Jaisy Joseph, Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler, Katie Hoag, Katie Kuder, Kimberly Gawlik, Maria Bullon-Fernandez, Mark Cohan, Mary Alberg, Natalie Cisneros, Rob Aguirre, Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Sven Arvidson, Teodora Shuman, Trisha Stargel

I. Opening Remarks 2:07 – 2:10 pm

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm by AcA president, Frank Shih. The AcA President gave brief updates on the Seattle University Presidential Search.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the October 19, 2020 meeting of the Academic Assembly (AcA).”
 - i. **Amendment:** Remove the word “Motions” for agenda item III. University NTT Presentation.
 - ii. **Agenda approved as amended.**
- c. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from October 5, 2020.” Seconded. **Approved.**

II. Provost Update 2:10 – 2:19 pm

- a. The Provost offered an opportunity for AcA members to ask questions and give feedback on the Provost’s Convocation. The content of the Provost’s Convocation was discussed.

III. University NTT Committee Presentation 2:19 – 2:55 pm

- a. The University NTT Committee offered an overview of their proposed revisions to the Seattle University Faculty Handbook. AcA members asked questions and offered feedback on the proposal.

IV. Center for Faculty Development Update

2:55 – 3:07 pm

- a. Center for Faculty Development Director, David Green, Associate Director for Learning and Teaching, Katherine Raichle and Associate Director for Faculty Professional Development, Holly Ferraro, presented an update on the center’s annual report. AcA members asked questions and offered feedback to the Center representatives.

V. Academic Program Portfolio Review (APPR) Update

3:07 – 3:37 pm

- a. APPR Co-Chairs, Robert Dullea and Terri Clark, along with Academic Affairs Program Manager, John Fleming, presented an overview of the APPR Committee’s progress and feedback gathered from community members at the APPR’s recent open forums. AcA members asked questions and offered feedback to the APPR representatives.

VI. AcA Open Business

3:37 – 3:58 pm

- a. The Provost offered an update on the progress of the ad hoc task force created to work on faculty accommodations during the COVID-19 pandemic. AcA members asked questions and offered feedback on the work of the ad hoc task force.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Provost, Dr. Shane Martin: **“Move that the AcA endorse the exploration and continued work into the following areas of faculty accommodation by the ad hoc task force:**
 - i. **Student Evaluations – Possibility to continue the practice from last AY, whereby faculty evaluations would only be used if faculty opt-in to include them.**
 - ii. **Extension of Tenure-Clock – Possibility to continue the practice from last AY, whereby faculty would have the option to extend their tenure clock an additional year, in consultation with the Deans and/or the Chair of the University Rank and Tenure Committee.**
 - iii. **Sabbaticals – Possibility to extend the sabbatical timeframe if requested by a faculty member.**
 - iv. **APRs – Request faculty to write a brief reflection of the faculty member’s experience with the pandemic and thoughts for moving forward, to be shared with Department Chair, but not to be included in a Chair’s report or be further assessed by the Dean.**
 - v. **Survey – Possibility to create a faculty survey, led by the Advance Grant Team and the Center for Faculty Development, surveying the current needs of faculty.**
 - vi. **Service – Possibility to explore what, if any, service obligations could be paused for this AY.”**
- c. AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**

VII. AcA Open Business

3:58 – 4:00 pm

- a. The Committee on Committees (ConC) Chair, Sarah Bee, offered a brief update on the ConC's pending call for volunteers.
- b. AcA President Frank Shih offered an overview of possible agenda items for the next meeting of the AcA on Monday November 2, 2020. AcA members asked questions and offered feedback on the pending agenda items.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

*Minutes taken, and respectively submitted, by the AcA Secretary
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