Academic Assembly Meeting No. 13  
Monday, March 14, 2022  
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m., Zoom Meeting

MINUTES


Guests: Sven Arvidson, Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Hidy Basta, Shelley Carr, John Fleming, David Green, Joanna Hughes, Kate Koppelman, Kevin Krycka, Teodora Shuman, Hannah Tracey and Michael Quinn.

I. Opening Remarks 2:06 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

a. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Academic Assembly (AcA) President, Frank Shih.

b. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2022, meeting of the AcA.” Seconded. Approved.

c. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from February 28, 2022, as revised, out of session, by AcA members.” Seconded. Approved.

d. The following updates and reminders were announced:

i. SQ22 AcA meetings will likely be held in hybrid format.

ii. Commencement is scheduled for June 12, 2022. March 26, 2022 is the deadline to rent regalia.

iii. COVID-19 trends suggest we are approaching a new normalcy. The university will be lifting mask mandates beginning March 22, 2022.

iv. AcA will invite Matt Philip, Interim VP for HR, and Wilson Garone, VP and CFO, to upcoming AcA meetings.

II. Provost Update, Shane P. Martin 2:15 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Provost Martin provided the following updates:

a. SU will be lifting several COVID-19 protocols (i.e., masking requirements, entry testing requirements, completing the daily Safe Start Health Check, restrictions on campus gathers) on March 22, 2022, in accordance with updated CDC guidelines and state government mandates. The decision was informed by the latest data from government and health officials as well as the university’s internal data that indicates a significant reduction in new cases per day for the last five weeks.
b. After March 22, 2022, the following COVID-19 protocols will remain:
   i. Seattle University is a fully vaccinated campus. All students, faculty and staff are
      required to be fully vaccinated and expected to receive booster doses when
      eligible.
   ii. Campus-wide deep cleaning and disinfecting will continue.
   iii. The university has purchased an additional 5,000 KN95 masks. All students,
      faculty and staff who want a mask can pick one up at designated locations. The
      university will increase its supply of masks as needed.

c. All eligible faculty are encouraged to apply for the Provost Fellowships for Strategic
   Directions. This is an opportunity for faculty to serve in key leadership roles in implementing
   the Reignited Strategic Directions.

III. Approval of PRC Memos, Margit McGuire 2:35 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

The Program Revision Committee Chair, Margit McGuire, moved the following motions to update
the programs listed below:

a. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “I move to approve PRC’s memo for the BA Film
   Studies program, which was amended, in session, to resolve the confusion between the
   proposed FILM 3010 Gender and Sexuality’s course title with the established SOCL 3330
   Gender and Sexuality course.” Seconded. **Approved.** 15 Yay, 1 nay, 2 abstention.

b. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “I move to approve PRC’s memo for MBA Photography
   program.” Seconded. **Approved.** 15 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstention.

c. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “I move to approve PRC’s memo for the BS Electrical
   Engineering program.” Seconded. **Approved.** 15 yay, 0 nay, 3 abstention.

AcA members suggested establishing a new, university-wide system that considers
budgeting at the beginning of the program revision process. Additionally, AcA members
noted that budgeting complexity may increase as academic programs become more
integrated.

*Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.*

*Minutes taken and submitted by the AcA Administrative Assistant,*  
*Caroline Pedro, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost*