Academic Assembly Meeting No. 16
Monday, April 25, 2022
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
ADAL Stuart T. Rolfe Community Room & Zoom Meeting

MINUTES


Guests: Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Hidy Basta, Brenda Bourns, Maria Bullon-Fernandez, Dominic CodyKramers, John Fleming, David Green, Ben Howe, Joanne Hughes, Stacey Jones, Kevin Krycka, David R. Lance, Christina Roberts, Alex Smith, Yen Tran, Sarah Trapizona and Charles Tung.

I. Opening Remarks 2:06 p.m. – 2:17 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 April 25, 2022, meeting of the AcA.” Seconded. Approved.
   c. MOTION Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2022, as revised, out of session, by AcA members.” Seconded. Approved.
   d. There was a delay due to technical difficulties setting up the hybrid meeting.

II. Provost Fellows & Reignite the Curriculum Update 2:17 p.m. – 2:22 p.m.

John Fleming and Charles Tung

The Academic Affairs Program Manager, John Fleming, and Special Assistant to the Provost for Curriculum, Charles Tung, updated Academic Assembly on the new Provost Fellows for Reigniting Our Strategic Directions program. The Provost Fellows will represent and embed faculty leadership and scholarly expertise through the planning and implementation of Reigniting Our Strategic Directions. Tung reported that nearly 60 applications were received for the fellowships. He also mentioned much of the work will be done at the program and department level, and there will be more opportunities for faculty to get involved in the implementation of the goals set forth in the strategic directions. Additionally, fellows will be recognized at the Faculty Convocation in May.
III. Faculty Handbook Revision Committee Memo Approval 2:22 p.m. – 2:57 p.m.

Jodi O’Brien and Kirsten Thompson

The Chair of the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee (FHRC), Kirsten Thompson, and Special Assistant to the Provost for Faculty Development, Jodi O’Brien, introduced a series of proposed amendments to the Faculty Handbook to enhance the status of term faculty. The proposed amendments include making term faculty eligible to receive emeritus status and to petition to participate in the University’s phased retirement program; they also update the appointments and titles for term faculty. In addition, the proposed amendments include technical copyedits that would amend the Faculty Handbook for clarity and consistency.

a. **MOTION** Moved by Kirsten Thompson: “FHRC moves to approve amendments to the FH made in session.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
   19 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstention.

b. **MOTION** Moved by Kirsten Thompson: “FHRC moves to approve the proposed changes to the FH as previously circulated to AcA and amended in-session.” **Approved.**
   20 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

IV. Program Review Committee Memo Approval 2:57 p.m. – 3:27 p.m.

John Fleming and Margit McGuire

Margit McGuire, Chair of the Program Review Committee, described and moved PRC’s proposed changes to the following programs and departments—

a. **College of Education’s Ed.D. Education and Organizational Learning and Leadership (EOLL) Program:** program revision.
   i. The Academic Assembly discussed EOLL fees and decided the amount and application of the fees need more work before approval. Thus, an amendment to PRC’s proposal was made.
      **MOTION** Moved by Kirsten Thompson: “I move to approve an amendment to omit changes to program fees in PRC’s EOLL proposal.” Seconded. **Approved.**
      19 yays, 3 nays, 1 abstention.
   ii. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “PRC moves to approve changes to EOLL, as amended in-session.” AcA members discussed the motion. **Approved.**
       22 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

b. **Albers School of Business & Economics’ Management Program:** creation of a new minor.
   **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “PRC moves to approve the creation of this new management minor.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
   21 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

c. **College of Arts & Sciences’ Masters in Couples and Family Therapy Program:** program revision.
   **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “PRC moves to approve changes to this program.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
   21 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

d. **College of Arts & Sciences’ Latin American Studies Department:** revision of minor.
   **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “PRC moves to approve changes to this minor.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
   21 yay, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

V. Nomination Committee Update, Gregory Silverman 3:27 p.m. – 3:31 p.m.

AcA nomination period is now open, an email was sent out. Please nominate by Friday, though, the period closes next Monday at 11:59 p.m.
VI. Closing Remarks, Frank Shih

3:31 p.m. – 3:39 p.m.

a. The three finalists for the Vice President of Human Resources position visited campus and were interviewed.
b. Changes to the university’s contributions to retirement are being discussed at the Faculty Welfare Committee. FWC will update AcA when necessary.
c. Enrollment and budget details will follow May 1 when prospective students have to commit.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

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