



**Academic Assembly Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
ADAL Stuart T. Rolfe & Zoom**

MINUTES

Members Present: Carol Adams, Philip Barclift, Mark Cohan, Douglas Eriksen, Naomi Hume, Nalini Iyer, Angie Jenkins, Benjamin Jones-Rice (SGSU, *ex-officio*), Richard McGaha, Margit McGuire, Carrie Miller, Patrick Murphy, Jodi O'Brien (Associate Provost, *ex-officio*), Russell Powell, Gayle Robinson, Bryan Ruppert, Patrick Schoettmer, Frank Shih, Michael Trice, Erin Vernon, Glenn Yasuda and Valentina Zamora.

I. Opening Remarks

2:06 p.m. – 2:14 p.m.

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Academic Assembly President, Frank Shih.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: "Move to approve the agenda for the April 24, 2023, meeting of the AcA." Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. There are three more AcA meetings and they will have full agendas. May 1 will be dedicated to Mission Priority Examen and Faculty Handbook revisions. May 15 will be dedicated to the Human Resources Market Equity Study. June 5 will be dedicated to updates from President Peñalver.

II. Program Revision Committee Memo, Margit McGuire

2:14 p.m. – 2:47 p.m.

MOTION Moved by Margit McGuire: "I move to approve revisions to Anthropology & Sociology." Seconded. Assembly members discussed the challenges and opportunities the program may experience since being consolidated. **Approved. Unanimously.**

MOTION Moved by Margit McGuire: "I move to approve the creation of the MEd Transformational program." Members discussed the reconceptualization of the program, specifically the reduction of credits. The College of Education representative mentioned the program will provide future teachers the option to work full-time while working towards their degree. Members requested that the Dean and Associate Dean College of Education visit AcA to provide an update on the market feasibility study for the prospective program. **Tabled.**

MOTION Moved by Margit McGuire: "I move to approve revisions to the Online MBA (OMBA) program." Discussed. **Approved. Unanimously.**

MOTION Moved by Margit McGuire: "I move to approve revisions to Photography." Members discussed the interchangeability of a 2000-level course and 3000-level course. **Approved. Unanimously.**

MOTION Moved by Margit McGuire: "I move to approve revisions to Visual Art." Assembly members discussed the challenges and opportunities the program may experience since being consolidated. **Approved. Unanimously.**

III. Committee on Committees Discussion, Patrick Schoettmer **3:03 p.m. – 3:06 p.m.**

The Committee on Committees (ConC) is preparing for the Spring Call for Volunteers. Currently, ConC is updating its database, following the pandemic and complications last spring. The chair of ConC is working with university leadership and committee chairs to determine which committees are under AcA purview and which committees are considered university committees.

Vice President Schoettmer commented that a committee's scope and jurisdiction should be included in the committee's charter, however, ConC is discovering that many committees need to adopt a charter. AcA discussed the election process while appointing faculty representatives to committees. Members discussed the need for transparency, equity and communication during the election process.

IV. AcA Open Business, Frank Shih **3:06 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.**

AcA will invite Deputy Provost Bob Dullea to a meeting before he retires in May.

The AcA's Bylaws Committee will need to be added to one of the upcoming meetings. Members should consider allowing term-faculty to join AcA leadership, excluding the president officer position. AcA members commented that if the AcA Bylaws were revised to allow term-faculty in these roles, they would be eligible for a multi-year contract. Other AcA members expressed concern that such changes would make term-faculty vulnerable to backlash for facilitating difficult conversations, jeopardizing their careers. It was noted that other AJCU institutions appoint term-faculty to leadership roles in their respective faculty governing bodies.

There are two Vice President positions opening on the AcA this spring. Please consider nominations for the VP of Policy and VP of Curriculum who serve as chairs to the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee and the Program Revision Committee, respectively.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

*Minutes taken and submitted by the AcA Administrative Assistant,
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