



Academic Assembly Meeting – Special Session

Monday April 19, 2021

2:05 – 4:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Academic Assembly Members

Present: Angie Jenkins, Carol Adams, Chris Paul, Kathleen La Voy, Felipe Anaya, Frank Shih, Gregory Silverman, Holly Ferraro, John Trafton, Katie Oliveras, 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: Connie Anthony, Peter Amah, Mark Taylor, Khalee Kiazolu

Seattle University Attendees

Presenters: Bob Duniway, Bob Dullea

Guests: Agnieszka Miguel, Bryan Ruppert, David Green, David Powers, Donna Teevan, Doug Eriksen, Elise Murowchick, Enyu Zhang, Hidy Basta, Jen Marrone, Jen Tilghman-Havens, Joanne Hughes, John Fleming, Kathy Cook, Katherine Raichle, Kathleen Jones, Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler, Kevin Krycka, Lindsay Whitlow, Lori Scobie, Michelle DuBois, Nathan McLaughlin, Rosa Joshi, Ryan McLaughlin, Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Sonora Jha, Sven Arvidson, Teodora Shuman, William Parker

I. Opening Remarks

2:07 – 2:10 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 19, 2021 meeting of the Academic Assembly (AcA).” Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2021 as revised, out of session, by AcA members.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- d. The AcA President shared opening remarks on the recent rise in COVID-19 cases across the nation.

II. Provost Update

2:10 – 2:35 pm

- a. Academic Calendar Review Update: The Provost offered a high-level overview of the preliminary results of the Seattle University Calendar Referendum. The Provost will share a more in-depth analysis of the referendum vote at the next AcA meeting. The AcA members discussed the referendum and asked questions of the Provost.
- b. 2021 Commencement Update: The Provost gave a brief update regarding planning for the 2021 Commencement ceremony.

- c. Re-Opening Task Force Update: The Provost presented an overview of the Re-Opening Task Force's ongoing discussions and efforts to ensure Seattle University's safe re-opening in FQ21. The update included information about vaccination policies and improvements to campus facilities in alignment with national health guidelines. AcA members discussed the update and asked questions of the Provost.

III. Motions

2:35 – 2:39 pm

- a. **MOTION** "Move to approve the Academic Assembly's Report on the Academic Program Portfolio Review." AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
- b. **MOTION** "Move to approve the final recommendations of the Academic Program Portfolio Review." AcA Members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**

IV. Discussion: Anti-Racist Curriculum & Pedagogy

2:39 – 3:00 pm

- a. AcA members discussed at length examples, strategies and ideas for how Seattle University can work to incorporate anti-racist curriculum and pedagogy into the academic portfolio. The Provost offered input regarding university level initiatives to incentivize work on this issue.

V. Initiation of Student Evaluation Working Group

3:00 – 3:09 pm

- a. AcA members discussed continued issues with Seattle University's current student evaluation system and strategized the formation of a working group to address these issues. The AcA will work to create a working group.

VI. Initiation of Annual Performance Review Working Group

3:09 – 3:25 pm

- a. AcA members discussed continued issues with Seattle University's Annual Performance Review (APR) process and strategized the formation of a working group to address these issues. The AcA will work to create a working group.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

*Minutes taken, and respectively submitted, by the AcA Secretary
Lindsey Nakatani, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost
April 19, 2021.*