



**Academic Assembly Meeting No. 11  
Monday February 22, 2021  
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, John Trafton, Kate Koppelman, Katie Oliveras, Khalee Kiazolu, Margit McGuire, Mimi Cheng, Patrick Murphy, Richard McGaha, Rose Murphy, Russ Powell, Sarah Bee, Shane Martin, Terri Clark, Yancy Dominick, Kirsten Thompson

**Excused:** Peter Amah, Robbin Narruhn, Mark Taylor

**Seattle University Attendees**

**Presenters:** John Fleming, Robert Dullea, Wilson Garone

**Guests:** Agnieszka Miguel, Ann McNally, Ben Howe, Brother Perry-Village, Bryan Ruppert, Charles Tung, Christina Roberts, David Green, David Powers, Dominic CodyKramers, Donna Teevan, Dough Latch, Francisco Guerrero, Hidy Basta, Jen Marrone, Jen Tilghman-Havens, Joanne Hughes, Kathleen Jones, Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler, Kevin Krycka, Kimberly Gawlik, Lindsay Whitlow, Lydia Bello, Maria Bullon-Fernandez, Maureen Feit, Natalie Cisneros, Niranjan Chipalkatti, Rob Efird, Ryan McLaughlin, Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Sven Arvidson, Teodora Shuman, William Parkin

**I. Academic Assembly President Report**

**2:07 – 2:15 pm**

- a. The AcA President, Frank Shih, called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.
- b. The AcA President gave a brief update on the Board of Trustees meeting, Seattle University Fall 2020 enrollment, the Administrative Programs and Services Review (APSR) and shared materials highlighting the situation of higher education across the nation.
- c. The AcA President also requested an AcA Member volunteer to join the Presidential Inauguration Committee.
- d. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the February 22, 2021 meeting of the Academic Assembly (AcA).” Seconded. **Approved.**
- e. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from February 8, 2021.” Seconded. **Approved.**

**II. Update from Chief Financial Officer**

**2:15 – 2:32 pm**

- a. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Wilson Garone, gave an update and overview of the results of Seattle University’s (SU’s) January financial review, including expense and revenue trends

and additional factors that have positively influenced SU's financial situation. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the CFO.

### III. Provost Update

2:32 – 3:10 pm

- a. The Provost offered updates on the Academic Program Portfolio Review (APPR) process, the Academic Calendar Review (ACR) process and offered student feedback on the SU student experience. AcA members discussed the updates and asked questions of the Provost.

### IV. Academic Program Portfolio Review Update

3:10 – 3:19 pm

- a. The APPR Co-Chairs offered a brief update of the newly revised process timeline and acknowledged the difficult conversations taking place surrounding this process. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the Co-Chairs.

### V. Student Government and Graduate Student Council Resolution

3:19 – 3:50 pm

- a. **MOTION** Moved by Kirsten Thompson: "AcA supports the joint resolution of student governments SGSU and GSC (WQ2021-01) for early start of Fall 2021 with recognition that December time off be respected." AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **NOT Approved.**
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Kate Koppelman: "I move that Fall quarter 2021 begin on the currently scheduled date and, in order to accommodate student concerns about Thanksgiving travel cost and safety, we conduct the last 2 weeks of the term virtually." AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**

### VI. Motion to Record Campus-Wide Meetings and Fora

3:50 – 3:53 pm

- a. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire "Given that campus-wide faculty meetings and fora are often scheduled when many faculty cannot attend because of personal responsibilities; teaching schedules or prior commitments and given that transparency and inclusiveness are stated priorities of the university, I move that all campus-wide meetings and fora that have an impact on faculty academic life be recorded and made available to faculty upon request; however, given that there are inherently unequal power dynamics in such campus-wide faculty meetings and fora, a process will need to be developed to ensure that faculty can freely participate in the discussion without attribution." AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**

### VII. Faculty Handbook Revision Committee (FHRC) Preview

3:53 – 3:55 pm

- a. FHRC Chair, Kirsten Thompson, provided a brief preview of two major faculty handbook revision proposals that are currently under review by the FHRC. These proposals will be presented to the AcA membership at the next meeting.

### VIII. AcA Open Business

3:55 – 3:56 pm

- a. The AcA President offered his sincere appreciation and gratitude to the SGSU and GSC representatives for bringing forth the student body's resolution.

*Meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.*

*Minutes taken, and respectively submitted, by the AcA Secretary  
Lindsey Nakatani, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost  
February 22, 2021.*