



**Academic Assembly Meeting No. 12
Monday March 8, 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, Kirsten Thompson, Margit McGuire, Mark Taylor, Mimi Cheng, Peter Amah, Patrick Murphy, Richard McGaha, Russ Powell, Sarah Bee, Shane Martin, Terri Clark, Yancy Dominick

Excused: Khalee Kiazolu, Robin Narruhn, Rose Murphy,

Seattle University Attendees

Presenters: Ajay Abraham, Dominic CodyKramers, Heath Spencer, Stacey Jones, Brenda Bourns, John Fleming, Jenny Loertscher, Jean Jacoby, Robert Dullea, Audrey Hudgins, Kelli Rodriguez Currie, Mo Sin, Sarah Watstein, Maria Tedesco, Teodora Shuman

Guests: Eva Sedgwick, Mark Cohan, Kimberly Gawlik, David Lance, Agnieszka Miguel, Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler, Christina Juarez, Ben Howe, Heather Brown, Kevin Krycka, Joanne Hughes, Jennifer Marrone, Sven Arvidson, David Green, Hannah Tracy, Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Estella Williamson, Ryan McLaughlin, Sarah Trainer, Christina Roberts, Meg Cristofalo, Maria Bullon-Fernandez, Bryan Ruppert, Kathleen Cook, Hidy Basta

I. AcA President Report

2:07 – 2:10 pm

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm by AcA president, Frank Shih. The AcA President offered updates on the AcA meeting schedule moving into SQ, faculty feedback on the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee’s report and new vaccination guidelines from the CDC that will impact planning for Seattle University’s FQ 21.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the March 8, 2021 meeting of the Academic Assembly (AcA).” Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from February 22, 2021.” Seconded. **Approved.**

II. Provost Update

2:10 – 2:15 pm

- a. The Provost offered updates and an overview of several subjects including the start date for FQ 21, further information regarding the Strategic Directions and pending faculty handbook revision proposals currently under review by the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee. AcA Members discussed the Provost’s comments and asked questions.

III. Program Review Committee – Master in Teaching, College of Education Memo 2:15 – 2:20 pm

- a. AcA Vice President for Curriculum, Terri Clark, gave a brief overview of the revision proposed in the Master of Teaching (MIT) memo, the process for approval and introduced a motion to approve the memo.
- b. **MOTION Moved by Terri Clark:** “Move to waive the one-week rule.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. **MOTION Moved by Terri Clark:** “Move to affirm the Program Review Committee (PRC) memo recommending the approval of the proposed College of Education, Masters in Teaching program fee increase.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**

IV. Academic Program Portfolio Review Update 2:20 – 2:32 pm

- a. The Academic Program Portfolio Review (APPR) Co-Chairs offered an update on the ongoing review process, next steps and upcoming opportunities for faculty feedback. AcA members discussed the contents of the update and asked questions of the Co-Chairs.

V. Faculty Handbook Revision Committee Report & Motions 2:32 – 3:58 pm

- a. The AcA Vice President for Faculty Handbook Revisions, Kirsten Thompson, provided an overview of the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee’s (FHRC) report dated March 1, 2021 and offered framing comments for the AcA’s conversation.
- b. **MOTION 1 Moved by Kirsten Thompson:** “I move to suspend the rules that prevent taking up the 4 motions from the FHRC.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. **MOTION 2 Moved by Kirsten Thompson:** “That the Proposed Revisions # 1 and # 3 (Fall 2017) in the 2021 FHRC report relating to APR’s be referred to the AcA APR Working Group for consideration per the Provost’s recommendation.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
- d. **MOTION 3 Moved by Kirsten Thompson and Amended in Session by AcA Members:** “That the Proposed Revisions #2 (Fall 2017) & 6 (2019) in the 2021 FHRC report be referred to FHRC for incorporation into the 5-year revamp of the Faculty Handbook, beginning Spring 2021.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
- e. **MOTION Moved by Chris Paul:** “Move to adopt the language of Revision #4 [as detailed in the 2021 FHRC report] as modified by the Provost and implement the revisions into the FH as soon as possible.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
- f. **MOTION Moved by Chris Paul:** “Move to adopt the language of Revision #5 [as detailed in the 2021 FHRC report] and implement the revisions into the FH as soon as possible.” AcA members discussed the motion.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- g. **MOTION 4 Moved by Kirsten Thompson:** “I move that AcA approve the amended version of the SU ADVANCE Revised Promotion Guidelines as recommended by FHRC.” AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**
- h. **MOTION 5 Moved by Kirsten Thompson and Amended in Session by AcA Members:** “I move that AcA commends the University NTT Committee for its proposal and for its hard work on this matter over the last two years. AcA like FHRC believes that this work will help drive and inform important structural changes at Seattle University that will be more inclusive and help create greater security and recognition of the invaluable work that our part- time and full-time colleagues perform.

I move that AcA invite FHRC and U-NTT to work together collaboratively with HR, Faculty Welfare, Provost's Office and Legal Counsel in Spring and Fall Quarters in order to help U-NTT refine and revise their proposal, for consideration and resubmission of the proposal to AcA no later than early November." AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded.

Approved.

- i. **MOTION Moved by Chris Paul:** "I move that we [AcA] have a report from the FHRC and U-NTT in April and have the intent of doing as much work as possible in this AY." AcA members discussed the motion. Seconded. **Approved.**

VI. Spring Student Welfare

3:58 – 4:00 pm

- a. AcA Member briefly discussed exam accommodations, coordination of exam schedules and potentially honoring a mid-quarter break scheduled from May 5 through 7, 2021 to assist students during these difficult times.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

*Minutes taken, and respectively submitted, by the AcA Secretary
Lindsey Nakatani, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost
March 8, 2021.*