



**Academic Assembly Meeting No. 1
Monday, September 26, 2022
2:05 – 3:35 p.m.
ADAL Stuart T. Rolfe Community Room & Zoom**

MINUTES

Members Present: Connie G. Anthony, Mark Cohan, Douglas Eriksen, Nalini Iyer, Benjamin Jones-Rice (*ex-officio*, SGSU), Paul Kurose, Shane P. Martin (*ex-officio*, Provost), Margit McGuire, Carrie Westmoreland Miller, Jodi O’Brien (*ex-officio*, Associate Provost), Katie Oliveras, Kyle Peet, Russell Powell, Gabby Rios (*ex-officio*, GSC), Gayle Robinson, Bryan Ruppert, Patrick L. Schoettmer, Frank J. Shih, Gregory Silverman, Kirsten Moana Thompson, Phillip Thompson, Rev. Michael Reid Trice, Glenn Yasuda and Valentina Zamora.

Guests: Vice President Natasha Martin, Brooke Coleman and Jill Moffitt.

I. Opening Remarks, Frank J. Shih

2:08 – 2:14 p.m.

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by Academic Assembly (AcA) President, Frank Shih.
- b. Introductions. Announced there will be cookies and coffee this year.

II. Provost Update, Shane P. Martin

2:14 – 2:24 p.m.

Enrollment numbers are not final since registration is still in the add/drop period. Even though enrollment is lower than anticipated, accomplishments such as high rates of First Time in College students is celebratory in light of nationwide drawbacks in higher education.

In league with student loan debt campaigns, there seems to be a campaign against the efficacy of higher education that is anti-intellectual and anti-education. As good stewards, faculty and staff must be mindful that our environment is shifting in real-time—and we need to try to stabilize it.

In conclusion, it appears that COVID-19 is nearing its end. Seattle University continues to monitor local, state, national and international trends. Currently, new cases have been declining in King County. Global trends suggest flu season will be strenuous this fall and winter. We are preparing to combat the flu and COVID-19 variant by hosting on-campus clinics, continuing to deep clean the campus and diligently monitoring data. The University asks community members to stay current with the Center for Disease Control recommendations on vaccinations.

III. Committee on Committees, Katie Oliveras & Frank J. Shih

2:24 – 2:28 p.m.

AcA members volunteers to serve on committees ran by Marketing and Communications (website redesign) and by Public Safety. There will be a call for volunteers by Committees by Committees in the near future.

IV. AcA Open Business, Frank J. Shih

2:28 – 3:20 p.m.

- a. Seattle University is working on a system to release salary bands, not individual salaries.
- b. The Assembly split in small groups to discuss topics they would like AcA to address this academic year.

V. Campus Climate Incident Reporting and Response Protocol

3:20 – 3:39 p.m.

Natasha Martin, Brooke Coleman and Jill Moffit.

The Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Natasha Martin, introduced the recently launched incident reporting and response tool students, faculty and staff can use—as identified or anonymous members. Notably, the Campus Climate Incident Response Team is not a disciplinary or investigative body, nor do they determine whether a Campus Climate Incident violates University Policy. For more information, please join their forums on September 29, 2022 and October 6, 2022.

<https://www.seattleu.edu/equity/campus-climate-incidents/>

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.