



**Academic Assembly Meeting No. 13
Monday, March 14, 2022
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m., Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES

Members Present: Carol Adams, Mimi Cheng, Mark Cohan, Marc Cohen, Yancy Dominick, Doug Eriksen, Nalini Iyer, Angie Jenkins (*Ex-Officio*, SUSC), JaHun Kim, Paul Kurose, Shane P. Martin (*Ex-Officio*, Provost), Richard McGaha, Margit McGuire, Katie Oliveras, Russ Powell, Bryan Ruppert, Patrick Schoettmer, Frank Shih, Gregory Silverman, Heath Spencer, Kirsten Thompson, Phil Thompson and Valentina Zamora.

Guests: Sven Arvidson, Sonia Barrios Tinoco, Hidy Basta, Shelley Carr, John Fleming, David Green, Joanna Hughes, Kate Koppelman, Kevin Krycka, Teodora Shuman, Hannah Tracey and Michael Quinn.

I. Opening Remarks

2:06 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Academic Assembly (AcA) President, Frank Shih.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2022, meeting of the AcA.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from February 28, 2022, as revised, out of session, by AcA members.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- d. The following updates and reminders were announced:
 - i. SQ22 AcA meetings will likely be held in hybrid format.
 - ii. Commencement is scheduled for June 12, 2022. March 26, 2022 is the deadline to rent regalia.
 - iii. COVID-19 trends suggest we are approaching a new normalcy. The university will be lifting mask mandates beginning March 22, 2022.
 - iv. AcA will invite Matt Philip, Interim VP for HR, and Wilson Garone, VP and CFO, to upcoming AcA meetings.

II. Provost Update, Shane P. Martin

2:15 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Provost Martin provided the following updates:

- a. SU will be lifting a several COVID-19 protocols (i.e., masking requirements, entry testing requirements, completing the daily Safe Start Health Check, restrictions on campus gathers) on March 22, 2022, in accordance with updated CDC guidelines and state government mandates. The decision was informed by the latest data from government and health officials as well as the university’s internal data that indicates a significant reduction in new cases per day for the last five weeks.

- b. After March 22, 2022, the following COVID-19 protocols will remain:
 - i. Seattle University is a fully vaccinated campus. All students, faculty and staff are required to be fully vaccinated and expected to receive booster doses when eligible.
 - ii. Campus-wide deep cleaning and disinfecting will continue.
 - iii. The university has purchased an additional 5,000 KN95 masks. All students, faculty and staff who want a mask can pick one up at designated locations. The university will increase its supply of masks as needed.
- c. All eligible faculty are encouraged to apply for the Provost Fellowships for Strategic Directions. This is an opportunity for faculty to serve in key leadership roles in implementing the Reignited Strategic Directions.

III. Approval of PRC Memos, Margit McGuire

2:35 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

The Program Revision Committee Chair, Margit McGuire, moved the following motions to update the programs listed below:

- a. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “I move to approve PRC’s memo for the BA Film Studies program, which was amended, in session, to resolve the confusion between the proposed FILM 3010 Gender and Sexuality’s course title with the established SOCL 3330 Gender and Sexuality course.” Seconded. **Approved.** 15 Yay, 1 nay, 2 abstention.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “I move to approve PRC’s memo for MBA Photography program.” Seconded. **Approved.** 15 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstention.
- c. **MOTION** Moved by Margit McGuire: “I move to approve PRC’s memo for the BS Electrical Engineering program.” Seconded. **Approved.** 15 yay, 0 nay, 3 abstention.

AcA members suggested establishing a new, university-wide system that considers budgeting at the beginning of the program revision process. Additionally, AcA members noted that budgeting complexity may increase as academic programs become more integrated.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

*Minutes taken and submitted by the AcA Administrative Assistant,
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