



Academic Assembly Meeting No. 15
Monday, April 11, 2022
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
CASY 530 & Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Carol Adams, Mimi Cheng, Mark Cohan, Marc Cohen, Yancy Dominick, Nalini Iyer, JaHun Kim, Paul Kurose, Shane P. Martin (*Ex-Officio*, Provost), Richard McGaha, Margit McGuire, Jodi O’Brien (*Ex-Officio*, Provost), Katie Oliveras, Russ Powell, Bryan Ruppert, Frank Shih, Gregory Silverman, Heath Spencer, Kirsten Thompson, Phillip Thompson, Michael Trice and Valentina Zamora.

Guests: Hidy Basta, Kathy Cook, John Fleming, David Green, Joanne Hughes, Woo-Joong Kim, Mark Marsolek, Katherine Raichle and Teodora Rutar Shuman.

I. Opening Remarks

2:06 p.m. – 2:10 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 April 11, 2022, meeting of the AcA.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from March 14, 2022, as revised, out of session, by AcA members.” Seconded. **Approved.**
- d. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: “Move to approve the meeting minutes from February 7, 2022, as revised, out of session, by AcA members.” Seconded. **Approved.**

II. Provost Update, Shane P. Martin

2:10 p.m. – 2:29 p.m.

Provost Shane P. Martin provided the following updates that were open to discussion—

- a. *COVID-19 response.* Seattle University continues to monitor regional, national and international COVID-19 data. Furthermore, preventative measures are still in practice. This includes, but not limited to, surveillance testing, strengthening the ventilation infrastructure and requiring all faculty, students and staff to stay up to date on CDC immunization recommendations. The possibility of keeping some of these preventative measures as common practice will be explored with the Chief Financial Officer. In the meantime, SU will continue to respond according to data, trends and public health guidelines.
- b. *Ombudsperson search.* There will be two remote listening sessions coming in May. The Ombudsperson working group will share their progress and get faculty input. Potential candidates are being identified and a selection will hopefully be made by FQ22.
- c. *Proposal to change the academic calendar.* Provost Martin consulted with President Eduardo Peñalver, administrators and other campus leadership before deciding not to move

forward with the proposal to begin fall quarter earlier. It has been determined that changes to the AY22-23 academic calendar will be too disruptive to events scheduled a year in advance, such as Welcome Week. Additionally, it is not in the university's best interest to consider this question at this time so soon after last year's deliberation on changing the academic calendar. Instead, attention and resources should be focused on Reimagining the Curriculum.

III. Program Revision Committee Memo, Margit McGuire

2:29 p.m. – 2:52 p.m.

The Chair of the Program Revision Committee presented a memo regarding revisions to the Civil Engineering Program. Primarily, these revisions will reduce the credit requirements from 192 credits to 180 credits. The benefits and repercussions were discussed.

MOTION Moved by Margit McGuire: "Do you approve of these program changes?" Seconded.
Approved. 16 yays, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

IV. Closing Remarks, Frank Shih

2:52 p.m. – 3:02 p.m.

- a. *AcA Transition Plan to AY22-23.* The election process will begin towards the end of the month. Membership and elections are structured to stagger terms to retain continuity on the assembly. Regular-membership elections will be held at each college/school and officer elections will be held at AcA. The opening presidential role will be a three-year commitment: one year as the President-Elect and two years as the President. Frank Shih, the current president, asked for volunteers to appoint to the Nomination Committee.
- b. *AcA Sessions with VP HR candidates.* AcA members have an opportunity to interview the VP HR candidates this week and next week (in-person). There were concerns that there was not a campus-wide open forum. It was noted that these interview sessions are open to all faculty, though, there are limited interviewer slots available.
- c. *Upcoming academic policy revision help.* A lot of academic policy revisions have been tabled for quite a while. The Academic Policy and Forms Revisions Committee (APFRC) will return to this work and needs volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.