

## **SUMMARY OF UAS BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2021 MEETING**

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) met once in December 2020 and twice in January 2021 to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: December 11, 2020, January 22 & 29, 2021. At these meetings, ECS acted within its powers as specified in our Shared Governance bylaws, acted on behalf of UAS or supported motions with recommendation to UAS. In preparation for the UAS meeting on February 12, I am sharing information on the following: (1) Recent Proposals Discussed by Senate Leadership and the Provost; (2) New Program Prospectus Reviewed by The Council for New Programs and New Academic Units; (3) Actions Taken or Endorsed by ECS; (4) Non-Action Items on the Agenda for February 12; and (5) Action Items on the Agenda for February 12.

### **A. RECENT PROPOSALS DISCUSSED BY SENATE LEADERSHIP & THE PROVOST:**

Information on Recent Proposals (SG 1.01 Section 2.2.2.2):

- A proposal was submitted to the Provost from Dean Drake and Dean Olsson, from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) and the College of Health Professions (CHP), respectively, for the following: (1) Move the Master of Athletic Training Program from CLAS to CHP; (2) Change the name of the Department of Physical Therapy to Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. The move is a faculty/accreditation initiated move and there is no restructuring involved. In addition, this move does not result in a change in the working conditions of the faculty and/or the quality and integrity of the academic program. As per our Shared Governance Policies (SG 1.01.2.2.2.2), the Provost discussed this proposal with Senate Leadership. Senate Leadership reported to ECS on January 29, and will be reporting to UAS on February 12. It is recommended that this change be effective the start of the 2021-2022 fiscal year (July 1, 2021).

### **B. NEW PROGRAM PROSPECTUS: BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN TEACHER CERTIFICATION:**

Information on Recent Proposals (SG 1.01 Section 2.2.1.1 & SG 2.05):

- The Council for New Programs and New Academic Units (NPC) discussed converting the minor in Early Childhood Education to a major in Education for Young Children, Birth to Kindergarten, General and Special Education. In particular, the prospectus proposes the revision of the existing minor program to meet the new state certification requirements and comply with the new standards set out by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to meet revised requirements that focus on a grade band certification model to provide a standalone birth to kindergarten teaching certificate. The Council voted unanimously to recommend support for the proposal. The Provost concurred with the recommendation of the Council and as called for in the Procedure for the Establishment of Additional Units or Programs, the Provost has created a task force for the Development of New Program Proposal: Birth to Kindergarten Teacher Certification.

### C. ACTIONS TAKEN OR ENDORSED BY ECS:

ECS took the following actions or endorsed the following (SG 1.01.3 & BOT 3.1.4):

- **Letter of Appreciation to Facilities Services:** A letter prepared by ECS was sent to all members of Facilities Services, on behalf of UAS, the week of December 7, 2020.
- **Selection of Faculty for the University Technology Council:** ECS selected the following to represent faculty in the University Technology Council: Parag Uma Kosalge (SCB); Paul Leidig (PCEC); Christine Smith (CLAS); Laura Stroik (CLAS); Adrienne Wallace (CLAS).
- **Endorsement of Faculty Representatives to Program Review Subgroups:** ECS endorsed the faculty representatives to the Program Review Subgroups. The Program Review document and the list of faculty nominees is included as an agenda item for the February 12 UAS meeting.

### D. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

The following non-action items will be discussed at UAS on February 12:

- **Reach Higher Together (RHT) 2025 Steering Committee Update:** The RHT 2025 Steering Committee Co-Leads and the faculty representatives in the Steering Committee will present an update on the Mission, Vision and Value Statements and seek feedback from UAS.
- **University Budget Presentation:** The VP for Finance & Administration will be giving a presentation and leading a discussion on the University Budget.
- **Updates on the 2020 Title IX Regulations:** The Title IX Coordinator & Director of the Office for Title IX and Institutional Equity will be given a presentation on the most recent update on Title IX Regulations.
- **Program Review Update:** The Office of the Provost will be leading a discussion on the most recent update on Program Review, with the opportunity for UAS members to provide feedback.

### E. ACTION ITEMS:

ECS made specific motions on the following business items with a recommendation of support to UAS:

- Laker Impression of Faculty Teaching Management Committee (LIFT-MC) Memo: LIFT-MC Membership in SG Policies.
- Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo: Where Tenure Resides.