



Academic Assembly Meeting No. 11
Monday, March 27, 2023
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
ADAL Stuart T. Rolfe & Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Carol Adams, Philip Barclift, Mark Cohan, Douglas Eriksen, Naomi Hume, Nalini Iyer, Angie Jenkins (Staff Council, *ex-officio*), Paul Kurose, Shane P. Martin (Provost, *ex-officio*), Richard McGaha, Margit McGuire, Carrie Miller, Jodi O'Brien (Associate Provost, *ex-officio*), Russell Powell, Gabby Rios (GSC, *ex-officio*), Gayle Robinson, Bryan Ruppert, Patrick Schoettmer, Frank J. Shih, Gregory Silverman, Phillip Thompson, Michael Trice, Erin Vernon, Glenn Yasuda and Valentina Zamora.

I. Opening Remarks, Frank J. Shih **2:07 p.m. – 2:11 p.m.**

- a. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Academic Assembly President, Frank Shih.
- b. **MOTION** Moved by Frank Shih: "Move to approve the agenda for the March 27, 2023, meeting of the ACA." Seconded. **Approved.**
- c. The deadline for the Staff and Faculty Workforce Engagement Survey has been extended.

II. Provost Update, Shane P. Martin **2:11 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

Approximately 53% of faculty and staff have completed the Workforce Engagement Survey. Please encourage colleagues to complete this important survey.

The Board of Trustees meeting will now be in June and a summary of the meeting will be published online.

III. TimelyCare Update, Alvin Sturdivant **2:15 p.m. – 2:41 p.m.**

Vice Provost for Student and Campus Life, Alvin Sturdivant, provided updates on student health. Seattle University prioritizes the health of our students. The University is partnering with TimelyCare, a telehealth provider, as of Spring 2022. Services include 24/7 access to health coaching, counseling (up to 12 visits per year), consultations and assessments in 240+ languages. Currently, 18.5% of all Seattle University students are registered with TimelyCare, which is above the average for institutions our size (11%) and the average for private institutions (17%). Of those registered, 41% are seeking counseling and 39% are seeking on-demand medical access. The average wait time to speak to a provider is 5-8 minutes, depending on the service the student is seeking. Students give TimelyCare an average rating of 4.86 out of 5.0, while other universities give an average rating of 4.7 out of 5.0.

These efforts relate to Goal 3 and Goal 5 of *Reigniting Our Strategic Directions, Enhance the Student Experience and Repositioning for Growth*, respectively. If 47 students are retained, Seattle

University would see an increase of \$1.9 million in net revenue annually. In other words, by enhancing the student experience, retention rates increase and in turn net revenue increases. Vice Provost Sturdivant acknowledged that more direct outreach is needed to ensure students, particularly more vulnerable students, are made aware of the services available.

IV. Chief Financial Officer Update & Farewell, *Wilson Garone* 2:41 p.m. – 3:04 p.m.

Wilson Garone, the Chief Financial Officer, provided updates on the FY24 budget. The Preliminary Budget for FY24 reflects tuition increases for undergrad, graduate and law students. There will also be minor increases to First Time in College discounts and transfer/undergraduate post-baccalaureates discounts. Enrollment for graduate programs is predicted to increase by at least two percentage points. While other institutions, mainly on the east coast, are considering reducing tuition and eliminating discounts, Seattle University will continue to monitor the feasibility of reducing costs for students. Expenses at Seattle University continue to increase as we continue to invest in faculty and staff wages and benefits and combat pressures from inflation.

CFO Garone is scheduled to leave Seattle University at the end of May 2023. The Assembly thanked him for his service at the University.

V. Interim Update to Academic Integrity Policy, *David R. Lance* 3:04 p.m. – 3:18 p.m.

The Office of the Provost has received feedback from faculty about the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the classroom (e.g., ChatGPT). The Provost's Office in consultation with the Center for Digital Learning and Innovation and the Registrar's Office adopted an interim update, effective Spring Quarter 2023, to the Academic Integrity Policy that addresses student use of generative AI as part of their courses. Under the updated policy, faculty will have agency in the use of generative AI for their courses. Students and faculty have been informed of the updated policy. If faculty have any questions, they should contact the Center for Faculty Development and/or the Center for Digital Learning and Innovation. This spring, the Provost's Office will continue to consult with AcA, Deans' Council, Associate Deans' Council and other stakeholders regarding the Academic Integrity Policy.

VI. Academic Spring Planning, *Frank J. Shih* 3:18 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

The Assembly will need an extra meeting before the end of the academic year. Please add our additional April 24 meeting to your calendars.

The Annual Performance Review Framework Motion, discussed in previous meetings, was approved by the Assembly.

VII. Open Business 3:20 p.m. – 3:38 p.m.

The Office of the Provost is expecting the new Vice Provost for Global Engagement to join the University in July. One assembly member expressed feedback that this opportunity hire process did not include an open search.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

*Minutes taken and submitted by the AcA Administrative Assistant,
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