

Meeting Summary
University Senate Meeting
September 19, 2019, 3:30 PM
Film/Video Theatre, Wexner Center for the Arts

1. Secretary's Report #373

Ben Givens, University Senate Secretary

The motion for approval carries.

2. Sesquicentennial Year

Daniel Ehrman, Director, University Sesquicentennial

This summer marked the start of a year-long commemoration of the people and accomplishments that have defined Ohio State for 150 years. Every initiative is a result of collaboration. They are convening a series of three summits, each with a distinct focus. They will address teaching and learning, the role of the urban serving university, and our heritage as a land grant university. 150 students from across the university were selected as sesquicentennial scholars for the 2019-2020 academic year to serve as ambassadors for the university and the sesquicentennial, participate in a leadership development program and receive a \$2,500 scholarship. They come from 5 continents, 9 countries, 22 states in the U.S. and 42 counties across Ohio and represent every campus and college in the university. History is often written from a single perspective. The Carmen Collection is a historical exploration of underrepresented stories. They have partnered with University Archives and ODEE to create an online popular History of Ohio State course. The alumni magazine produced a special edition that has been shared with faculty and staff. They have also published a photographic history book by the university archivist Tamar Chute that is available in retail stores nationally. They are also producing a mini documentary series of videos that explore what makes Ohio State special. Products are available through eStores, and there is a special partnership with Graeter's Ice Cream. There is an exhibit at Thompson Library that will rotate throughout the year. To celebrate during our anniversary weekend, the Thompson Library and Ohio State's campus will open up its doors on March 21, 2020 to the community to celebrate together. They hope Buckeyes and the Ohio and Columbus community will join them from 12pm-4pm for an open house showcasing all that Ohio State has to offer.

3. The New Office of Institution Equity

Kathy Lasher, Associate Vice President, Institutional Equity

The Office of Institution Equity oversees programs that govern the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, protection of minors and Title IX. The office coordinates responses to all reports of harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. They provide information on support resources, assist with interim measures, and provide information about investigation options. They also conduct investigations and adjudicate complaints of harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct involving students, faculty and staff. Additionally, they provide education and training to the university community. They have brought ADA, Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, Protection of Minors, and the Title IX office under one department.

How can we all start to think about all of these issues together and how we might address them. They need the community's assistance to perform their duty to report. They want to get the resources to the affected individual in a timely manner to empower them to make a decision. The OIE now has intake coordinators who will review the information and reach out with a list of things that include resources and interim measures. Promoting the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff is Ohio State's top priority and a responsibility we all share. There is no place for sexual misconduct or discrimination of any kind.

Stephen David (Staff Senator) asks about the scope of the office. Right now, their office has about thirty individuals and will grow after an assessment phase.

Will Sullivan (USG Senator) asks if there are any safeguards preventing the lack of reporting that happened at the SCE center. They will ensure that the cases that need to be reported are reported while allowing individuals to decide how they want to pursue the matter as well.

4. Proposal from the Council on Academic Affairs

Jennifer Higginbotham, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs

a. Proposal to Establish a Professional Science Master's Degree program Translational Data Analytics

This is a post-baccalaureate professional degree aimed at employees of local and regional businesses, with a title that conveys essential and applied skills in modern data analysis and computer science, with a target audience of mid-career professionals working in Data Science Analytics. The program addresses the increasing demand for deep analytical skills within business and redresses a skills gap identified by industry at the local and global level. The professional masters will begin with a track in Design and Visualization, adding additional tracks as the program grows in accordance with market need and contingent upon success of the pilot will consider the addition of tracks involving other academic units such as decision science and geographical information systems. The curriculum provides knowledge of fundamental principles of computer science; fundamental principles of data analysis, statistical inference, and machine learning; translational competency, enabling the transfer, application, and validation of analytical methods as well as understanding of data governance obligations and ethics; and mastery of professional skills such as storytelling and translating technical solutions to audiences with varied backgrounds.

Gala Korniyenko (CGS Senator) asks what is meant by data storytelling. They are looking for people to take big data and explain it to a wide variety of individuals. Gala also asks why there seems to be a lack of involvement from the humanities. They are open to different tracks. This initial track is focused on design. The Graduate School will help manage this with a model that permits adding other individuals.

The motion passes.

- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Announcements**
- 8. Adjourn**