**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Assembly**

**January 28, 2020, 3:30 p.m.**

**Room 128 Oakland Center**

**Members present:** Battistuzzi, Berven, D., Berven, K., Charlesworth, Chapman, Cholis, Cooper, Craig, Epstein, Estes, Escobar, Garfinkle, Graves, Guest, Insko, Jamieson, Kidger, Landolt, LaRock, Law-Sullivan, Li, Mathew, McGinnis, Rabii, Trivedi, VanKooten, Wieden

**Members absent:** Battles, Miller, Rosenthall

**Ex-Officio present:** Corcoran, Banes-Berceli, Shively

Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 22, 2019 and November 19, 2019 Meetings**

The minutes of the October 22 and November 19, 2019, meetings were approved.

**2. Amendment of Approved Proposal for New Department—Name Change to Department of Film Studies and Production**

*Motion: To approve an amendment for the name change of a previously approved proposal for a new department to the Department of Film Studies and Production (Graves, Insko)*

The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. All-University Fund Drive (AUFD) Wrap-up**

Lorie Posey was present to provide an update on the All-University Fund Drive, for which $181,000 was raised by the College of Arts and Sciences, without the matching. She was especially excited to announce that the CAS had raised $17,764 for the Finish Line scholarship, and that this year the money had been raised in honor of the leadership of Dean Kevin Corcoran. There was a round of applause. Dean Corcoran expressed his thanks and stated that it is always difficult to choose from among the worthy applicants for this particular scholarship. He said that this money will double the amount that has been given in the past, noting that normally this scholarship is in the amount of $2000. He emphasized that there are students who would not be able to graduate if it were not for this scholarship because in some cases they do not have enough to eat, let alone do they have enough money for tuition and expenses, and so they need extra help.

**4. Proposal for a Master’s in Social Work, *first reading***

Maria Beam (Social Work) was at the meeting to present the proposal for a Master’s degree in Social Work (MSW). She said that social work is a licensed profession, so the MSW will increase the ability of students to work in a variety of jobs. She provided background to the preparation of the proposal, which she said they had begun developing in 2017. She said that Oakland University students want an MSW program on our campus and noted that it is one of two highly sought graduate programs. She said that they had surveyed students, and 86% of those surveyed said they would go on to an MSW program within one to five years, and 80% said they would select OU. Program location was their number one main preference. The majority wanted clinical/macro to be integrated into the program. Ms. Beam stated that there is a demand for the social profession in Michigan (social work, drug abuse, mental health issues, for example). She emphasized that every single class would be integrative (clinical and macro focus), which would make it an advanced generalist program. In response to a question about MSU’s existing MSW program that has been offered on our campus for the past several years, she said OU’s would replace it. In response to a question whether the students from that program would be integrated into this one, she said she would look into that.

**5. Good and Welfare**

Dean Corcoran alerted Assembly members to the upcoming interviews that would be taking place later this semester in April and May for the positions of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and provost. He encouraged members to be aware of the dates when the candidates would be on campus so as to participate in the process.

Mr. Guest announced that Macbeth will be opening soon and encouraged Assembly members to attend a performance.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (Secretary)