

**University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
3:00-5:00 pm
EMU – Crater Lake Rooms**

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Attendance can be found at the end of the minutes.

1. Call to Order: 3:09 pm

1.1 Introductory Remarks – Senate President Chris Sinclair

President Sinclair reviewed a variety of items.

- Sinclair mentioned that he had traveled with the UO delegation to the recent football bowl game, because he was interested in experiencing the new student recruitment event that occurred with it. Sinclair was favorably impressed with the event and pleased to see how many prospective students were interested in the UO for academics.
- Sinclair noted that a lot of people – students, faculty, Senate leaders, and administrators – had invested a great deal of energy since the last Senate meeting in revising the white supremacy/hate speech resolution that the Senate is considering today. He said the goal was to develop a positive, unifying resolution and he thanked all involved for their efforts.
- Sinclair said several revisions had been made to the expedited tenure process resolution to address concerns raised by senators. He noted that the Faculty Personnel Committee and Provost have signed off on those changes and that the resolution will be voted on today.
- Sinclair remarked on the recent reorganization in Undergraduate Studies and said that anyone with concerns should bring them to the Senate for discussion. He mentioned that there will also be a reorganization in the Clark Honors College and said that would be an appropriate subject for Senate discussion, as well. Finally, Sinclair urged the administration to develop a process for resolving conflicts between departments over Institutional Hiring Plan decisions.

2. Approval of Minutes:

2.1 November 29, 2017 – Sinclair called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted.

Motion to amend by revising one sentence and adding another in the section describing the discussion on US 17/18-02: “Resolution to Support the UO Student Collective”. Presented by: Chris Phillips. Second: Huaxin Lin.

Proposed revised text would read: “Senator Huaxin Lin expressed concern that the Senate was inserting itself into the student conduct process when so few senators had attended the event in question and without any documentation about what had transpired. During the time Lin had the floor, his comments were repeatedly interrupted by the Senate President.” (New language is underlined.)

A brief discussion focused on how detailed the minutes should be, what kinds of things should be included, and how willing the Senate is to entertain diverse perspectives.

Vote on amendment: 18 – Yes. 16 – No. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

Vote on amended minutes: Overwhelmingly – Yes. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

3. State of the University:

3.1 Remarks – Jayanth Banavar, UO Provost

Banavar confirmed the administration’s support for the revised expedited tenure process motion and urged senators to support it. He noted that many people and groups had been involved in revising the white supremacy/hate speech resolution and said the process had been collegial and constructive. Banavar said the administration is not opposed to the revised resolution that the Senate will consider today. Finally, Banavar mentioned the transfer articulation project that grew out of HB 2998. He said those involved had completed a very difficult task and he thanked Frances White for her role in helping the group reach a successful conclusion.

4. New Business and Reports

4.1 Discussion/Vote: US 17/18-07: “Proposed Changes in Transfer Articulation from Community Colleges” – Frances White, UO representative to the HECC Curriculum Subcommittee on HB 2998

Frances White said she hopes the Senate will suspend its rules and vote on this motion today, because the HECC will hold a plenary session on Friday (1/19/18) to adopt the foundational curriculum described in the motion. Both the Undergraduate Council and the Committee on Courses have approved the proposed foundational curriculum.

White explained that the proposed foundational curriculum was developed by a Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) subcommittee on which she served. That subcommittee was created due to the passage of HB 2998 by the 2017 legislature. The goal was to produce a common curriculum that would make it easier for Oregon community college students to have all their general education credits transfer directly to any of the Oregon public universities.

The subcommittee, White reported, spent a very intense fall developing a foundational curriculum that meets the needs of all the universities and respects the role of faculty in

making academic decisions. They ultimately decided to base the foundational curriculum on two existing transfer models that have already been adopted by each school's faculty and contain useful definitions of academic field components, but which aren't functioning well enough to ensure smooth transfers from community colleges to universities. These are the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer and the Oregon Transfer Model.

The foundational curriculum consists of 32-43 credits and contains a STEM and Non-STEM version, because some STEM majors require additional pre-major coursework. White noted that while some schools, like Portland State University, will need to make significant adjustments to accommodate the proposed foundational curriculum, the UO will only have to make a few minor changes, since we already accept most transfer credits. White reviewed each section of the foundational curriculum and noted where there were differences with the OTM.

Senators asked about how the foundational curriculum deals with computer science classes, foreign languages, and the UO's multicultural requirements. White noted that universities can require whatever they want in these fields from their own students. The foundational curriculum only affects what they must accept from students transferring in from an Oregon community college. White described the foundational curriculum as offering greater flexibility in the area of cultural literacy, because it can be updated as general education requirements change. She also noted that the HECC's next step will be to deal with the transfer of credits into majors and this will necessarily involve decisions about foreign language requirements.

Motion to suspend the rules and permit a vote on US 17/18-07. Presented by: Frances White. Second: Bill Harbaugh.

Vote: Overwhelmingly - Yes. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

Vote on US 17/18-07: Overwhelmingly – Yes. 1 – No. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

4.2 Discussion: Core Education – President Sinclair and Ron Bramhall,

President Sinclair and Ron Bramhall, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Excellence, offered a PowerPoint presentation to report on the work of the Senate's Core Education Task Force. They said the university hasn't updated its general education requirements since the 1990's and it is unable to show a strong connection between the values in its mission statement and the curriculum. Our accreditors have been pushing the university to strengthen that connection for several years.

The Core Education Task Force will be proposing significant revisions this year to the current general education requirements, including making them simpler and easier to understand, developing better descriptions of the group requirements, articulating the expected learning outcomes, and creating methods for assessing if they've been achieved. The task force will be asking the Senate to establish a Core Education

Council to coordinate the university's ongoing efforts in this area in conjunction with the Academic Council, Undergraduate Council, and Committee on Courses. All task force proposals will be vetted by these existing groups before they are presented to the Senate, Bramhall and Sinclair said. They noted that some of the task force's work dovetails with the transfer articulation work being done by the HECC.

4.3 Vote: US 17/18-04: "UO Senate Adoption of Consent Calendar" – President Sinclair

President Sinclair reviewed the purpose of a consent calendar and briefly described how it would operate. There was no discussion.

Vote on motion: Unanimously – Yes. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

4.4 Vote: US 17/18-01: "Expedited Tenure Process" – President Sinclair

President Sinclair reviewed the changes that had been made to the motion and walked through the expedited tenure process step-by-step. He noted that the process will only involve candidates for full professorship being hired from outside the university. Senator Chris Murray acknowledged that his concerns about an earlier version had been "pretty much" addressed in the revised motion now before the Senate.

Vote on motion: 41 – Yes. 0 – No. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

4.5 Vote: US 17/18-06: "Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy and Hate Speech on UO Campus" – Senator Arian Mobasser

Motion to amend the original motion and insert new language as posted on the Senate website. Presented by: Arian Mobasser. Second: Keegan Williams-Thomas.

Vote: Unanimously – Yes. Moved/Seconded/Carried to amend.

Motion to amend the amended version of the motion to address concerns about free speech and to create an ad hoc committee that will provide education about white supremacy to the campus. Presented by: Susan Gary. Second: Lori Robare.

Susan Gary said she supports the resolution, but is concerned that Sections 1.5 and 1.6 seem to suppress speech, so she proposes to eliminate them. She is proposing a new section in the "Resolves" that would result in at least four plaques being placed on campus addressing white supremacy. Gary sees this as a way for the university to take more concrete action regarding this problem.

After some discussion about the various pieces of the proposed amendment, Randy Sullivan, substituting for Senator Tom Greenbowe, suggested that each section of the amendment be voted on separately.

Motion to retain Section 1.5 in the amended version of the motion. Presented by: Randy Sullivan. Second: Arian Mobasser.

The proposed language of Section 1.5 reads: “Whereas far right and White Supremacist organizations historically and currently used disingenuous appeals to “free speech” in order to gain access to public universities, and”.

Vote to call the question: Overwhelmingly – Yes. 1 – No.

Vote to retain Section 1.5: 26 – Yes. 14 – No. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

Several senators continued to express reservations about aspects of Section 1.5 now that is to be included in the amended motion.

Motion to amend Section 1.5 by deleting “disingenuous”, removing the quotation marks from free speech, and changing “used” to “uses”. Presented by: Arian Mobasser. Second: Randy Sullivan.

Vote to call the question: Unanimously – Yes.

Vote on the amendment to Section 1.5: Overwhelmingly – Yes. 1 – No. Moved/seconded/carried.

Motion to refer the amended motion to the Senate Executive Committee for review before further consideration by the Senate. Presented by: William Harbaugh. Second: Cheryl Ernst.

Vote to refer: Unanimously – Yes.

5. Open Discussion: None

6. Reports: None

7. Notice(s) of Motion: President Sinclair reported that the Core Education Task Force will be presenting a motion to create a new Senate committee – the Core Education Council.

8. Other Business: None

9. Adjournment: 5:02 pm

Attendance:

University Senate Members – 2016-17				Date: January 17, 2018			
Senators	Pres	Abs	Exc	Senators	Pres	Abs	Exc

CAS – Natural Sciences				School of Music and Dance			
Elliot Berkman		X		Jack Boss	X		
Ilya Bindeman	X			Toby Koenigsberg	X		
Hans Dreyer			X				
Jennifer Freyd	X			Clark Honors College			
Tom Greenbowe (Sullivan)			X	Monique Balbuena		X	
Anthony Hornof	X						
Huaxin Lin	X			Other Academic Units			
Christopher Minson	X			Edward Davis	X		
N. Christopher Phillips	X						
				Librarians			
CAS – Social Sciences				Elizabeth Peterson	X		
Bill Harbaugh (Vice Pres.)	X			Lori Robare	X		
Katie Meehan	X						
Madonna Moss	X			Officers of Administration			
Eileen Otis	X			Cheryl Ernst	X		
Mike Urbancic	X			Keith Frazee	X		
				Marcus Langford	X		
CAS – Humanities							
Lowell Bowditch		X		Students			
Cristina Calhoon	X			Luci Charlton	X		
Pedro Garcia-Caro	X			Cali Hodge	X		
Alison Groppe	X			Arian Mobasser	X		
Colin Koopman	X			Alexandra Pear		X	
Mark Whalan	X			Keegan Williams-Thomas	X		
Alejandro Vallega	X						
David Wacks	X			Classified Staff			
				Theodora Ko Thompson (Vidmar)			X
Architecture and Allied Arts				Terry McQuilkin	X		
Liska Chan	X			Valerie Mickelson (Galli)			X
Laura Leete	X						
Richard Margerum	X			Career NTF Research			
Sylvan Lionni			X	Greg Bryant (Bragg)			X
College of Education				Academic Council Chair			
Beth Harn			X	Frances White	X		
Christopher Murray	X						
John Seeley	X			Ex-Officio			
				Chris Sinclair, Vice President	X		
Journalism and Comm.				Michael Schill, UO President	X		
Christopher Chavez		X		Jayanth Banavar, UO Provost	X		
				Amy Schenk, ASUO President	X		
School of Law				Angela Wilhelms, St.Fac.Ex.Crd		X	
Susan Gary	X			Stephanie McGee, Parliamen.	X		
				Betina Lynn, Sen. Exec. Coord.	X		

College of Business				Kurt Willcox, Sen. Prog. Asst.	X		
Jennifer Ellis	X						
Ali Emami			X				

Guests: Hannah Kanik, Chuck Triplett, Sierra Dawson, Scott Pratt, Melanie Muenzer, Kevin Reed, Ron Bramhall, Leah Middlebrook, Rob Kyr, Jimmy Murray, Melina Pastos, Doneka Scott, Justice Lawrence, Calvin Burke, Kyra Solis, Isabel Courtelis, Lucas Vireday, Caroline Crisp, Aviva Kaye-Diamond, and Amira Borders.