



## **University Senate Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2022**

**3:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Zoom**

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

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### **Call to Order:** 3:03 P.M.

Land Acknowledgment; Stephanie Prentiss

### **Introductory Remarks:**

Spike Gildea, Senate President

- Senate leadership are hearing concerns from a number of sources regarding current response to COVID. It is important that folks pause and reflect in our interactions with each other as we continue to adapt to an ever-evolving situation. There are no easy answers and no clear consensus among the campus community on the “right” path forward. There is consistent communication happening at all levels and we will continue to be highly communicative as new information becomes available.

ASUO updates; Maxwell Ely and Claire O’Connor

- Duck Nest (part of University Health Services) has become a hub in EMU for student wellness. It has reached the end of 7 years’ worth of funding and ASUO is attempting to fill the gap to prevent a lapse in program services. These funds (\$95,000.00) had originally been earmarked for a new program to support students who have been part of the foster system and have unique needs as college students. The ASUO is considering making this a recurring budget expense, but is also in talks with a couple folks to strategize around long-term solutions to keep the program from closing.
- Pass/Fail policies: changes to the policy were made during first 3 terms of COVID that are causing some issues for students with some feeling not enough information is available during week 7 to make an informed decision. The ASUO may go to the Academic Council to seek their assistance in finding a mutually agreeable solution.

### **State of the University:**

Provost Patrick Phillips

- We have a highly vaccinated campus and are moving towards implementing a booster requirement. This will be phased approach due to 6-month lag between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses - the dates for individuals will vary. More details will be provided shortly.
- We remain in regular communication with other university leadership to continue to respond effectively and make the best use of our collective expertise, experience and resources.



- Since very early on during this pandemic we have been very flexible in providing accommodations as needed, particularly for those who are immunocompromised or have family who are immunocompromised. We have a very permissive liberal policy allowing faculty to have a high degree of control and input into their methods of instructional delivery. For those with continued questions and concerns, TEP is a great resource to tap into.
- Reminder: It was the Academic Council, a Senate body, who asked faculty to record their lectures. This is meant to provide educational access at some minimal level, but does not have to be an online professionally designed recording. Please consult TEP website for help in navigating what “record” means for a particular course. We understand this will vary widely.
- We have received a high number of requests for KN95 masks. We have confirmed with Purchasing that 40,000 masks arrived yesterday and another 290,000 masks are on their way). We will be making those available for those who are in person and are working on a policy for distribution.
- We continue to provide testing for almost all K – 9 classes in southern Oregon. In addition to our asymptomatic testing services, we are now providing symptomatic testing through the ticket window at Mac Court.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

- [December 1, 2021](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

### **New Business:**

- Intro/discussion: Students would like to add “food security” to syllabus language; Ella Meloy

Shared document currently under construction by ASUO: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eW-OVuy0kuQpLdIsPvftV-XWVQ2OMyzFix-WGRz5TLc/edit?usp=sharing>

It was suggested by folks in the audience, this type of mandate may already exist and if students are not seeing it, than some syllabi may be out of compliance. Document referenced:

<https://provost.uoregon.edu/syllabus-guidelines>

Folks may continue conversation “offline” to follow up with student concerns. It is unclear whether topic will return to full senate at a future meeting.

- Discussion - [US21/22-07: Overarching Changes to UO Senate Committee System](#); Dan Tichenor (Senate VP, Chair of Committee on Committees)

There were a couple of concerns around precisely which types of “technical edits” would/should be allowed by the Senate Executive Coordinator. Motion will come back to the Senate for a vote at a future meeting.



- Discussion: [US21/22-08: Disband the Tenure Reduction, Retirement, & Emeriti Committee](#); Dan Tichenor (Senate VP, Chair of Committee on Committees)

Some concerns expressed around disbanding the committee altogether. It was suggested that committee could transition to one that is only populated when needed. Motion will come back to the Senate for a vote at a future meeting.

- Vote: [US21/22-06: A New System of the Evaluation of Teaching](#); Kara Clevinger (CAS - English, Co-Chair of CIET Committee)

**M/S/C – Motion approved:** 28 yeases, 9 no’s, 4 abstentions.

**Open Discussion:**

**Reports:** None

**Notice of Motion:** None

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment:** 5:03 P.M.

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**Attendance:**

**Present:** Dan Tichenor (Senate Vice President), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Sandy Weintraub (Parliamentarian), Bronwen Maxson (in for Gabriele Hayden), Spike Gildea (Senate President), Edward Davis, N. Chris Phillips, Hans Dreyer, Kelly Sutherland, Allen alony, Michelle Wood, Craig Kaufmann, Leslie McLees, Bill Harbaugh, Matthew Norton, Ryan Light, Zhuo Jing-Schmidt, Harinder Khalsa, Stephen Rust, Kristy Bryant-Berg, Don Daniels, Maram Epstein, Gerard Sandoval, Nico Larco, Renee Irvin, Gina Biancarosa, Jessica Cronce, Autumn Shafer, Mohsen Manesh, Robin Clement, Yoav Dubinsky, Jack Boss, Brad Garner, Casey Shoop, Elly Vandegrift, Becky Girvan, Maxwell Ely, Jenna Travers, Raul Patel, Brandon Pinzon, Kavi Shresta, Jay Butler, Theo Ko Thompson, Stephanie Prentiss, Josh Razink, Frances White.

**Excused:** Anthony Hornof, Kate Thornhill, Ben Clarke,

**Absent:** Kenlei Cowell, Anna Schmidt

**Guests:** Richie Hunter, Gavin Gamez, Andy Karduna, Tim Inman, Ron Bramhall, Patrick Phillips, Mike Schill, Spencer Bellerby, Elliot Berkman, Gabe Paquette, Greg Stripp, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Kassy Fisher, Kevin Reed, Kimberly Johnson, Lee Rumbarger, Ella Meloy, Jason Stone.