



University Senate Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:04 P.M.

- Land Acknowledgment; Sandy Weintraub
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dan Tichenor
 - University Senate and Committee elections are open - please vote.
 - The previously mentioned Commencement working group is meeting and we will receive updates shortly. Ideally the working group will complete their analysis and have recommendations to share by June 2023.
- New UO President Karl Scholz
 - Brief overview of who he is and his vision for the UO:
 - High hopes the UO can continue to improve 4-year graduation rates.
 - Improved Career planning and advising.
 - Improved student services and advising.
 - “Curiosity-driven research”
- ASUO Updates; Heather Barclay
 - New program to register student parties – goal is to serve as a precursor to noise complaints. Police won’t show up until the second complaint for formally registered parties. So far have had 100 people have gone through the training and recent registered parties received no citations.
 - ASUO elections will open Tuesday and go through Friday of next week.

Approval of the Minutes:

- [March 15, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

State of the University:

Interim Provost Janet Woodruff-Borden

- Welcome Karl Scholz
- The Commencement advisory group is getting started on their work and has been asked to provide a recommendation for 2024-2028. Their role is to gather input: on timing and format, from stakeholders, research best practices and ultimately put together a proposal for UO President. A survey will be circulated asking for feedback.
- Academic Hiring:



- The search for a new Honors College dean is underway.
- The Director of MNCH search has begun.
- There is an internal search to replace Gabe Paquette to oversee tenure and promotion, among other portfolio pieces, in the Office of the Provost.
- Administrative leadership hiring - 2 searches: VP of Advancement, VP of Communications. We are using an external search firm.
- Climate Survey: unit, school, college level work will continue this spring. Vice presidents and deans are sharing data with their areas. There will be a chance to participate in discussions.

New Business:

- [US22/23-15: Name Change of the Committee on Committees](#); Gerard Sandoval (Senate VP & President Elect, Chair of Committee on Committees)

M/C- Motion approved with 32 yeases, 1 no, 0 abstentions.

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- Faculty Trustee – Ed Madison, SOJC
 - Brief summary of Board of Trustee jurisdiction, process, quarterly meetings and how members grow into their roles and contribute.
- Course Approval; Alison Schmitke (Chair of Course Approval task force)
 - Report attached to agenda on Senate website.
 - Formal legislation will be brought to the University Senate at a future meeting.

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Chris Phillips, Dan Tichenor (Senate President), Gerard Sandoval (Senate Vice President), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary and Parliamentarian), James Schombert, Peter Warnek, Elly Vandegrift, Anthony Hornof, Yoav Dubinsky, Adelle Iseri, Ann Shaffer, Dayna Chatman, Craig Kauffman, Harinder Khalsa, Matthew Norton, Melissa Bowers, Bob Choquette, Frances White, Erik Ford (subbing for Ali Emami), Bjorn Smars, Fabienne Moore, Barbara Muraca, Josh Razink, Elise O’Brien, Hans Dreyer, Heather Barclay, Jay Butler, Robin Clement, Kris Kyle, Natalie Hawkins, Bill Harbaugh, Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie, Gina Biancarosa, Jordan Pridemore, Stephen Rust, Dare Baldwin, Sara Mason, Edward Davis, Ryan Light.

Excused:



Absent:

Guests: Ed Madison, Alison Schmitke, Sarah Beth Seymore, Beth Harn(?), Jennifer Winters, Keith Frazee, Carolyn Vogt, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Carol Gering, Ron Bramhall, Nathan Jacobs, Maggie Bosworth, Tim Inman, Sarah Strickler, Kassy Fisher, Karl Scholz, John Scholl, Sam Schwartz.