



University Senate Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022

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; Ann Shaffer
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dan Tichenor
 - Gratitude for task force collaborative work this year, including on Course Approval and Commencement conversations.
 - How might we utilize AI programs like Chat GPT? Upcoming presentation by Lee Rumbarger and colleagues to highlight positives and practical uses in the classroom.
- ASUO Updates; Heather Barclay
 - ASUO Spring Street Fair next week Tuesday - Friday

Approval of the Minutes:

- [April 12, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

State of the University:

Interim Provost Janet Woodruff-Borden

- Institutional Hiring Plan
 - The Office of the Provost authorized more proposals than usual as we are in an intentional growth phase right now.
 - The plan was published yesterday. There are 83 total TTF searches - 66 are new searches, the remaining 17 continuing from the current academic year and will continue into next year, if that becomes necessary.
 - We are endeavoring to provide an environment where faculty can thrive, and we are seeking to balance the needs of individual units and the overall institutional needs.
 - We are excited about many of the new hires/lines, including 5 in Latin scholarship, 10 in Sports Wellness, and many others.
- Retention Summit
 - We hope folks were able to attend the event last Wednesday, which included a poster session, a facilitated panel. We received actionable input.
 - Overall we are happy with the outcome – many reported finding it refreshing.



- Awards/accolades – new page on the Provost’s website – please check it out, and, consider nominating someone. We are eager to celebrate folks’ scholarship and contributions to the UO.

New Business:

- Intro: [US22/23-17: Non-UO Credit Professional Development Program Review Process](#); Frances White

Brief review/discussion of the review process for Non-UO credit-bearing courses and programs, with a proposed revised process. This motion will be brought back to the Senate for a vote at a future meeting.

- Intro: [US22/23-18: Revision to Bylaws of the UO Senate to Facilitate Continued Online Participation](#); Gina Biancarosa

Brief review of motion. This motion will be brought back to the UO Senate for a vote at a future meeting.

- Intro: [US22/23-19: Revision to Bylaws of the UO Senate to Clarify the Role of the Senate Vice President](#); Gina Biancarosa

Brief review of motion. This motion will be brought back to the UO Senate for a vote at a future meeting.

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- Retention of Faculty of Color; Gerard Sandoval, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher

Please see the agenda on the UO Senate website for related materials, including slide presentation.

- Chat GPT; Lee Rumbarger, Jason Schreiner, Phil Colbert (CIS)
 - Teaching and AI Systems: <https://teaching.uoregon.edu/teaching-and-ai-systems>
 - Opinion: Students are going to find a way to use these tools – how do we want to guide this?
 - Phil Colbert (CIS faculty using these programs in courses):
 - These programs can be helpful in writing computer code, provided you have already acquired the fundamentals and can check it for accuracy. These programs are not a replacement for learning the basics but can be a useful tool when harnessed correctly and appropriately.
 - AI tools are already overloaded, so asking students to use them for deadline-specific assignments might not be fair or reasonable– Chat GPT recently went down for 2 days. As a result, perhaps faculty don’t need to be as worried about academic misconduct as they might otherwise be inclined, in terms of total potential volume of infractions.
 - Challenge for faculty: in courses, how can you use these tools to augment student learning rather than viewing them as entirely detrimental?

Notice of Motion: None



Other Business: None

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary and Parliamentarian), Dan Tichenor (Senate President), Gerard Sandoval (Senate Vice President), Gina Biancarosa, Kris Kyle, Joshua Razink, Robin Clement, James Schombert, Peng Lu, Hans Dreyer, Peter Warnek, Craig Kauffman, Bob Choquette, Jay Butler, Anthony Hornof, Chris Phillips, Stephen Rust, Frances White, Adelle Iseri, Sara Mason, Natalie Hawkins, Heather Barclay, Yoav Dubinsky, Dayna Chatman, Bjorn Smars, Nick Sloss, Bill Harbaugh, Edward Davis, Matthew Norton, Ann Shaffer, Beth Harn, Fabienne Moore, Brad Garner, Ali Emami, Harinder Khalsa, Jordan Pridemore, Melissa Bowers, Ryan Light, Barbara Muraca, Eleanor Vandegrift, Carrie McCurdy.

Excused:

Absent: Dare Baldwin, Kelli Matthews, Leslie McLees, Chris Michlig, Jack Boss, Barbara Mossberg, Benedict McWhirter, Kate Thornhill, Natalie Hawkins, Elise O'Brien, Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie.

Guests: Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Miriam Rigby, Ron Bramhall, Sam Schwartz, Kevin Reed, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Jennifer Winters, Phil Colbert, Lesley-Anne Pittard, Lee Rumbarger, Jason Schreiner, Kassy Fisher, Carol Gering.