



University Senate Meeting Minutes

March 15, 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; Fabienne Moore
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dan Tichenor
 - Thank you to former Interim President Patrick Phillips for his leadership during this time of transition.
 - Updates: senate leadership wishes to recognize and give thanks for the tireless efforts of our two primary task forces this year on Course Approval, chaired by Alison Schmitke, and University Service, led by Spike Gildea, Gerard Sandoval and Mike Urbancic. Final report from the Course Approval task force will be brought to the Senate during Spring term 2023. The work of the University Service task force will continue into next year.
 - Senate leadership recently had the opportunity to meet with our new University President and explain the role and function of our University Senate. We look forward to working with him more closely in the months ahead.
 - Brief remarks from Interim President Jamie Moffit:
 - New UO President John Karl Scholz will start officially on July 1, 2023.
 - Janet taking point on all academic matters and will be primary point of contact for the Senate for the next few months.
- ASUO Updates; Heather Barclay
 - Recently received approval for the proposed ASUO budget for fiscal year 2024.
 - Selected Amineh as headliner for upcoming Spring concert - student tickets sold out the same day they went on sale.

Approval of the Minutes:

- [March 1, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

State of the University:

Interim Provost Janet Woodruff-Borden

- Excited to welcome and begin working with new UO President (John) Karl Scholz, who is an amazing scholar and leader, and brings tremendous experience and new energy to the UO.



- Thank you to former Interim President Patrick Phillips and the opportunity to work closely with him over the last several years to remake the Office of the Provost into what it is now.
- Last week CAS finalized its Commencement program for 2023. There will be 5 programs/ceremonies where students will walk across a stage and be recognized individually. The plans for Commencement are now set for this year. A Commencement advisory workgroup has been formed and includes senators – they will start to meet next week and continue working during spring term. One of their tasks will be to collect information on when folks want to hold ceremonies, timing, look for best practices, and ultimately develop a 5- year plan (2024 – 2028). There will be an opportunity for folks to provide feedback in April when this initiative begins.
- Faculty retention: the Office of the Provost is focusing its efforts on improving faculty experiences on campus and fostering a sense of belonging and engagement. We will be hold “Inclusive excellence and action” events , a 4-event series, (first event was held on March 3m 2023). This project is funded by an HHMI Grant for 6 years. Three more events will be held during Spring 2023. Keep an eye out for the scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – the Faculty Success: Inclusive Recruitment and Retention Summit, which will include a panel, a poster session, and breakout sessions. This project is partly an outgrowth of the recent work by Gerard Sandoval and Charlotte Moats-Gallagher to address campus climate concerns for faculty.

New Business:

- Vote: [US22/23-16: Approval of Curriculum Report, Winter 2023](#); Frances White

M/C – motion approved unanimously.

- Vote: [US22/23-13: Revised Employee Grievance policy](#); Katy Krieger, Patricia Lambert, Tanya Gupta

M/S/C – motion approved with 35 yeses, 1 no, 1 abstention.

- Vote: [US22/23-12: Concerning the Timing and Manner of Graduation Ceremonies](#); Bill Harbaugh

M/S/C – motion approved with 36 yeses, 1 abstention.

- [US22/23-15: Name Change of the Committee on Committees](#); Gerard Sandoval

Brief overview of motion. It will be brought back to the Senate for a vote at a future meeting.

Open Discussion:

Reports:

- University Service; Spike Gildea, Mike Urbancic, Gerard Sandoval (Slide presentation attached to agenda on website)

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business:



- Intro: AR Razdan, VPRI

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy Weintraub, Betina Lynn, Ann Shaffer, Peter Warnek, Barbara Muraca, Ali Emami, Gerard Sandoval, Robin Clement, Kris Kyle, Frances White, Adelle Iseri, James Schombert, Dan Tichenor, Chris Phillips, Gina Biancarosa, Hans Dreyer, Fabienne Moore, Ryan Light, Jay Butler, Bob Choquette, Yoav Dubinsky, Heather Barclay, Jack Boss, Jordan Pridemore, Nick Sloss, Beth Harn, Harinder Khalsa, Natalie Hawkins, Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie, Edward Davis, Phillip Speranza, Anthony Hornof, Bill Harbaugh, Stephen Rust, Bjorn Smars, Sara Mason, Brad Garner, Matthew Norton, Melisa Bowers,

Excused: Peng Lu, Craig Kauffman, Elly Vandegrift.

Absent:

Guests: Mike Urbancic, Spike Gildea, Jamie Moffitt, Katy Krieger, Ryan Hildebrand, Ron Bramhall, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Kathy Stroud, Kassy Fisher, AR Razdan, Jennifer Winters, Reilly Norgren,