



University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 25, 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; Gerard Sandoval
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Gerard Sandoval
 - Updates on priorities:
 - Now have a work group for University Service project: Troy Elias (Office of the Provost), Renee Irvin (Office of the Provost), Sara Mason (Senator, Business School), Mike Urbancic (Chair of United Academics, Economics), Jack Boss (School of Music and Dance). Primary task – take report from task force to streamline it and strategize implementation of some of the recommendations, such as the “dashboard” to identify and track service, provide guidance to units on how to redistribute service loads, etc.
 - Rebuilding our relationship with the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS). New representative(s): Pedro Garcia-Caro (Romance Languages) elected. Andiel Brown will serve as alternate (recently attended the October mtg in Corvallis).
 - Academic Continuity Plan:
 - Transparency: with every step of developing their set of recommendations, the Academic Council has endeavored to be as transparent as possible and welcome folks to participate and provide feedback. President Sandoval sees this work as a means to give the Senate a voice if/when an academic disruption/emergency occurs. Without such a plan, all decisions would revert to university administration, resulting in a loss of shared governance and faculty voices/participation.
 - Research into Senate archives reveals that during the previous strike, administrators hired outside consultants to develop gradient plan. The UO Senate pushed back against this action and developed a task force that laid the groundwork for what became the Academic Continuity Plan, to ensure a process that has Senate/faculty input.
 - Fall 2023: Academic Council Recommendations for Academic Disruption document developed and circulated to Senators for review and feedback.
 - Senate leadership want a better sense of Senators feelings about the situation and what our strategy/response should be in the event of an academic disruption.



- ASUO Updates; Ravi Cullop
 - Interested in UO Thermal task force forum, project discussions and feedback sessions.
 - Still in the process of hiring students to the election board and the one academic senate seat that remains unfilled at present.
 - Taking an interest in the athletics band travel uniforms since ASUO funds go to support this and want to assess its value.
 - Recently conducted an analysis of the ASUO Street Fair and discovered that volunteer attendance and security are topics to focus on moving forward, particularly as ASUO plans for the Spring 2024 occurrence.
 - Several events planned for Winter term 2024 and you can find more information on the ASUO Instagram feed.

Approval of the Minutes:

- [October 4, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved

UO Pres Remarks:

Interim Provost Janet Woodruff-Borden

- Strategic Engagement Process:
 - Campus-wide emails on “UO Onward” strategic engagement process will be going out today, so keep an eye out for them. This effort will help in setting up “a focus course for building on successes and delivering on our mission of providing world-class education, curiosity-driven scholarship and positively impacting the community, state and broader society.”
 - Framework for discussions will be focused on three areas: student learning & achievement (including improving foreign sector graduation rates), scholarship and service, and campus belonging (including as it relates to the Campus Climate Survey and the areas identified for improvement).
- Academic Continuity:
 - As you know the university is currently negotiating with the GTFF. The GTFF declared an impasse last Thursday. We will continue to negotiate with the help of a mediator and have three sessions planned in an effort to reach agreement on a successor contract.
 - The latest information about negotiations, bargaining principles, timelines, etc. can be found on the HR website.
- Celebration of faculty: we wish to take a moment to celebrate the 126 faculty who were recognized last week for receiving promotion or tenure earlier this year. This is the largest group of faculty promoted or receiving tenure in recent memory.



New Business:

- Vote - [US23/24-01: New Program Proposal - Ed.S. in Educational Leadership](#); Sylvia Thompson (Special Education and Clinical Sciences), Julie Alonzo (Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership)

M/S/C – motion approved with 35 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Updates: Academic Advising; Kimberly Johnson (Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success)

Presentation/AY 2022-2023 report: <https://uess.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2023-09/uess-annual-report-final-digital-reduced.pdf>

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- Government Relations; Trent Lutz (Associate Vice President for State Affairs), Jenna Adams-Kalloch (Senior Director for State Affairs)

[Slide Presentation](#)

- Academic Continuity; Frances White (Academic Council, Anthropology), Ron Bramhall (Associate Vice Provost for Academic Excellence)

[Slide Presentation](#)

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Betina Lynn, Gerard Sandoval, Sandy Weintraub, Alison Schmitke, David Cosottile, Kathy Stroud, Maria Soto Cuesta, Ann Shaffer, Emily Beck, Ravi Cullop, Frances White, Yoav Dubinsky, Eleanor Vandegrift, Peng Lu, Jana Prikryl, Bjorn Smars, Dyana Mason, Dayna Chatman, Bob Choquette, Daniel Vo, Jimmy Howard, Jay Butler, Harinder Khalsa, Kikachi Akpakwu, Micah Warren, Kate Mills, Melynda Casement, Stephen Rust, Nick Sloss, Sara Mason, Fisher Isenberg, Won Kim, Anthony Hornof, Beth Harn, Erica Bornstein, Robin Clement, Lillian Duran, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Jane Cramer, Melissa Bowers, Raoul Lievanos, Carrie McCurdy, Ali Emami, Jiabin Wu.

Excused:

Absent: Peter Warnek, James Schombert, Matthew Norton, Barbara Mossberg, Chris Michlig, Philip Speranza, Lillian Duran, Kelli Matthews, Andiel Brown, Mohamed Mounir.



Guests: DeAnna Heying, Meredith Jacobson, Allison Blade, Ron Bramhall, Alison Helzer, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Kimberly Johnson, Camie, Sylvia Thompson, Krista Parent, Lillian Duran, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Kassy Fisher, Jenna Adams-Kalloch, Jennifer Winters, Katy Krieger, Sarah Strickler, Joe Erickson, GTFF, Trent Lutz, President GTFF, Jesse Summers, Aaron Gullickson, Tim Inman, Jason Schreiner, Victoria DeRose, Emily Beatty (GTFF), Organizing GTFF, Alex Rosen (GTFF), Lissie Connors (GTFF), Rocky Penick (GTFF)