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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

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### **Call to Order:** 3:04 P.M.

- Land Acknowledgment; Dr. Charlotte Moats-Gallagher (title)
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Gerard Sandoval
  - Creation of Significant Academic Disruption (S.A.D.) task force to look at amending the academic continuity policy created in 2019
- ASUO Updates; Ravi Cullop
  - Ongoing preparations for upcoming Spring ASUO concert
  - ASUO approved ballot measures for winter election: reapportion ASUO senate seats, cut referendum funding for contracting services
  - Working on a resolution to re-evaluate university policy on inclement weather

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

- [November 29, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

### **UO Pres Remarks:**

University President Karl Scholz

- Brief overview about how decisions are made to cancel classes and/or close campus when there is inclement weather.
- Will re-engage with campus during Spring 2024 to finalize strategic priorities and discuss next steps.
- Newly ratified contract with the GTFF. Gratitude to the bargaining team for a successful resolution.
- Bring Provost candidates to campus end of this term and ideally have a new Provost in place by summer 2024. Grateful to Karen Ford stepping in as interim, invaluable resource.
- New searches launching for Deans of the Clark Honors College and the Lundquist College of Business. Also gearing up to launch a search for a new Vice President of Student Life.
- Tuition & Fees Advisory Board to begin meeting soon, and will include a public forum. Dates and more information will be provided shortly.



## **New Business:**

- Appropriate Technology, SharePoint, records/network security; Vera Keller (CAS - History)
  - <https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/un-admits-data-breach-from-unpatched-sharepoint-vulnerability/>
  - <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2021/10/12/security-oversight-harvard-administration/>

Brief presentation and discussion regarding the adoption of new technology and software platforms, how this is impacting faculty and academic departments. Desire to have a larger to discussion with IT around “appropriate technology,” concerns about SharePoint and the security of records (many types of unit records are being moved to SharePoint – is this the best strategy?), and whether more consultation is needed with a broader audience before new technology decisions are made and implemented on campus.

There are concerns about the rate at which we are attempting to harness and adapt to new platforms, and whether these platforms are the “best fit” to meet the needs of the university.

- Vote: [US23/24-02: Student Grievance Procedures](#); Katy Krieger

Amendment to Step 2 of the document:

Step 2 (APPEAL): If the student is not satisfied with the decision at Step 1, **or has not received a response**, the student may appeal by sending a written Step 2 grievance to the dean or vice president of the unit or college where the issue arose.

Motion to amend: **M/S/C – motion approved** with 31 yeases, 1 no, 0 abstentions.

Main motion: **M/S/C – motion approved** with 32 yeases, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Intro: [US23/24-06: Military and Federal Agency Deployment Accommodation Rights Policy](#); Sandy Weintraub (UO Senate), Robin Clement (Business, Senator), Maria Kalnbach (Office of the Dean of Students), LTC Joseph Snyder

Brief intro of policy proposal. Motion will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

- Updates: University Service workgroup; Gerard Sandoval (Senate President), Jack Boss (Music), Renee Irvin (College of Design), Mike Urbancic (CAS - Economics)
  - [Service Dashboard intro and images](#)

Conclusion of tasks undertaken by working group. Proposal is now being forward to the Office of the Provost to disseminate to units to consider implementation of a “dashboard” to track and measure faculty service.

- Updates: Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS); Senate President Gerard Sandoval

Brief report of items discussed at the February IFS mtg. Some schools are interested in beginning a discussion around transitioning from a quarter system to a semester system, though all are aware such a move would require a years-long transition.

**Open Discussion:** None

**Reports:** None

**Notice of Motion:** None



**Other Business:** None

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

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**Attendance:**

**Present:** Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary), Gerard (Senate President), Alison Schmitke (Senate Vice President), Ravi Cullop, Micah Warren, Ann Shaffer, Philip Speranza, Harinder Khalsa, Frances White, David Cosottile, Bob Choquette, Jane Cramer, Jana Prikryl, Peng Lu, Jay Butler, Maria Soto, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Carrie McCurdy, Stephen Rust, Beth Harn, Yoav Dubinsky, Robin Clement, Anthony Hornof, Daniel Vo, Raoul Lievanos, Barbara Muraca, Erik Ford, Dyana Mason, Emily Beck, Matthew Norton, Melynda Casement, Erica Bornstein, Dayna Chatman, Nick Sloss, Jimmy Howard, Andiel Brown, Jiabin Wu.

**Excused:**

**Absent:** Kikachi Akpakwu, Fisher Isenberg, Bjorn Smars, Kelli Matthews, Kathryn Mills, James Schombert, Wonkak Kim, Peter Warnek, Mohamed Mounir, Melissa Bowers, Sara Mason.

**Guests:** Karl Scholz, Maggie Bosworth, Alexander Aghdaei, Kathy Stroud, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Taliek Lopez-Duboff, Mike Urbancic, Maria Kalnbach, Karen Ford, Ron Bramhall, Bill Harbaugh, Kassy Fisher, Lillian Duran, Vera Keller, Jennifer Winters, Chuck Kalnbach, Katy Krieger, Debbie Sharp, Lesli Larson, Joe Snyder, Allison Blade.