



University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

EMU Redwood Auditorium

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:10 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Alison Schmitke
 - UO Senate committing to one in-person meeting per term to acknowledge and reaffirm the connections lost in our Zoom format.
 - Admissions play a pivotal role in making sure the UO is vibrant and diverse – also directly impacts financial health of the university – heavily reliant on tuition revenue (esp. out of state)
 - Labor: Ongoing faculty and student worker negotiations are fundamentally tied to the health of the university, are at the heart of the student experience, and support the UO academic mission.
 - Upcoming: Revamp of Senate Budget Committee might help us better align university resources to meet our various demands.
- ASUO Updates; Taliek Lopez-Duboff
 - Happy week 10 – we made it!
 - Ohio Big 10 visit was a success and the beginning of many positive relationships with students at other Big 10 institutions.
 - Working with sustainability center, specifically as it relates to the conversation around how to modernize the campus heating system.
 - Working on Snap and EBT collaboration for students to support food security for students
 - Have identified areas of campus that need to be made safer – developed a map (Location Innovation map) – soon to be live.
 - Basic needs and higher ed funding bills – putting together a contingent of students for legislative lobby days.
 - Taliek went to D.C. to talk about UO student voter registration efforts
 - Working with state partners to collaborate with Big 10 institutions... hope to have a program in place for 2026 mid-term elections

Approval of the Minutes:

- [November 20, 2024](#)

Minutes stand as approved.



UO Pres Remarks:

University Provost Chris Long

- Collaboration, trust, respect, grace: a few of the values we established at the September Orientation in Gerlinger – grateful for the opportunity to revisit these values as we continue building our relationship and collaborations.
- Oregon Rising goals: timely graduation, flourishing, career readiness, accelerate UO impact – this framework has defined our goals and strategies and how we will measure our performance moving forward:
 - Feedback and collaboration from across the institution are both welcome and a must to bring our goals to fruition.
 - Universities are living organisms and we need to think about the habits we are cultivating in our relationships with each other. The Senate, along with the UOCC and student success committees, will be essential in the relationships we are cultivating across campus and will be integral to Oregon Rising
 - Alison Schmitke will be a member of the Student Success Action Team (which will be vital to our strategic goals, including improving our 4- and 6-year graduation rates)
 - Alison Schmitke also a member of curricular analysis group – in the Provost’s Office, working with school and department liaisons and talking about curriculum changes that are coming (possibly to Core Ed offerings).
 - Appreciation for the efforts of the Academic Requirements Committee and the Scholastic Review Committee and the important work they do – including current efforts to streamline their processes and provide additional information on what barriers to graduation exist.
 - Desire to expand Pathway Oregon to the degree that we can, which will require additional philanthropic donations.

New Business:

- Vote: [US24/25-05: Revision to Charge and Membership of the Scholastic Review Committee](#); Dyana Mason (Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance, Senate VP)

M/S – motion approved with 27 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Vote: [US24/25-06: Revision of Charge of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance](#); Dyana Mason (Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance, Senate VP)

M/S – motion approved with 29 or 30 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Vote: [US24/25-07: New Program Proposal - Materials Science and Technology](#); Jayson Paulose (Physics)

M/S – motion approved with 28 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Vote: [US24/25-08: Approval of Curriculum Report, Fall 2024](#); Christian Cherry (Co-Chair of UOCC, School of Music & Dance), Matthew Norton (Co-Chair of UOCC, Sociology)



M/S – motion approved with

- Discussion: [US24/25-09: Renaming and Updating the Charge for the Committee on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence](#); Dyana Mason (Senate Vice President, Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

Brief introduction and discussion of the proposal. This motion will be brought back to a future UO Senate mtg for further review and a vote.

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

Enrollment, graduation rates; Jim Brooks (Interim Vice President for Student Services & Enrollment Management)

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 4:59 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Alison Schmitke (Senate President), Dyana Mason (Senate Vice President), Kathryn Mills, Micah warren, Melynda Casement, Jana Prikryl, Eric Corwin, Edward Davis, Daniel Dugger, Erica Bornstein, Raoul Lievanos, Jiabin Wu, Jane Cramer, Rachel DiNitto, Harinder Khalsa, Erin McKenna, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Chiara Gasparini, David Cosottile, Daniel Miller, Won Kim, Barbara Mossberg, Katherine Donaldson, Chantelle Russell, Taliek Lopez-Duboff, Jamie Dillon, Kikachi Akwakpu, Lis Sgro, Kersey Bars, Eren Cil, Andy Winden, Kathy Stroud, Jay Butler.

Excused: Jerry Rosiek, Matthias Vogel, Michael Tomcal, Yoav Dubinsky, Beth Harn,

Absent:

Guests: Chris Long (UO Provost, Karl Scholz (UO Pres), Ron Bramhall, Christian Cherry, Cy Abbott.