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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025

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:** 3:05 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Alison Schmitke
  - Upcoming senate event: “Senate Teach-In: Oregon Sanctuary Laws, History, Campus Policies, and Know Your Rights” – to be held Wednesday, March 5, 2025. More information forthcoming.
- ASUO Updates; Taliek Lopez-Duboff
  - Recently completed budget process and finalized the student incidental fee that helps ASUO invest its money into programs like Dusk Duck Rides, Cascadia Mobility, the Men’s Center, the Women’s Center, and that funds over 200 student organizations on campus.
  - Resolutions under consideration at next meeting:
    - Food insecurity on campus and calls for assistance with this project
    - Resolution supporting various bills in the Oregon State Legislature, including those around higher education funding.
    - Recently approved resolution in support of the UO’s Forensics department (funded by ASUO’s finance committee), which is currently housed in the Clark Honors College and the ASUO is looking for a permanent home for them. Strong desire among students to have a long-term plan to support the mock trial and debate students.
    - Delegation of 10 ASUO students going to Washington D.C. with Big 10 colleagues to meet with legislators and agencies to demonstrate support for basic needs bills and other relevant topics.

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

- January 15, 2025

Minutes stand as approved.

### **UO Pres Remarks:**

University President Karl Scholz



- Task force including Yvette and several others to analyze and develop strategies to address and respond to the flurry of executive actions coming from the new federal administration
- The UO is not a monolith in terms of beliefs and political opinions. We encourage all within the UO community to “find your people.” Create community and find comfort as we continue to focus on the pillars of our strategic plan, Oregon Rising.
- UO has a deep, longstanding commitment to creating a diverse and engaged community that welcomes a rich range of perspectives, lived experiences, and cultural and religious backgrounds. Our commitment is grounded in our mission as a public university to serve and advance society – it’s built upon that care and shared commitment for one another.

### **New Business:**

- Discussion: [US24/25-11: Revisions to the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee](#); Dyana Mason (Senate VP, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

Brief introduction and discussion of the motion. Will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

- Discussion: [US24/25-10: Revisions to the Faculty Advisory Council](#); Dyana Mason (Senate VP, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

Brief introduction and discussion of the motion. Will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

- Discussion: [US25/25-12: Statement of Solidary and Support](#); Alison Schmitke (Senate President, College of Education), Dyana Mason (Senate VP, College of Design), Raoul Lievanos (Sociology, Senator)

Brief introduction and discussion of the motion. Will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

### **Open Discussion:** None

### **Reports:**

- UO and Federal Advocacy; Betsy Boyd (Sr. Associate VP, Federal Affairs)
- Supporting Campus; Yvette Alex-Assensoh (VP, Equity & Inclusion)
- Legal Landscape; Kevin Reed (VP and General Counsel)
- Spotlight: Intl education and Immigration; Dennis Galvan (VP, Global Engagement)

Please see video available on the UO Senate website for full presentation.

### **Notice of Motion:** None

### **Other Business:** None

### **Adjournment:** 4:32 P.M.

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### **Attendance:**



**Present:** Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Alison Schmitke (Senate President), Dyana Mason (Senate Vice President), Kersey Bars, Daniel Miller, Jamie Dillon, Daniel Duger, Eric Corwin, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Yoav Dubinsky, Kathy Stroud, Erin McKenna, Taliek Lopez-Duboff, Andrew Ducharme, Micah Warren, Katherine Donaldson, David Cosottile, Chantelle Russell, Melynda Casement, Chiara Gasparini, Raoul Lievanos, Rachel DiNitto, Jiabin Wu, Kate Mills, Liz Sgro, Andy Winden, Barbara Mossberg, Harinder Khalsa, Matthias Vogel, Norma Kehdi, Bella Esbeck, Jane Cramer, Eren Cil, Erica Bornstein, Jimmy Howard, Edward Davis, Jana Prikryl, Yasamin Vahdati, Bob Choquette.

**Excused:** Michael Tomcal

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Brenda, Lisa Peyton, Marsha Gravesen, Cindy Bandow, Betsy Boyd, Michael Aguilera, Sandee Bybee, Alida Bevirt, Courtney Garcia, Gerard Sandoval, Lindsey Hayward, Heather Quarles, Celena Simpson, Dennis Galvan, Keith Frazee, Gabriela Martinez, Karl Scholz (University President), Deborah Butler, iPhone, Jenna Adams-Kalloch, Kevin Reed (University General Counsel), Kody Kelleher, Kristin Grieger, Ron Bramhall, Maggie Bosworth, Cengiz Zopluoglu, Debbie Sharp, Gabriela Perez Baez, Lee Rumbarger, Lynn Stephen, M, Camie, Johnmartin Sherman-Lewis, Rich Margerum, Allison Blade, Charlotte Alverson, NTACTION