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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 26, 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:** 3:04 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Alison Schmitke
  - Reminder: UO Senate passed a resolution in October 2024 urging the UO administration to prioritize labor negotiations – the feeling is that this was not taken as seriously as it should have been, leading to frustration among faculty a diversion of resources away from the UO mission of teaching and research, as well as an unnecessarily prolonged labor dispute that has eroded trust.
  - As a result, conversations around “Flourishing” as one of the strategic goals of the university feel “out-of-step,” and in some cases, offensive.
  - Reminder: UO will be holding a Teach-In on March 5, 2025 from 3:00 – 4:30 in EMU Crater Lake room south in response to recent federal actions and Oregon’s “Sanctuary Promise.”
- ASUO Updates; Bella Esbeck
  - Currently in the planning stages to hold an “academic fair” on the EMU lawn during the first week of Spring term 2025 with the message that “it is never too late” to get involved and make use of resources such as those provided by Academic Advising and others.
  - The annual ASUO election will take place during the second week of spring term.
  - The final ASUO budget proposal has been approved for the next academic year.

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

- [February 5, 2025](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

### **UO Pres Remarks:**

University Provost Chris Long

- United Academics has declared an impasse – today Mark Schmelz and Provost sent out today regarding the situation. We feel deeply for the faculty, but are constrained by several budget realities – including the threats we are seeing from the federal level towards higher education as a whole.



- Mediation continues and the hope is that this will result in a resolution without a disruption in services to our students.
- Encourage folks to view the recent “Dear Colleague” letter from the U.S. Department of Education as a “statement of intent” that does not have the enforcement power of legislations or a court ruling. We will continue to monitor the situation as it develops and will act deliberately rather than reflexively.

### **New Business:**

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

**M/S/C – motion approved** with 34 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

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

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

- Vote: [US24/25-12: Statement of Solidarity and Support](#); Alison Schmitke (Senate President, College of Education), Dyana Mason (Senate VP, College of Design)

**M/S/C – motion approved** with 31 yeses, 0 no’s, 1 abstention.

- Discussion & Vote: [US24/25-17: Establishment of the Lylllye Reynolds-Parker Award](#); Alison Schmitke (Senate President, College of Education)

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

- Discussion: [US24/25-13: Change in Deadline for Student to Change Grade Option](#); Jagdeep Bala (Co-Chair of Undergraduate Council), Leslie McLees (Co-Chair of Undergraduate Council)

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

- Discussion: [US24/25-14: Revisions to the Senate Budget Committee](#); Dyana Mason (Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

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

- Discussion: [US24/25-15: Revisions to the Library Committee](#); Dyana Mason (Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

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

- Discussion: [US24/25-16: Revisions to the Faculty Personnel Committee](#); Dyana Mason (Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

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



**Open Discussion:** None

**Reports:** None

**Notice of Motion:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** 4:59 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), Jana Prikryl, Eric Corwin, Daniel Miller, Kersey Bars, Yoav Dubinsky, Jamie Dillon, Daniel Dugger, Erica Bornstein, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Eren Cil, Jane Cramer, Kate Mills, Erin McKenna, Katherine Donaldson, David Cosottile, Edward Davis, Raoul Lievanos, John Arndt, Kassy Fisher, Rachel DiNitto, Micah Warren, Hal Sadofsky, Andrew Ducharme, Jiabin Wu, Kathy Stroud, Andy Winden, Bella Esbeck, Jimmy Howard, Jay Butler, Melynda Casement, Yasamin Vahdati, Erin Beck, Harinder Khalsa, Liz Sgro, Chiara Gasparini, Norma Kehdi, Chantelle Russell, Beth Harn, Barbara Mossberg, Bob Choquette.

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Kaito Campos de Novais, Jon Ambrose, Cindy Bandow, Celena Simpson, Allison Blade, Chris Long (University Provost), Ron Bramhall, Saul, Mike Urbancic, Angela Chong, Karl Scholz (University President), Michael Marchman, Shannon, iPhone, Cengiz Zopluoglu, Rayne Vieger, Camie, Sarah Allen, Kody Kelleher, Maggie Bosworth, Celena Simpson, Aris Hall, Cy Abbott, Anne Riggs, Leslie McLees, Jagdeep Bala, Katy Krieger, UO-VGT7X71DQK, Jenna Adams-Kalloch, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher.