



University Senate Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:03 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Alison Schmitke
 - Challenging and big days as we navigate the ongoing labor negotiations. labor, student issues. This is also an opportunity for us to support each other and be deliberate about how we show up now and in future. Once this contract is settled, the new one begins.
 - On feb 5th had a conversation resolution on solidarity and support
 - Mar 5, 2025 UO Senate Teach-In. A big thank-you to our presenters and all the vital information and support they shared - will result in follow-up actions during spring term
 - Today – highlight ways for folks to participate and take action –first up.. Reminder: Lobby Day is coming up April 24, 2025. Please sign up and take part in this opportunity to talk directly with our state legislators.
 - Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual senate and committee interest survey, particularly the 59 folks who expressed interest in the Senate Budget Committee. We will follow up with appointments during Spring term.
 - Leadership roles in the Senate for those interested: Senate Vice President. If you are interested in this role, please respond by April 1 and contact senate leadership for more information.
 - IFS... at the next Senate mtg we will be discussing the opportunity for 2 statutory faculty to be elected, which is a change in the membership structure.
 - Spring 2025 – senate will solicit and forward nominations for faculty trustee position to the Governor's Office
 - Awards are open. New award – Lyllye Reynolds-Parker. Please consider submitting a nomination for one of these awards and encourage your colleagues to consider it as well.
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- Lobby Day; Joe Erickson (Director of something... check find people, in gov relations office)
 - April 24, 2025: folks are welcome to participate and can sign-up on our website.
 - There is a tremendous need faculty perspectives... please consider joining us as we take our needs to our elected state leaders.



- Full wrap-around experience: transportation, lunch, swag, and coaching prep.
- Registration closes on April 15, 2025.
- ASUO Updates; Taliek Lopez-Duboff
 - ASUO leadership recently lobbied in Washington D.C. – primarily around expanding the SNAP program, also on the farm bill, growing risk of ICE and their presence on other Big 10 campuses (trying to get information about resources out there for students at risk).
 - ASUO is leading the Big 10 Academic Alliance in student advocacy - they are looking to us as a model.
 - Spring asuo election coming up week 2 of Spring term in April.
 - ASUO Academic Fair to be held on the EMU Green April 3rd from 12-3

Approval of the Minutes:

- February 26, 2025

Minutes stand as approved.

UO Pres Remarks:

University Provost Chris Long

- Would like to share a personal practice in good times and bad is to pause and reflect to be responsive to the moment... “we are each other’s harvest, we are each other’s business, we are each other’s magnitude and bond.” I continue to hope we can reach an agreement with UA as we continue to bargain during this cooling off period... I believe we are equally interested in reaching a mutual agreement... though the prospect of a strike is growing. No easy solutions, we are doing our best to maximize our flexibility to protect the student experience, especially for our graduating seniors.
- We are actively monitoring developments at the federal level, we are shifting into a more proactive approach. We are facing serious financial issues that will likely have a long-term deleterious effect on higher education. At this moment, millions in NIH and NSF are presently frozen. New grant submissions face extreme uncertainty, 1300 members of Dept of Ed were fired yesterday. Research is at risk. Any cuts – cannot be rebuilt overnight. Hundreds of researchers have been paused, many job searches have been paused or cancelled. Here at UO, our graduate programs are at stake. We are also worried about proposed cuts to law enforcement, Medicaid and other public services, which will impact higher education. UO will be unable to replace or bridge potential upcoming cuts to research (read research faculty).
- UO Provost has recently given a position on the transfer council on the HECC – possibly a small bright spot when it comes to research in light of other things going on right now.

The best thing is the relationships we're beginning to develop with the HECC right now, ideally this will put us on the path to becoming THE destination for transfer students for community colleges.

New Business:

- Vote: [US24/25-18: Approval of Curriculum Report, Winter 2025](#); Christian Cherry (Co-Chair of UOCC, School of Music & Dance), Matthew Norton (Co-Chair of UOCC, Sociology)
 - Non-credit program
 - Changing name of NW Indian Language Institute to NW Indigenous Language Institute

M/S/C – motion approved with 32 yeses, 0 no's, 9 absentions.

- Vote: 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)

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

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

Move to table until next meeting... passed with 30 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.

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

M/S/C – motion approved with 31 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.

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

M/S/C – motion approved with 30 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation - updates on research fund changes/implications; AR Razdan and OVPRI staff

Slides available upon request.

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), David Cosottile, Raoul Lievanos, Rachel DiNitto, John Arndt, Daniel Dugger, Micah warren, Andrew Ducharme, Jiabin Wu, Kathy Stroud, Daniel Miller, Edward Davis, Eren Cil, Erica Bornstein, Eric Corwin, Jamie Dillon, Jana Prikryl, Jamie Dillon, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Kersey Bars, Kate Mills, Liz Sgro, Melynda Casement, Yasamin Vahdati, Andy Winden, Bella Esbeck, Chiara Gasparini, Harinder Khalsa, Jay Butler, Jimmy Howard, Norma Kehdi, Erin Beck, Chantelle Russell, Beth Harn, Barbara Mossberg, Kersey Bars.

Excused:

Absent:

Guests: Allison Blade, Angela Chong, Celena Simpson, Chris Long, Cindy Bandow, Cengiz Zuogplwww, Hal Sadofsky, iPhone, Jon Ambrose, Kaito Campos de Novais, Karl Scholz, Kassy Fisher, Michael Marchman, Mike Urbancic, Rayne Vieger, Ron Bramhall, Saul's iPhone, Shannon SS, Camie, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Jagdeep Bala, Sarah Allen, Aris Hall, Kody Kelleher, Maggie Bosworth.