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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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
  - Would like to take a moment to express appreciation for the work that went into reaching a new faculty UA agreement, one that supports faculty and helps the move the university forward. Note of caution as we move forward: coming to the brink of a strike cannot and should not become the norm. It is a moment that signals deeper systemic issues and calls on us to reflect carefully and act with intention.
  - Also important to recognize that student workers are still in negotiations. They are important to the work of the university and need our support.
  - The University Senate continues to serve as a vital space for transparency, education, and open dialogue. As we look ahead, the Senate will play an important role in building shared understanding of the structural financial and institutional dynamics that shape bargaining and of what is at stake for the campus community. Each item we consider reflects in some way the broader forces reshaping our sector nationally and the specific dynamics unfolding here at the University of Oregon.
    - Reminders: nominations for senate awards are due Friday, April 11, 2025. Secondly, please join the Senate leadership for UO Day at the Capitol on Thursday, April 24, 2025 (link provided in the chat). Lastly, stay tuned for communication about the start of Senate elections for seats in the Senate and Senate committees.
- ASUO Updates; Taliek Lopez-Duboff
  - ASUO has just wrapped up its Root and Reboot event – which was a collaboration with another student organization share a fun activity and enjoy some camaraderie.
  - Have kept up with our bi-weekly coffee corners to engage with students in our office and build relationships.
  - ASUO election is currently underway, though voter turnout is still a bit low. Please encourage students to take part.
  - Recently held an Academic Fair, connecting students to advisors (and included a petting zoo!). We consider it a fun and very successful event.
  - Holding a Basic Needs forum on April 21, 2025 from 4 – 5:30 in the EMU Crater Lake rooms.



- ASUO recently received recognition for the Dux Martial Arts Club and our Women Coalition of Martial Arts.

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

- March 12, 2025

Minutes postponed until the next Senate meeting.

## **UO Pres Remarks:**

University Provost Chris Long

- Reminder: “We are each other’s business. We are each other’s harvest and bond.” We are all in this together and is the time to strengthen and reinforce those bonds.
- Gratitude to faculty, bargaining team, everyone - on the resolution that helped avoid a faculty strike. We are cognizant that we have a lot to do to rebuild trust in the UO community.
- There are ongoing disruptions with grants getting terminated, un-terminated, re-terminated, re-un-terminated... all within the span of a week. We are closely monitoring the situation and will provide what information we can when we have it.
- We also have intl students who have had their VISA’s revoked, or otherwise been targeted and we are deeply saddened by this. We are endeavoring to provide them with as much support as possible.
- On the subject of DEI: we will not engage in “anticipatory obedience” and feel our programs are in alignment with our mission, goals and values. We need to continue to work on our relationships with each other - in part to defend our institution.

## **New Business:**

- Discussion: [US24/25-19: Change to UO Senate Bylaws Article 8: Interinstitutional Faculty Senate](#); Dyana Mason (Senate VP, Chair of Committee on Oversight and Shared Governance)

Brief introduction – motion will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

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

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

**Open Discussion:** None

## **Reports:**



- Panel: IDEAL summit; Charlotte Moats-Gallagher (Assistant Vice President and CoDaC Director)
- Panel: Student Life; Angela Chong (Vice President for Student Life), Jimmy Howard (Associate VP and Dean of Students)

**Notice of Motion:** None

**Other Business:**

- Zoom poll - Mtg format for AY 2025-2026
- Vote: Big 10 Academic Alliance [statement](#) of Support for Higher Education

**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), Won Kim, Katherine Donaldson, Anthony Hornof, Edward Davis, Jana Prikryl, Kathy Stroud, Kersey Bars, Liz Sgro, Matthias Vogel, Taliek Lopez-Duboff, Eren Cil, Erin McKenna, Bob Choquette, Beth Harn, David Cosottile, Jimmy Howard, Kate Mills, Erin Beck, Andrew Ducharme, Erica Bornstein, Harinder Khalsa, Jamie Dillon, Micah Warren, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Raoul Lievanos, Yoav Dubinsky, Yasamin Vahdati, Andy Winden, Jay Butler, Chiara Gasparini, Norma Kehdi, Jerry Rosiek, Mohamed Mounir, Barbara Mossberg, Melynda Casement, Jiabin Wu, Chantelle Russell, Daniel Miller, Harinder Khalsa, Rachel DiNitto,

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Chris Long, Kody Kelleher, Angela Chong, Abigail Leeder, Karl Scholz, Allison Blade, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Jon Ambrose, Dennis Galvan, Jason Sydes, Karl Scholz, Kassy Fisher, Ron Bramhall, Saul Hubbard, Shannon, Michael Dreiling, Will Garrahan (UOYDSA), Aycan's iPhone, Yvette's iPhone, Arifa Raza-Bayona, Kevin Reed,