

University Senate Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:08 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Alison Schmitke
 - Announcements
- Updates: Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) steering committee; Chris Chavez
[Report](#)
- ASUO Updates; Taliek Lopez-Duboff
 - New AY 2025-2026 members have assumed their roles – everyone is eager to get to work and have strong visions
 - New ASUO pres and student senate president
 - Taliek going to work with new ASUO leadership to get student appointments to senate and committees underway
 - Students may not be aware of how they benefit from UO Senate, but Taliek would like to extend sincere gratitude to those efforts, passion and commitment.
 - Taliek has been nominated to the UO Board of Trustees and looks forward to our continued collaboration with the UO Senate

Approval of the Minutes:

- May 21, 2025

Minutes stand as approved.

UO Pres Remarks:

University President Karl Scholz

- Thank you to all the senators – shared governance and service on the UO Senate is a very important job. You show great passion and care, making the UO what it is. Thanks to Alison Schmitke in her role as senate president this year. Look forward to working with Dyana this next year and our incoming Senate VP.
- Thanks to everyone for our wonderful commitment to UO and to higher education. Can't think of any other organization that is organized around the discovery of truth and knowledge – precious responsibility.

New Business:

- [US24/25-25: Approval of Curriculum Report, Spring 2025](#); Christian Cherry (Co-Chair of UOCC)
 - **M/S – motion approved** with 30 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.
- Election of new Senate Vice President for AY 2025-2026
 - Edward Davis, Earth Sciences - [Statement](#)

Elected with a majority.

- Senate Awards
 - Classified Staff Leadership Award: Annie McVay, SOJC
 - Introduction by Therese DeVoe, SOJC
 - UO Senate Award for Shared Governance, Transparency, and Trust: Scott Pratt, Philosophy
 - Introduction by Erin McKenna, Philosophy
 - Leadership and Service Award for Officers of Administration: Sierra Dawson
 - Introduction by Jennifer Espinola, Law School
 - Wayne T. Westling Award: Harinder Khalsa, Romance Languages
 - Introduction by Alison Schmitke, Senate President
 - NEW Lyllye Reynolds-Parker Award for Student Mentoring and Support: Dr. Cecile Gadson, University Health Services - Counseling Services
 - Introduction by Eric Garcia, University Health Services - Counseling Services

Open Discussion: None

Reports: None

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business:

- Passing of the gavel to new Senate President Dyana Mason

***Immediately followed by small reception to honor Senate awardees - same location

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Alison Schmitke (Senate President), Dyana Mason (Senate Vice President), Jerry Rosiek, Kersey Bars, Taliek Lopez-Duboff, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Andrew Ducharme, Erica Bornstein, David Cosottile, Harinder Khalsa, Erin McKenna, Kate Mills, Katherine Donaldson, Eren Cil, Eric Corwin, Melynda Casement, Jimmy Howard, Micah Warren, John Arndt, Yoav Dubinsky, Bob Choquette, Chiara Gasparini, Daniel Dugger, Barbara Mossberg, Edward Davis, Jane Cramer, Jay Butler, Beth Harn, Andy Winden, Bella Esbeck, Barbara Mossberg, Edward Davis, Eren Cil, Erin Beck, Jamie Dillon, Jiabin Wu, Liz Sgro, Norma Kehdi, Rachel DiNitto, Raoul Lievanos, Won Kim.



Excused:

Absent:

Guests: Alison Gash, Annie McVay, Karl Scholz (University President), Dr. Cecile Gadson, Scott Pratt, Sierra Dawson, Jennifer Espinola, Therese DeVoe, Eric Garcia, Ron Bramhall, Christian Cherry,