



University Senate Meeting Minutes

September 24, 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 Dyana Mason
 - Acknowledgment of the deep feelings of concern and urgency following the budget reductions and layoffs over the summer. More than 800 members of the university community signed the open letter composed by senate leadership to the university administration.
 - The conversations held over the last several months, the letter, etc. have demonstrated that our collective ability to engage in shared governance has been strained and has exposed gaps. This will be working on during AY 2025-2026.
 - We welcome our new Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Kate Morris, from Santa Clara University, and we look forward to working with her.
- ASUO Updates; Quadrian Gill
 - Hosted a town hall in collaboration with campus labor leaders during Summer 2025.
 - Passed two resolutions. One calling on university leadership to enhance financial transparency as a means of strengthening shared governance. The second resolution voiced concerns about anticipated program cuts and emphasized the importance of putting students and their educators first when making these decisions.
 - Heard from many students who feel the value of their education at the UO is being diminished, threatened, and eroded.
- Introduction; Kate Morris, Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
 - Art Historian by trade.
 - A humanist, with a special interest in indigenous studies and the contemporary visual world – and how those two things come together in discourses of sovereignty.
 - Comes to the UO with deep experience and familiarity via time at Santa Clara University with collaborative governance and looking forward to the work we will be doing in that realm at the University of Oregon.
 - Members of her portfolio/team include: Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice Provost for Diversity & Inclusion, faculty and leadership development, the Teaching Excellence Program, Data and Decision Support, Oregon Online, Continuing Professional Education, and faculty evaluation and promotion.

Approval of the Minutes:

- None – next mtg

UO Pres Remarks:

University Provost Chris Long

- Have served on university senates at several previous institutions and is looking forward to the new academic year working with the UO Senate.
- Worked to come to terms with the realities of the budget situation here at the University of Oregon during Summer 2025. While efforts to create opportunities for meaningful consultation fell short, they were rooted in a deep belief in shared governance. We were limited by intense time constraints, and animated by a commitment to cultivate habits of dialogue and deliberation.
- There are still severe limits to the budget, with expenses outpacing revenues, and we will need to continue to engage with the campus community to find solutions.

New Business:

- Discussion: [US25/26-01: Procedures to Strengthen Shared Governance](#), Dyana Mason, Senate President, College of Design), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President, Earth Sciences)

Brief introduction and discussion of the resolution. Feedback received. A revised motion will be brought back to the senate for a vote at a future meeting.

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- [Report from the UO Senate Task Force on Budget Reductions](#) (Dyana Mason, Senate President)
- Updates on recent IFS mtg; Pedro Garcia-Caro (Romance Languages, Senator)
 - Two faculty senators will need to be selected at the UO Senate mtg on October 8, 2025.

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 4:59 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Dyana Mason (Senate President), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President), Chantelle Russell, Norma Kehdi, Raymond Frey, Alejandro Vallega, Bella Hoffert-Hay, Daniell Miller, Spike Gildea, John Arndt,



Daniel Dugger, Paula Ellister, Jerry Rosiek, Rachel DiNitto, Dan Tichenor, Prissila Moreno, Yoav Dubinsky, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Tim Pack, David Cosottile, Melynda Casement, Kate Mills, Alison Schmitke (Immediate-Past Senate President), Beth Harn, Andy Winden, Erin Beck, Kayla Fisher, Erin McKenna, Quadrian Gill, Eric Corwin, Barbara Mossberg, Michael Dreiling, Matthias Vogel, Nicolas Addington, Nikki McClaran, Kris Seaman, Jay Butler, Annie McVay, Bob Choquette, Katherine Donaldson, Jess Fisher, Becky Crabtree, Elizabeth Peterson.

Excused:

Absent:

Guests: Ron Bramhall, Holle, Julie Voelker-Morris, Robert Voelker-Morris, Kassy Fisher, Shannon Rose, Mai-Lin Cheng, Kody Kelleher, Sierra Dawson, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Joanna Goode, Denita Strietelmeier, Brent Dawson, Leslie Selcer, Saul, Allison Blade, Kevin Reed, Cindy Bandow, Cy Abbott, Nancy Cheng, Kate Morris, Sarah Allen, Karl Scholz (University President), Andrew Ducharme, Chris Long (University Provost), Chuck Triplett, Maggie Bosworth, Chanel Meyers, United Academics, Keith Frazee.