



University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

EMU 214 Redwood Auditorium

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:05 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dyana Mason
 - Reminder: the work of our senate and committees is vital (such as SRC, policy work, etc.) in moving forward the mission of the university. We appreciate all those who participate in this work and encourage those not involved to consider participating in this work. You will hear more about this in upcoming meetings.
 - Several program proposals to be voted on today – we appreciate the time and effort put into making our university even stronger.
- ASUO Updates; Quadrian Gill
 - New 24 hour library pilot program, in part to provide resources and gift items to students in need
 - Currently working on the new ASUO budget for the coming fiscal year.
- Updates/Intro – New Faculty Trustee/Former Senate President Gerard Sandoval
 - Slide presentation on shared governance

Approval of the Minutes:

- [Nov 19, 2025](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

UO Pres Remarks:

University Provost Chris Long

- Flourishing – all real flourishing is mutual (borrowed from the book: Braiding Sweetgrass). Individual health is indivisible from the whole and is deliberately nurtured and encouraged.
- New Dignity Institute for Israeli's and Palestinians.
- Let's celebrate our university's successes together: 4-year graduation up from 57% to 63%. Need to address deeper barriers to increasing this, such as the complexity of our curriculum. We need the UO Senate to help us work on this (such as core courses that need to be offered more often, doing an audit of the curriculum, do majors as many courses as they require without decreasing rigor?, etc.) In a lens of "career readiness" how do we streamline the curriculum while also focusing on getting students ready to go into the workforce post-graduation?



- Also want to continue working on making the UO an Hispanic Serving Institution (regardless of the opinions of the federal government).
- Info shared by Jessica Price regarding public/private spaces is also available on website of Div of Global Engagement.
- Creating a “Know Your Rights” webinar - to be made available in January 2026.

New Business:

- Vote: [US25/26-07: Approval of Curriculum Report, Fall 2025](#); Matt Norton (Chair of UOCC)

M/C - motion approved with 35 yeses, 0 no’s, 1 abstention.

- Vote: [US25/26-04: New Program Proposal – Cybersecurity](#); Reza Rejaie (Computer & Information Science)

M/S/C – motion approved with 36 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Vote: [US25/26-05: New Program Proposal – BEd. in Child Behavioral Health](#); Maureen Zalewski (Ballmer Institute)

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

- Vote: [US25/26-06: UO Senate Bylaws – Revisions to Clarify Emergency Meetings, Terms, & Role of Senate VP](#); Bob Choquette (Chair of Senate Rules Committee, Senator – College of Design)

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

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- Federal Affairs; Betsy Boyd
 - Immigration issues
 - Decrease in total funding available to borrow for various types of degrees
 - Decrease in some research funds
 - Decrease in number of employees in Dept of Education and elsewhere in federal government - furloughs during “shutdown”
 - Decrease in some types of financial aid
 - Not sure yet what kinds of impacts these actions will have on recruitment, but we are monitoring this closely.
 - Updates will be provided as new information becomes available
- IFS resolution; Pedro Garcia-Caro

Resolution endorsed by acclamation.



Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 4:37 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Dyana Mason (Senate President), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President), Katherine Mills, Nicolas Addington, Eric Corwin, Daniel Dugger, Melynda Casement, Erin Beck, Michael Dreiling, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Dan Tichenor, Rachel DiNitto, Erin McKenna, Spike Gildea, Bob Choquette John Arndt, David Cosottile, Maithreyi Gopalan (subbing for Jerry Rosiek), Daniel Miller, R Catalani (subbing for Andy Winden), Yoav Dubinsky, Annie Draeger, Katherine Donaldson, Elizabeth Peterson, Quadrian Gill, Cole Stevenson, Bella Hoffert-Hay, Jay Butler (sub), Kersey Bars, Anthony Hornof, Paula Ellister, Alejandro Vallega, Kris Seaman, Yizhao Yang, Timothy Pack, Chantelle Russell, Becky Crabtree, Annie McVay.

Excused:

Absent: Raymond Frey, Peter Walker, Mark Fonstad, Matthia Vogel, Beth Harn, Nikki McClaran, Michael Tomcal, Yasamin Vahdati, Jesus Ramos-Kittrell, Barbara Mossberg, Norma Kehdi, Jess Fisher, Kayla Fisher, Mark Hammond.

Guests: Maureen Zalewski, Saul Hubbard, Allison Blade, Chris Long, Kate Morris, Cy Abbott, Damian Callahan.