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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026

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 Dyana Mason
  - Announcements
    - UO Senate information session with Division of Global Engagement – February 11, 2026. Event will share information and answer questions about critical issues facing our international students, migrant and DREAMer students, faculty, and staff. A flyer with more details will be circulated after today's meeting.
- ASUO Updates; Quadrian Gill
  - Know Your Rights workshop being hosted this Friday from 4:30 – 6:00 P.M. in the Lease Crutcher Lewis room in the EMU, with presentations by the GTFF, focusing on campus organizing and activism in the face of widespread unrest.
  - A medication abortion event was held last week, co-hosted by YDSA, and 11 student groups presented. We collected 50 survey responses and 100 petition signatures in just 2 hours.
  - ASUO working with DuckRise to get another accessible bus.
  - Monday, February 9, ASUO representatives and other students will travel to Salem to advocate for mandatory ICE notifications on campus.
  - ASUO passed our \$11 million dollar budget after 6 hours of deliberation on Saturday, setting aside monies for the Forensics program we are working to save and find a new home for on campus.
- Spotlight: Mark Schlossberg – Sustainable City Year project
  - Several faculty and students connected courses taught during an academic year to a single city, to work on projects developed by that city or community partner. The Sustainable City Year Program is a matchmaker between cities that need capacity and access to new knowledge and our classrooms, taught by our faculty and our students who want to push the envelope and do applied practical, meaningful work for a community, while also deepening their learning.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

- [January 14, 2026](#)



## **UO Pres Remarks:**

University Provost Chris Long

- In 1967, at a moment of tremendous upheaval in American life, Dr. Martin Luther King spoke these words to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference: “Power without love is reckless and abusive. And love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power, at its best, is love implementing the demands of justice. And justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.” Dr. King understood the difference between true power and force. True power is rooted in love, alive to connection, and animated by justice. Force, by contrast, is coercion without care, strength without wisdom, and violence without end. Force compels. Power transforms.
- We have a desire to use the above to address the cynicism, both among faculty and staff, about the very idea of flourishing during these difficult times. Flourishing is not about abundance or having everything we need, its about meaning, growth, and deepening our connection, and it can be created even in moments of grief, pain, and struggle.
- We ask that you keep these ideas in mind when the Employee Engagement Survey goes live and treat it like and meaningful exercise. The survey is a concrete way for us to discern how well we’re living our values in our interactions with one another, and to what degree our daily work supports our shared mission. The survey will open Monday, February 23, 2026 – you will receive an email with more information and a link to access it.
- The Provost’s Office is also concerned about the recommendations outlined in the recent HECC report titled “Spending and Efficiency in Oregon’s Public Universities.” As already outlined in the UO Senate’s proposed resolution, we are also opposed to the idea of an external agency taking a more active role in approving and reviewing academic programs. We look forward to working more closely with the Senate and its committees to improve our internal processes. The most effective response to outside pressure is to demonstrate our own capacity for thoughtful self-governance.
- Regarding the recent killings of Renee Goode and Alex Pretti at the hands of ICE in Minneapolis, we are appalled by these actions and we will be taking robust steps to protect privacy and preserve access to education, withing the bounds of federal and state law.

## **New Business:**

- Vote: [US25/26-08: Revision to Policy - Fellowships: Payment of Uncompensated Salary and Other Personnel Expenses \(OPE\) on Major Fellowships](#); Dyana Mason (Senate President, College of Design)



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

- Intro/Discussion: [US25/26-09: Revision to Policy: Rights and Privileges of Faculty Retired with Merit](#); Dyana Mason (Senate President, College of Design)

Brief introduction and discussion of the proposal. Motion will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

- Intro/Discussion: [US25/26-10: UO Senate Opposition to HB 4124 and HECC recommendations regarding Oregon's Public Colleges and Universities](#); (Senate President, College of Design), Edward Davis (Senate VP, CAS - Natural Sciences)

Brief introduction and discussion of the proposal. Motion will be brought back to a future senate meeting for a vote.

Recommendation that everybody watch the testimony from today, it is very eye opening:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2026021023>

Starting at 1:04:41

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Testimony/HED>

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Committees/HED/2026-02-04-08-00/HB4124/PUB/Details>

**Open Discussion:** None

## **Reports:**

- Updates on UO Technology landscape; Abhijit Pandit (Chief Information Officer)

We have created a knowledgebase articles for a variety of FAQ's re Canvas and Panopto. It can be found here <https://service.uoregon.edu/TDClient/2030/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=141154>

To save some time, I am copy pasting the relevant section that has links to the process of downloading the entire course or just selected course material.

To save older Canvas course materials for your professional portfolio or future use, you have two options:

- **Entire Canvas course:** You can [export the entire course \(excluding student submissions\) as a downloadable package](#) that can be imported later into another Canvas course shell.
- **Selected course materials:** You can selectively [download files or folders from the course](#).

Hopefully this helps

**Getting Canvas and Panopto help:** Please submit a ticket at [Canvas support services](#) or contact the [Technology Service Desk](#).

And finally the link to the [UO Data Storage Finder](#)

- Updates - Senate Budget Committee; Melynda Casement (Chair of SBC, CAS - Natural Sciences Senator)

The SBC has a link where you can submit questions or ideas:

[https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ey8f0sJalroDVnE](https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ey8f0sJalroDVnE)

- Employee Engagement Survey; Mark Schmeltz (HR), Kaia Rogers(Chief of Staff, Sr Dir HR Prog)



[Slide presentation.](#)

**Notice of Motion:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** 5:01 P.M.

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**Attendance:**

**Present:** Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Dyana Mason (Senate President), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President), Annie Draeger, Barbara Mossberg, Becky Crabtree, Bella Hoffert-Hay, Bob Choquette, Chantelle Russell, Daniel Dugger, Dan Tichenor, David Cosottile, Elizabeth Peterson, Eric Corwin, Erin McKenna, Jay Butler, Jessica Fisher, Jesus Ramos-Kittrell, Kate Mills, Katherine Donaldson, Kersey Bars, Kris Seaman, Mark Fonstad (?), Matthias Vogel, Melynda Casement, Nicolas Addington, Paula Ellister, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Quadrian Gill, Raymond Frey, Spike Gildea, Timothy Pack, Yasamin Vahdati, Yizhao Yang, Annie McVay, Jerry Rosiek, John Arndt, Michael Dreiling, Sarah Quesenberry.

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Marc Schlossberg, Abhijit Pandit, Allison Blade, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Chelsea Hunt, Chris Long, Damien Callahan, Kaia Rogers, Kari DeVall, Karl Scholz, Kassy Fisher, Kate Morris, Katy Krieger, Kimberley Coles, Kody Kelleher, Lukas Klotz, Mark Schmeltz, Presence O'Neal, Ron Bramhall, Shannon Rose, Sarah Quesenberry, Saul Hubbard, Cindy Bandow, Jenna Adams-Kalloch, McKenzie Burnett, Trent Lutz, Anna Duncan, Cy Abbott, Denita Strietelmeier, Gerard Sandoval, United Academics, Luke Habberstad.