



University Senate Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

EMU Crater Lake rooms (145 & 146)

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:03 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dyana Mason
 - Thank you to everyone for their service and commitment to the University Senate
 - It has been a challenging year and once again we are facing challenging times and decisions regarding UO budget matters and the impact on the institution moving forward.
 - Nonetheless, we have succeeded in continuing to do the regular work of the senate with a new BEd. In Child Behavioral Health, a new AMAC committee to have a seat at the table in upcoming budget conversations, revisions to the Rights and Privileges of Faculty Retired with Merit policy, and many more items important to the functioning and mission of the university.
It has been a pleasure serving as Senate President and a big thank you for making it an honor and a pleasure.
- ASUO Updates; Brayden Higley
 - Excited to move forward with the recently elected ASUO for AY 2026-2027.
 - Brayden is a 2nd year PPPM student serving as speaker of ASUO legislature – and invites folks to get in touch with him to collaborate and learn more about the goals of the ASUO for the upcoming year.

Approval of the Minutes:

- May 20, 2026
- May 27, 2026

Minutes stand as approved.

UO Pres Remarks:

University Provost Chris Long

- Senate President Dyana Mason has been a true partner in the important undertaking of forming this new Academic Modification Advisory Committee (AMAC) and process for upcoming important budget conversations that will shape the university moving forwards. We have enjoyed working closely with her this year as your senate president and thank her for all her hard work and wise counsel.

- We look forward to beginning our work with your new Senate President Edward Davis on this new AMAC committee and process over the summer – thank you Edward for bring your whole self into this and your senate work.
- A big thank you to Ron Bramhall for your tireless work on the UOCC, the Undergraduate Council, the Graduate Council, the Core Education Council, and to those committees for their incredible efforts each term.

New Business:

- Discussion/Vote: [US25/26-21: Approval of Curriculum Report, Spring 2026](#); Amy Nuetzman (Chair of UOCC)

M/C – motion approved with 32 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.

- Vote: New Senate VP & President-Elect for AY 2026-2027
 - Candidates
 - Melynda Casement (Senator, Psychology) - [Casement Statement for Senate Vice President.docx](#)
 - Michael Dreiling (Senator, Sociology) - [Michael Dreiling statement for Senate VP May 2026.docx](#)

Dreiling: 26 votes

Casement: 9 votes

Michael Dreiling elected as new Senate Vice President for AY 2026-2027

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business:

2026 Annual UO Senate Awards

- Lyllye Reynolds-Parker Award (Student Mentoring): Barbara Mossbert (Poetry, Clark Honors College);
 - Introduction by student Joey Swanson
- Leadership and Service Award for Officers of Administration: Melissa Bowers (Associate Director Academic Support)
 - Introduction by Mark Whalen (Professor, English)
- UO Senate Award for Shared Governance, Transparency, and Trust: Ron Bramhall (Acting Vice Provost for UESS)
 - Introduction by Carolyn Vogt (Online Operations Manager Executive Assistant)
- Classified Staff Leadership Award: Cameron Mulder (Statistical Consultant, UO Libraries)
 - Introduction by Nancy Cunningham (Assoc Vice Provost & University Librarian)
- Wayne T Westling Award: Mike Urbancic (Career Instructor, Economics)
 - Introduction by Kate Mills (Psychology, Senator)



Adjournment: 4:38 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Dyana Mason (Senate President), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President), Katherine Mills, Raymond Frey, Nicolas Addington, Edward Davis, Anthony Hornof, Eric Corwin, Daniel Dugger, Melynda Casement, Erin Beck, Dan Tichenor, Michael Dreiling, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Paula Ellister, Rachl DiNitto, Erin McKenna, Matthias Vogel, Spike Gildea, Bob Choquette, Kris Seaman, Andy Winden, Yoav Dubinsky, Jesus Ramos-Kittrell, Timothy Pack, Barbara Mossberg, Katherine Donaldson, Elizabeth Peterson, Chantelle Russell, Quadrian Gill, Cole Stevenson, Sarah Quesenberry, Bella Hoffert-Hay, Jay Butler, Annie McVay.

Excused:

Absent: Peter Walker, Mark Fonstad, Alejandro Vallega, John Arndt, Yizhao Yang, Beth Harn, David Cosottile, Jerry Rosiek, Daniel Miller, Nikki McClaran, Yasamin Vahdati, Michael Tomcal, Annie Draeger, Norma Kehdi, Becky Crabtree, Jess Fisher, Kersey Bars, Mark Hammond.

Guests: Cameron Mulder, Ron Bramhall, Chris Sinclair, Joey Swanson, Nancy Cunningham, Ana Byrd Davis, Molly Pendley, Cy Abbott, Alison Schmitke, Mike Urbancic.