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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022

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.

- Land Acknowledgment; Ann Shaffer
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dan Tichenor
  - Senior leadership have been invited to speak on department-level Commencement ceremonies later during this meeting. Here are some of the issues raised with senate leadership so far:
    - Ground-swell not just coming from CAS - units have been advised not to hold individual ceremonies or they will have to pay for it themselves, which creates inequalities for small units with small budgets.
    - Loss of the most meaningful way to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, especially for those recently impacted by the pandemic and unable to participate in various right-of-passage ceremonies.
    - Track meet and Juneteenth - how can we better prioritize Commencement to avoid these conflicts?
    - Apparent lack of consultation/collaboration with faculty and units in the planning process so far.
      - Is the decision for Spring 2023 final, or if there is room for negotiation?
- ASUO Updates; Adelle Iseri
  - Topics/Projects currently being worked on:
    - Eugene housing problems being discussed with Interim President Phillips
    - Discussing changes to the amounts assessed for the I-Fee
    - Underrepresented students in higher education
    - Reviewing special election rules for ASUO

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

- [November 16, 2022](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

### **State of the University:**

Interim President Patrick Phillips

- VP of Advancement Mike Andreason leaving UO in January. A search will start after a new UO President has been hired. We will likely engage a search firm to assist with the process.
- Climate Survey - 4 workgroups have been charged to take action on key items:



- Employee engagement and onboarding, which includes accountability for management-level personnel.
- Equity, Inclusion, Diversity – particularly the response and reporting systems. We also plan to do a gap analysis.
- Service.
- Promotion and tenure.
- Commencement: We are listening to the concerns. Kris Winter will be speaking more on this later in this meeting. We have identified several challenges we are attempting to work through:
  - We’re still coming out of COVID, with all its challenges and implications.
  - The UO is still understaffed.
  - This year there is a date issue (Juneteenth and track event present conflicts).
  - Hotel availability – we don’t want to invite families to Eugene if they won’t have a place to stay.
  - We are looking long-term on how to recommit to Commencement – not just in terms of logistics, but also in regards to our university mission. Most universities do not have a “diffuse” and decentralized approach like the UO. We would like a more systematic process as we move forward.
- Announcement: there is a new School of Computer and Data Science which will be housed in CAS. We have hired about 20 people who are involved with engagement for this program, which is starting to draw folks to campus. The UO is looking to create a research nexus in this field.

### **New Business:**

- Vote: [US22/23-09: Approval of Curriculum Report, Summer 2022 & Fall 2022](#); Frances White (Chair of UOCC)

M/C – motion approved with 31 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

- Intro: [US22/23-07: New Program Proposal - Popular Music](#); Toby Koenigsberg, Michael Grose

Brief introduction of proposal. Motion will be brought back for a vote at a future senate meeting.

- Intro: [US22/23-08: New Graduate Microcredential](#); Aaron Gullickson (Grad Council), Jered Nagel (Division of Graduate Studies)

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**Open Discussion:** None

### **Reports:**

- Updates - Data Science initiative and new School of Computer and Data Science; Lauren Ponisio, Daniel Lowd
- Updates: UO Library Elsevier contract; Dave Fowler
- Updates: Commencement; Dan Tichenor

**Notice of Motion:** None

**Other Business:** None



**Adjournment:** 4:59 P.M.

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**Attendance:**

**Present:** Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary and Parliamentarian), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Gerard Sandoval (Senate Vice President), Dan Tichenor (Senate President), Jordan Pridemore, Peter Warnek, Elise O'Brien, Peng Lu, Chris Phillips, Josh Razink, Ann Shaffer, Fabienne Moore, Hans Dreyer, Jay Butler, Bob Choquette, Adelle Iseri, Frances White, Mohsen Manesh, Dayna Chatman, Phillip Speranza, Kris Kyle, Bill Harbaugh, Beth Harn, Eleanor Vandegrift, Stephen Rust, Edward Davis, Anthony Hornof, Gina Biancarosa, Kate Thornhill, Robin Clement, Carrie McCurdy, Dare Baldwin, James Schombert, Melissa Bowers, Harinder Khalsa, Nick Sloss, Sara Mason, Matthew Norton, Bjorn Smars, Ryan Light, Heather Barclay, Jack Boss, Yoav Dubinsky.

**Excused:** Craig Kauffman, Barbara Muraca.

**Absent:** Ali Emami, Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie, Barbara Mossberg, Benedict McWhiter, Brad Garner, Christopher Michlig, Ian Proctor, Kelli Matthews, Stephanie Prentiss.

**Guests:** Kris Winter, Richie Hunter, Randy Kamphaus, Lauren Ponisio, Daniel Lowd, Lisa Mick Shimizu, Ron Bramhall, Sam Schwartz, Atika Khurana, Greg Stripp, Jennifer Winters, Michael Grose, Krista Chronister, Kevin Reed, Sarah Strickler, Jered Nagel, Janet Woodruff Borden, Aaron Gullickson, Kassy Fisher, Maggie Bosworth, Gretchen Drew, David Fowler, Bill Cresko, Nancy Cunningham, Le Yang, Hal Sadofsky, Mike Urbancic, Gabe Paquette, Toby Koenigsberg, Patrick Phillips.