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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023

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; Barbara Mossberg
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dan Tichenor
  - Search procedures for academic administrator positions - senate leadership and admins agree these procedures will be part of a formal checklist going forward (this policy will expire in a few years and need to be revisited by the UO Senate and the administration)
  - Commencement - 2024 will allow dept, school and college ceremonies. More information will be provided later in this meeting.
  - Senate leadership wish to offer a heartfelt thank you to the Course Approval process drafting group. The senate will be asked to vote on this motion today. The group was composed by Christian Cherry, Nathan Jacobs, Alison Schmitke, Betina Lynn, Sandy Weintraub, Dan Tichenor, Gerard Sandoval and Hal Sadofsky.
- ASUO Updates; Heather Barclay
  - Today is inauguration day for ASUO and we are beginning the transition to new cohort. Chloe Webster is the new ASUO President as of this evening, and she will be at June 7, 2023 UO Senate meeting.

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

- [May 3, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

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

Interim President Jamie Moffitt

- Budget – recent updates regarding conversations at the state legislature
  - We had a great advocacy day at capital, including about 100 students, who are our best and most effective voice, followed by faculty and staff.
  - We are facing real challenges this session on both the operating side and capital side - optimistic we will make some progress but did not start well. The revenue forecast is higher than originally anticipated and may offset the “cut budget”



initially proposed by Governor Kotek – more information on this will become available in July at the earliest, depending on recent trend of quorum issues.

- Capital funds - for the first time we scored first on the list for HECC, improving our chances, particularly for deferred maintenance projects, like Friendly Hall.
- Commencement
  - Work group set up by former Interim President Phillips...doubts expressed by senate leadership and by the group itself about process, survey mechanism, and goals and was ultimately dissolved before presenting any recommendations.
  - Commencement will go forward this year with the existing plan, but units will have the option to revert to previous practice of holding smaller ceremonies if they so choose –many of the logistical details have yet to be ironed out, though we will adhere to the two-day plan already posted on the Registrar’s website for the next few years. More information to come. Additional conversations to be had with incoming President Scholz during Summer 2023.
- Climate Action Plan – priority to reduce emissions on campus
  - The Thermal task force has determined the largest share of energy on campus is how we produce heat for campus. The group has been looking at this for a couple years and are now narrowing down our options for potential changes - for example, the potential for changing out the steam pipes to hot water pipes. Any solution will take several years and a large investment of resources to implement.
  - The task force is meeting with groups all over campus to present, collect feedback, etc. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## **New Business:**

- Vote - [US22/23-17: Non-UO Credit Professional Development Program Review Process](#); Frances White

Harbaugh: amend to add process step 5: “Approved proposals will be voted upon by the Senate at the end of each term” – approved with 21 yeses, 2 no’s, 11 abstentions.

Main motion – **M/S/C – motion approved** with 30 yeses, 0 no’s, 2 abstentions

- Vote - [US22/23-18: Revision to Bylaws of the UO Senate to Facilitate Continued Online Participation](#); Gina Biancarosa

**M/S/C – motion approved** with 19 yeses, 0 no’s, 1 absention.

- Vote - [US22/23-19: Revision to Bylaws of the UO Senate to Clarify the Role of the Senate Vice President](#); Gina Biancarosa

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

- Present/Vote - [US22/23-20: Proposed New Process and Changes to Course-related Policies](#); Alison Schmitke, Nathan Jacobs, Frances White



M/S/C – motion approved 35 yeses, 0 no’s, 0 abstentions.

**Open Discussion:** None

**Reports:** None

**Notice of Motion:** None

**Other Business:**

- Executive Session – Awards

All three confirmed.

**Adjournment:** 5:03 P.M.

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**Attendance:**

**Present:** Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary and Parliamentarian), Dan Tichenor (Senate President), Gerard Sandoval (Senate Vice President, Ali Emami, Josh Razink, Robin Clement, Chris Phillips, Frances White, Jay Butler, Fabienne Moore, Bob Choquette, James Schombert, Ann Shaffer, Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie, Beth Harn, Bill Harbaugh, Peter Warnek, Jack Boss, Hans Dreyer, Heather Barclay, Yoav Dubinsky, Harinder Khalsa, Edward Davis, Stephen Rust, Dayna Chatman, Adelle Iseri, Melissa Bowers, Kris Kyle, Bjorn Smars, Barbara Mossberg, Brad Garner, Craig Kauffman, Gina Biancarosa, Matthew Norton, Barbara Muraca, Dare Baldwin, Anthony Hornof, Ryan Light, Jordan Pridemore.

**Excused:** Elly Vandegrift.

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Sam Schwartz, Jamie Moffitt, Keith Frazee, Alison Schmitke, Ron Bramhall, Kimberly Johnson, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Kevin Reed, Nathan Jacobs, Sandra Gladney, AK iPhone, Carolyn Vogt, Kassy Fisher, Maggie Bosworth, John Scholl, Sarah Strickler, Katy Krieger, Krista Chronister, Renee Dorjahn.