



University Senate Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020

EMU 145 & 146 (Crater Lake rooms & Remote via Zoom link)

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:05 P.M.

Introductory Remarks:

Elizabeth Skowron, Senate President

- Land Acknowledgement
- Brief explanation of dual meeting format, both live and remote option via Zoom.
- Reminder about upcoming senate elections. Survey is still open and will be extended for those who have not yet participated. Request that senators encourage their colleagues to complete the survey as well. If you have any questions, please contact senatecoordinator@uoregon.edu.
 - Call for University Senate Awards nominations: [University Leadership & Service Awards](#)

Approval of the Minutes:

[February 12, 2020:](#) Minutes stand as approved.

Reports:

Open Access: David Condon

- Described what “open access” is as it pertains to scholarly work and access to materials, such as large digital journals/archives of research/scholarly articles.
- Recognition of subcommittee of Library Committee working on this long term project.
- Potential extension of deadline for renegotiating contract with Elsevier through 2021, giving us more time to negotiate and prepare.
- New products to be reviewed as tested by Library Committee, starting Spring term 2020.
- Will return to the senate at May meeting to provide a report on the subcommittee’s conclusions and recommendations.
- Will spend time during spring term doing outreach and solicit feedback from a greater number of campus stakeholders on Open Access initiatives and how to bring this to UO.

New Business:

[US19/20-11: Approval of Curriculum Report, Winter Term 2020](#); Frances White, Chair of UOCC

- Brief discussion about a few amendments to the document.
- UOCC reviewed 360 courses this term.



- Encourage those thinking about or planning a large overhaul of program curriculum, please get in touch with UOCC ahead of time so they can help navigate this process more smoothly.

Vote: M/S/C – Unanimous. No abstentions.

Updates: Test Optional Admissions; Janet Woodruff-Borden (Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs), Jim Rawlins (Asst VP/Director of Admissions)

- Updates on task force progress and review of timeline for final decisions.
- Power Point slides can be found here: [March 11, 2020 Senate Agenda](#)
- Landscape is rapidly changing, particularly as other institutions begin making this change in their admissions processes.
- Many peer and aspirational peer institutions have already made this change.
- Presenters recommend that this change is need to better align with our mission of inclusiveness and access to education and grow the study body. It is thought this change will help “level the playing” field for those students who do not have access to options like private test prep and tutoring services that are utilized from those of higher socioeconomic backgrounds.
- SAT/ACT scores will still be required for a smaller number of applicants, such as those who are homeschooled or attend unaccredited schools.
- Notice of motion is forthcoming, for Senate consideration and vote in April meeting.

Open Discussion:

- Updates: Search Guidelines for Academic Administrator Positions

Discussion postponed until a future meeting to allow for discussion of other matters

Reports:

Updates: Research Commission; Elliot Berkman

Discussion postponed until a future meeting to allow for discussion of other matters.

Updates: CIET/CAIT Teaching/Peer Evaluations; Sierra Dawson, Lee Rumbarger, Janet Woodruff-Borden

Discussion postponed until a future meeting

State of the University (late address due to coronavirus-related campus planning)

Coronavirus planning, updates; Patrick Phillips (University Provost), Janet Woodruff-Borden (Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs) [Video: ~1:13:52]

- Have an Incident Management Team (IMT) led by Andre Le Duc working around the clock.
- Working to push out more communication more frequently to keep campus updated.
- First and primary driving principle will be **social distancing** in order to continue operating and meet the needs of our students, particularly those on track to graduate soon.



- Have been meeting with IT for weeks for contingency planning and remote options. Investing in campus wide Zoom license and directing more resources to our IT departments to meet the needs of the upcoming changes to university operations. Many additional trainings are being scheduled for faculty and staff on remote technology. Expect to hear more about this shortly.
- Allocation of additional resources to hire more staff to clean more frequently, including sanitizing door handles, light switches and other items that are touched routinely.
- Still working on finding solutions for those courses that cannot be delivered remotely, such as lab classes. Updates to be provided.
- Acknowledgment of the tremendous impact for every single faculty, staff, OA and student on this campus and the reality of needing to remain flexible and nimble as priorities shift from moment to moment.
- Plan at the present time is for first three weeks of spring term courses to be delivered remotely. The university remains open and all normal operations are proceeding. Dorms are open and are providing food service.
- All gatherings of more than 50 people are being cancelled. There will be some waivers granted on a case-by-case basis.
- Additional measures are outlined in the campus wide email sent out by President Schill this afternoon.

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business:

Motion to Suspend the Rules and extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Motion to Suspend the Rules to introduce new resolution on the senate floor: *Resolution on Coronavirus response and online teaching* (Sponsors: Kristen Yarris, Pedro Garcia-Caro & Eileen Otis).

Vote: Motion approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Motion to amend the resolution to change word “online” to “remote” throughout the document.

Vote (Amendment to resolution): 26 in favor, 2 against. Motion passed.

Discussion.

Vote (Main Motion – resolution): 5 in favor, 23 against. Motion defeated.

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

Attendance (in person or via zoom):



Present: Hans Dreyer, Randy Sullivan, Tom Greenbowe, Elliot Berkman, N. Christopher Phillips, Alan Rempel, Margaret Sereno, Peter Gilkey, Michelle Wood, Michael Hames Garcia, Jen Reynolds, Eileen Otis, Keith Zvoch, Beth Harn, Aaron Gullickson, Chris Chavez, Ben Mier-Cruz, Bill Harbaugh, Volya Kapatsinski, Kristy Bryant-Berg, Sylvan Lionni, Robin Clement, Ali Emami, Melissa Brunkan, Jason Silveira, Edward Davis, Tina Ching, Sam Norgaard-Stroich, Suzie Stadelman, Jay Butler, Josh Razink, Frances White, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Colin Koopman, Brian Sun, Stephanie Prentiss, representative for Zach Fairchild

Absent: Gerardo Sandoval, Akiko Walley, James Tice, Monique Balbuena, Norah Alrasheed, Charlie Keene, Haley Seyranian, Manica Collier

Excused: Mark Whalan, Craig Kauffman

Guests: Betsy Boyd, Mage (?), Terry McQuilkin, John (Johns2013Mac ?), Ron Bramhall, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Sierra Dawson, 3 unknown local numbers