



University Senate Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

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: 3:04 P.M.

Introductory Remarks:

Elizabeth Skowron, Senate President [Video: ~1:05]

- Senate, together with the Provost and University Library, has recently launched a Subcommittee on Open Access, chaired by David Condon (see appendix at end of doc for committee info).
- US18/19-19: Hiring of Academic Administrators tabled last year; motion is being worked on anew by senate leadership, administration, and senate executive committee to develop initial guiding principles – will be brought to Senate later this year for review.
- Desire to make greater use of discussion time in Senate meetings for robust conversation. Senators are encouraged to suggest topics by emailing senate executive coordinator and/or senate president with ideas.
- Faculty input is being sought in Search Committee for the Vice Provost and Dean of Libraries: email to go out with more information.

Elliot Berkman, Senate Vice President and President-Elect [Video: ~7:51]

- Thank you to senators for agreeing to serve, as well as those who have taken on additional committee appointments.
- Invitation to provide feedback on how committees and committee system could be improved.

Approval of the Minutes: [Video: ~9:27]

[October 3, 2018](#); [November 14, 2018](#); [November 28, 2018](#); [October 9, 2019](#)

They stand approved.

State of the University

President Schill [Video: ~10:08]

- Recent Open Mike on the subject of DACA and the likely uphill battle in the Supreme Court. UO will continue to support program and Dreamers as much as possible.
- Excitement around the initiatives and challenges being undertaken by new Provost Patrick Phillips.
- Several Dean searches underway. Updates will be provided.
- Charge for the Senate: think more intentionally about the curriculum, how to remove obstacles to graduation, administration looking forward to collaborating on this topic.
- Knight Campus updates:



- 4 faculty have been hired
- Excited to implement the new Bioengineering program soon
- New donations will support partnership with OHSU on causes and cures of cancer
- Fall 2019: welcomed 4,500 new students with highest median GPA to date – 3.65, median 1200 SAT scores, 34% domestic minority students
- Budget update: still working through budget cuts; will share information with Senate Budget Committee and interested in returning to Senate to share budget information
- Conditional Use Permit 2018-2019 senate resolution updates: UO leadership commissioned a study and will be releasing the results at an open forum in the EMU on Nov. 21, 2019 from 11 – 1 P.M. for all interested parties.
- Updates on graduation rates:

4 Year Completion Rates	
Cohort Year	All First-Time/Full-Time Rate
2010	49.9%
2011	51.9%
2012	52.9%
2013	56.1%
2014	57.4%
2015	60.7%

6 Year Completion Rates	
Cohort Year	All First-Time/Full-Time Rate
2008	69.1%
2009	71.6%
2010	72.0%
2011	72.1%
2012	72.8%
2013	74.4%

New Business:

Election: Tenured faculty senator to serve on Senate Budget Committee [Video: ~58:08]

- Candidate: Gina Biancarosa, College of Education

Stands approved.

[Vote: US19/20-04: UOCC Rep to Graduate Council – voting status](#); Frances White (Anthropology) [Video: ~1:01:53]



Discussion: General rationale regarding establishing consistency with similar membership on Undergraduate Council and usefulness of having this member guide curriculum change processes

Vote: M/S/C – with one nay vote.

[US19/20-05: New Program Proposal: Bachelor's in Neuroscience](#); Nicole Dudukovic (Psychology), Phil Washbourne (Biology), Had Sadofsky (Divisional Dean Natural Sciences)
[Video: ~1:05:22]

From Undergrad Council, no second required.

Discussion: program sponsors may wish to review recent senate motion on UO Honors to align their honors track appropriately. Also, would be worth taking a second look at supervisory roles of graduate students participating in overseeing undergrad students interning in research labs to align with rules of GTFF contract.

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

Update: Data Science undergraduate program proposal; Bill Crekso (Bio), Joe Sventek (CIS)
[Video: ~1:31:00]

- Introduction of core program components to guide senators' review of proposal materials in preparation for December 2019 Senate meeting.
- Program is designed to bridge the gap between those who are proficient with computers but not various disciplines working with big data sets and vice versa.
- Modeled after Berkeley program (which has 25 different domains), with a strong ethics component. Expectation that graduates will be immediately employable. Anticipate growth in program.

Open Discussion:

Committee on Recognizing our Diverse History; Melanie Muenzer (Assoc VP Vice Prov Acad Init), Lesley-Anne Pittard (Assist Vp Campus & Comm Engagement) – [Video: ~1:44:48]

- Committee launched in winter 2019 by President Schill in response to the Senate's [US17/18-06: Resolution denouncing White Supremacy & Hate Speech on Campus](#)
- Melanie is first point of contact for senators for any questions related to this committee and its projects
- Emerging Recommendations:
 - New Campus tours (actual and virtual) that emphasize diverse group contributions (building off of Hidden Histories, Indigenous UO)
 - Additional context on existing buildings/artwork (e.g., plaques)
 - Creation of new artwork (possibly modeled after UCal-Berkeley's Existence in Resistance project)
 - Incorporation of new material into classrooms, projects, research, other academic work (input from Senate desired on how to approach this item)
- Timeline for recommendation implementation still being refined. Updates will be provided.

Reports: None.

Notice of Motion:



- Data Science program
- Accelerated Masters programs

Other Business:

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Hans Dreyer, Tom Greenbowe, Elliot Berkman, N. Chris Phillips, Alan Rempel, Peter Gilkey, Michelle Wood, Michael Hames-Garcia, Aaron Gullickson, Eileen Otis, Glen Waddell, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Colin Koopman, Volya Kapatsinski, Kristy Bryant-Berg, Mark Whalan, Ben Mier-Cruz, Gerardo Sandoval, Akiko Walley, James Tice, Gina Biancarosa, Keith Zvoch, Jen Reynolds, Robin Clement, Ali Emami, Melissa Brunkan, Jason Silveira, Monique Balbuena, Edward Davis, Megan Austin, Tina Ching, Suzie Stadelman, Melina Pastos, Brian Sun, Jessica Neafie, Jay Butler, Zach Fairchild, Stephanie Prentiss, Josh Razink, Frances White, Elizabeth Skowron, Bill Harbaugh, Betina Lynn, Sandy Weintraub, Michael Schill, Patrick Phillips

Absent: Zhuo Jing-Schmidt, Sylvan Lionni, Chris Chavez, Norah Alrasheed, Charlie Keene, Heley Seyranian

Excused: Margaret Sereno, Randy Sullivan, Kristin Yarris, Beth Harn, Sam Norgaard-Stroich

Guests: Ivan Chen, Jack Forrest, Ron Bramhall (Assoc Vice Prov Academic Exec), Tim Gardner (Assoc Professor, Knight Campus), Nicole Dudukovic, Jana Prikryl, Robert Garral (Interim Project Manager), Melanie Muenzer (Assoc Vp Vice Prov Acad Init), Phil Washbourne, Adrienne Huxtable



**University Library Committee (ULC)
Senate Sub-Committee on Open Access (SSOA)
Charge
11/11/2019**

SSOA Sponsors: Patrick Phillips, Senior Vice-President and Provost
Elizabeth Skowron, UO Senate President
Elliot Berkman, UO Senate President-Elect

SSOA Chair: David Condon (ULC member)

SSOA Project Manager: Mark Watson, Interim Dean of Libraries

SSOA Members: Margaret Sereno (ULC Chair)
Andrew Kern (Office of the Provost appointee)
Beth Harn (ULC member and Senate liaison)
Franny Gaede (UO Libraries, Head, Digital Scholarship Services)
Miriam Rigby (UO Libraries, Social Sciences Librarian)
Susan Breakenridge (UO Libraries, Assistant Dean, Administrative Services)

Charge: Under the auspices of the University Library Committee, the Senate Sub-Committee on Open Access is charged by the Provost and the University Senate to undertake an investigation into the state of open access trends and practices and the role they play in the process of research and the dissemination of scholarly resources and works at the University of Oregon. Within this context and as a case study, the Committee should also examine the nature of the University Libraries' relationship and contract with Elsevier¹ to suggest options to inform the renegotiation process before the current agreement sunsets in December 2020.

Deliverables: At the conclusion of its investigation, SSOA will prepare a report to include the following elements:

- An overview of the current landscape of open access trends and practices in the area of scholarly communication and publishing
- An analysis of the role that open access plays in research and the dissemination of scholarly resources and works at the UO
- Overview of options for renegotiating the library's contract with Elsevier
- Recommended next steps to further the discussion and adoption of open access at the University of Oregon

In the course of its work, the Sub-Committee will create opportunities for campus-wide discussion that involve stakeholders from across the academic disciplines. The group will also hold regular meetings, create a web site, post agendas and release meeting notes in order to facilitate broad awareness of its work among all campus stakeholders.

Timeline: SSOA will begin its work immediately and submit its report to the Senate Leadership and the Provost by June 10, 2020.

Resources: UO Libraries' Open Access Advisory Group; Senate Executive Committee; UO Dean's Council; Graduate Council; Office of the Provost

¹ Elsevier is the name attributed to RELX Group's Scientific, Technical, and Medical business. RELX Group (known until 2015 as Reed Elsevier) is a London-based provider of information, data and analytical services for corporate, professional, and academic customers. Elsevier is RELX's largest area of activity, accounting for 33.7% of its revenues but 40.5% of its profits. It is also the most profitable business within RELX's portfolio, although Risk & Business Analytics is a close second.