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## University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2019

EMU Crater Lake rooms (145 & 146)

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

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**Call to Order:** 3:03 P.M.

### **Introductory Remarks:**

Elizabeth Skowron, Senate President

- Short presentation regarding annual elections process and proposal to move up timeline to facilitate appointments process.

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

November 13, 2019

The minutes stand approved.

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

Janet Woodruff-Borden, Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

- Outlined priorities:
  - Data-informed decision-making
  - Online and hybrid education
  - Strategic areas for growth
  - Robust method for program review
  - Creation of a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students
  - Faculty hiring and promotion
  - Expanding focus of mentorship
- Made special acknowledgement of Academic Affairs Team: Ellen Herman, Sierra Dawson, Ron Bramhall, Carol Gering, Yvonne Braun, Lee Rumbarger

### **New Business:**

#### **US19/20-07: Approval of Curriculum Report, Fall Term 2019; France White (UOCC Chair)**

Request that folks be patient with UOCC. Due to the emergence of several large new program proposals, some of the regular work of the UOCC is a bit behind schedule for this term. A large chunk of course review has had to be postponed until upcoming terms.

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

#### **US19/20-06: New Program Proposal: Data Science; Joe Sventek (CIS) and Bill Cresko (Biology, Director, Data Science Initiative)**

Joe presented a thorough summary of program requirements, targeted/expected growth, market demand for graduates with this skill set, research done on similar programs at other public AAU



institutions. Described plans to place students in summer internships to hone/refine their new skills prior to graduation. Program sponsors have also developed a template for other departments, schools and colleges interested in developing additional “Domain” areas for students in the Data Science Program.

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

**US19/20-08: New Program Proposal: Bioengineering; Nathan Jacobs (Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact), Mike Hahn (Human Physiology), Jim Hutchison (Chemistry, Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact)**

- Presentation focused on providing an overview of the bioengineering program proposal and where it is in the review process (Undergraduate Council votes on it 12/18/19).
- Goals of program: elevate reputation of the UO, build on existing culture of interdisciplinary collaboration, leverage strong job growth in the field in Oregon.
- Sponsors provided an overview of program requirements, existing and needed resources (such as additional classroom spaces) to administer the new program.
- Examples of the initial individualized tracks students may pursue:
  - Cell and tissue engineering
  - Biomedical imaging
  - Biotransport
  - Biomechanics
- Program will pursue accreditation once earliest cohort graduates (per accreditation guidelines).
- Proposal to be brought back to the Senate in January for full discussion and vote.
- Program Implementation Target Date: Fall 2021.

**Update: Accelerated Masters Programs (AMPs); Andy Karduna (Human Physiology, Assoc Dean of Grad School), Jered Nagel (Graduate School)**

- Topic introduced by Graduate Dean in Graduate Council during spring 2019 meetings.
- Sponsors worked over the summer to collaborate with several different units on campus to design/refine logistics of program implementation.
- UO is one of the few public AAUs that does not already offer accelerated masters programs. Conversations were had with these institutions to serve as a model for UO program.
- Sponsors have developed a template process for departments, schools and colleges to use to develop their own AMPs. Template documents are currently undergoing a second review by the Graduate Council after some minor refinements in the Undergraduate Council. Documents will be circulated to the Senate shortly.
- Proposal to come back to the Senate for full discussion and vote at the January meeting.

**Open Discussion:** None.

**Reports:** None.

**Notice of Motion:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** 4:34 P.M.



**Attendance:**

**Present:** Hans Dreyer, Randy Sullivan, Tom Greenbowe, Elliot Berkman, Margaret Sereno, Peter Gilkey, Michelle Wood, Michael Hames-Garcia, Kristin Yarris, Aaron Gullickson, Glen Waddell, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Colin Koopman, Volya Kapatsinski, Kristy Bryant-Berg, Mark Whalan, Ben Mier-Cruz, Sylvan Lionni, Gerardo Sandoval, Beth Harn, Keith Zvoch, Chris Chavez, Jen Reynolds, Robin Clement, Melissa Brunkan, Jason Silveira, Edward Davis, Megan Austin, Tina Ching, Sam Norgaard-Stroich, Suzie Stadelman, Melina Pastos, Jessica Neafie, Jay Butler, Zach Fairchild, Stephanie Prentiss, Josh Razink, Frances White, Bill Harbaugh

**Absent:** Chris Phillips, Alan rempel, Eileen Otis, Zhuo Jing-Schmidt, Akiko Walley, Gina Biancarosa, Norah Alrasheed, Charlie Keene, Haley Seyranian, Brian Sun, Monique Balbuena

**Excused:** Ali Emami, James Tice

**Guests:** Ron Bramhall, Nathan Jacobs, Jana Prikryl, Julia Pomerenk, Jered Nagel, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Dorothee Ostmeier, Melanie Muenzer