



University Senate Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

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.

Land acknowledgement, Sam Norgaard-Stroich

Introductory Remarks:

Elizabeth Skowron, Senate President

- Updates on status of recent senate approvals of data Science and Neuroscience programs
- Upcoming national search for new Vice President of Research and Innovation. Faculty input will be solicited.
- Announcement: senate will revisit peer teaching evaluations, guidelines, process, etc. in upcoming senate meetings.

Approval of the Minutes:

[December 11, 2019](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

State of the University

Michael Schill, University President

5 year report after implementation of UO Board of Trustees – highlights

- Have worked steadily to improve UO's reputation nationally
- Revitalized our status as a member of the AAU
- Rebuilt relationship with University Senate and other campus partners, resulting in increased collaboration on various strategic initiatives
- Created a new budget model, increased growth in state funding, developed long-term financial plan, achieved philanthropic donations to more than \$2 billion
- Net increase of 72 tenure-related faculty and completed cluster hire project
- Reduced student-teacher ratios and increased overall student enrollment

Challenges and Opportunities

- Financial stability
- Strategic investments in a time of budgetary scarcity
- National skepticism about higher education

Bob Guldberg, VP and Exec Dir Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact



Highlights: new Knight Campus during first year of operation:

- Provided \$100k to students for travel, websites, social media amplification, etc.
- Working to create diverse hiring pools
- February 2020: hosting Deans of Engineering from OSU and WSU to discuss diversity in STEM
- Sponsored programing: new hires have brought in \$5 million in new grants, with an additional \$18 million in proposals currently being reviewed
- Associates and Affiliates Program: 40 UO faculty have signed up to participate
- 2018-2019: reviewed more than 300 applications for 4 faculty positions

New Business:

[US19/20-08: New Program Proposal: Bioengineering](#); Nathan Jacobs (Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact), Jim Hutchison (Chemistry & Biochemistry),

- Brief review of presentation materials (similar to what was presented at Dec 2019 meeting).
- Information presented regarding ABET accreditation process for engineering programs.
- Program will harness talent of new faculty hires, with 6 of 12 to be completed by 2023 to meet program requirements.
- Program to be a model of experiential education, with an entrepreneurship component for interested students
- Target implementation date: Fall 2021

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

[US 19/20-09: Accelerated Masters Programs proposal](#); Andy Karduna (Human Physiology, Grad School)

- Program template has been approved by Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council, with consultation of Registrar’s Office for logistics and implementation.
- Review of presentation, with some material same as presented at Dec 2019 senate meeting.
- Program provides a third mechanism for reservation of graduate credit without change to existing policies.
- Several departments interested in developing Accelerated Master’s Programs.

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

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

Updates: Legislative Agenda; Hans Bernard & Libby Batlan

- 2020 Session: Feb 3 – Mar 8
- Efforts underway amongst 7 state universities to look at food insecurity and housing insecurity; under-represented students
- UO priorities:
 - Capital Construction: renovation of Huestis Hall, then Deady and Villard (\$57 million request)



- ShakeAlert: \$7.5 million request
- Matching fund for research and teaching boat at OIMB in Charleston, OR – 500k request
- Likely call to faculty for assistance in lobbying on Major Transfer Maps (MTMs), more info to senate in upcoming meetings

Notice of Motion:

No specific motions presented. President Skowron announced that minor revisions to Expedited Tenure policy and process and the new teaching evaluation criteria, will be on the agenda

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 4:56 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Randy Sullivan, Tom Greenbowe, Elliot Berkman, N. Christopher Phillips, Alan Rempel, Peter Gilkey, Michelle Wood, Aaron Gullickson, Eileen Otis, Glen Waddell, Lamia Karim (subbing for Bill Harbaugh), Pedro Garcia-Caro, Colin Koopman, Volya Kapatsinski, Kristy Bryant-Berg, Mark Whalan, Ben Mier-Cruz, Sylvan Lionni, James Tice, Beth Harn, Keith Zvoch, Chris Chavez, Jen Reynolds, Robin Clement, Melissa Brunkan, Jason Silveira, Edward Davis, Megan Austin, Tina Ching, Sam Norgaard-Stroich, Brendan Lejeune (subbing for Melina Pastos), Brian Sun, Jay Butler, Zach Fairchild, Stephanie Prentiss, Josh Razink, Frances White

Absent: Margaret Sereno, Michael Hames-Garcia, Zhuo Jing-Schmidt, Gerardo Sandoval, Akiko Walley, Monique Balbuena, Norah Alrasheed, Charlie Keene, Haley Seyranian, Manica Collier

Excused: Hans Dreyer, Kristin Yarris, Gina Biancarosa, Ali Emami

Guests: Robert Garral (Provost's Office) Melanie Muenzer (Provost's Office), Nathan Jacobs, Ron Bramhall, Jana Prikryl, Janet Woodruff-Borden, Jim Hutchison