

**University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
3:00-5:00 pm
EMU – Crater Lake Rooms**

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

1. Call to Order: 3:07 pm

1.1 Introductory Remarks – Senate President Bill Harbaugh

President Harbaugh reviewed the agenda.

1.2 Remarks – UO President Michael Schill

President Schill provided information and comments on several issues that he's been dealing with recently.

HECC Approves Tuition Increase: Schill said he is pleased that the UO's proposed 10.6% resident undergraduate increase was accepted on reconsideration, but acknowledged this is going to be a significant burden for many students and not a reason to celebrate. He said the initial denial and reconsideration have made it clear that the UO needs to think more about its relationship with the HECC. Schill said he hopes the tuition increase next year will be such that the UO won't need to get approval from the HECC.

Budget Problems: Even with the tuition increase, Schill reminded everyone that the UO will still have a nearly \$9 million shortfall next year. He has announced several measures that will cut that deficit in half, but that still leaves the UO short about \$4.5 million. Schill has a Budget Advisory Task Force (BATF), which includes the entire Senate Budget Committee, looking at possible cuts and revenue-generating measures, but he won't be announcing any further steps until after the Legislature adjourns and the university knows how much revenue will be coming from the state. Schill noted that the state revenue forecast is good and said he is hopeful that we will see some added revenue for both tuition reduction and decreasing the budget shortfall.

UO Legislative Agenda: Schill said the UO has three major "asks" at the Legislature: 1) Adding \$100 million to the Public Universities Support Fund (PUSF); 2) Securing \$284 million for capital needs, including \$45-55 million for a new classroom and faculty office building; and 3) Getting \$100 million in bonding authority to begin construction of the first Knight Campus building.

Other Updates: Schill provided updates on numerous other issues and listed some of his priorities for the coming year.

- Commencement will occur on June 19.
- He offered his thanks to Dean Michael Moffitt from the Law School and to Provost Scott Coltrane for their service to the university. And he said he is looking forward to the arrival of new Provost Jayanth Banavar.
- Schill noted that he will be completing his second year at the UO on July 1. He said he is delighted with the progress we are making as a university. He feels we are becoming better known for our academics than we were for several notable negative issues.
- Schill thanked the Senate for the role it has played and said he feels it is functioning better and better. He is looking forward to working with incoming president Chris Sinclair.
- Schill said several of the schools and colleges still have work to do in balancing their budgets, but he saluted the “tremendous progress” that was made this past year. He acknowledged that this has required many hard decisions.
- Schill wants to continue concentrating on building excellence. This includes more academic advising, greater focus on student success, and expansion into online education.
- Finalizing and implementing the 30+ Diversity Action Plans (DAP) is also a priority.
- He wants to make more progress on his goal of increasing the number of tenure-track faculty by 80 – 100.
- Construction of the Knight Campus will begin in October. The UO is in the process of hiring a permanent director and will soon begin hiring faculty.
- Schill is looking forward to developing some cross-cutting curricular themes and acquiring the resources to support them.
- Schill reported that the UO is continuing to make progress on its \$2 billion capital campaign. He expects to reach that total in 2018 and says we need to begin developing plans for investing it in our campus and programs.

Presentation to Outgoing Senate President Harbaugh: Schill presented Harbaugh with a gavel and thanked him for his service to the university.

2. Approval of Minutes:

2.1 April 26, 2017 – Senators voted unanimously to accept the minutes as currently posted.

4. New Business

4.1 Vote: US16/17-29: Approval of Curriculum Report, Spring 2017; Frances White (Anthropology), Chair of UOCC

White noted that the UOCC reviewed proposed changes to 244 courses this term. She highlighted several of the bigger projects the committee tackled, including the Math Department’s complete overhaul of its approach to undergraduate instruction. Mike Urbancic who was directly involved in developing the new approach described some of the changes. These include establishing Math Labs where students work in teams, as they would in a writing lab, and introducing some of the methods and concepts used in

upper level courses into first and second year courses, so the transition won't be so jarring.

White also pointed out that this was the first time the UOCC had a significant number of online and hybrid courses to review. The biggest challenge they faced was evaluating how faculty can appropriately replace the student engagement aspects of classroom instruction when the course moves online and there is little or no face-to-face interaction. As a result, the UOCC developed and published a set of guidelines with concrete examples to help faculty address this issue as they develop courses in this new format. White said these guidelines will likely be revised as faculty create more online and hybrid courses. She also pointed out a few minor revisions that the UOCC had made that morning to its posted curriculum report.

**Motion to adopt the Spring Term Curriculum Report. Presented by: White.
Second: Not needed – committee report.**

Vote on motion: Yes – unanimously. Moved/Carried.

4.2 Announcement of Election Results and Confirmation of Committee Appointments

Harbaugh reported that the results have already been posted on the Senate website. The Senate Executive Coordinator also displayed the entire list of those who were elected or appointed for senators to view. Harbaugh noted that there is an eligibility question still needing to be resolved involving one candidate for the Faculty Advisory Council, but expects this will occur soon. There are also some unfilled positions that Senate leaders and administrators will endeavor to fill. Harbaugh said candidate recruitment efforts were more successful this year and he praised the number of people who voted.

4.3 Election for 2017-2018 Senate Vice President & President-Elect (Conducted by Vice President Sinclair)

Sinclair asked several times if there were any last-minute nominations for the vice president position, but no one volunteered or was nominated. This left Harbaugh as the only willing candidate, so he was given the opportunity to make a statement about his reasons for running.

Harbaugh said that when he ran for vice president two years ago, he was seen by many as controversial and potentially disruptive. Now, having served as vice president and president, he said many people see him as a sell-out for not pushing harder on the Athletics Department, for public records disclosure, etc. Harbaugh says he has attempted to be a practical leader who works to improve the UO and strengthen shared governance. He feels it takes a while to truly learn many administrative jobs, so in this case continuity is a positive thing. Harbaugh said he's interested in working on a variety

of projects as vice president and noted that members of the Senate were as responsible for determining the issues that got addressed this past year as he and Sinclair were.

Harbaugh listed several of this past year's Senate successes, including development of the new sexual violence reporting policy, derailing the administration's proposed time, place and manner policy regarding speech activities, prompt passage of a resolution supporting a sanctuary campus, working with the administration to develop a new budget model, and support for the IDEAL framework along with efforts to ensure greater Senate involvement in the resulting Diversity Action Plans. Harbaugh said the Senate ought to be more involved in decisions about faculty layoffs, considering how many NTTFs have not had their contracts renewed the past two years, but he understands that the administration has legal obligations to handle much of that through United Academics, the faculty union. Harbaugh left the room while voting took place.

Vote on election of Bill Harbaugh as Vice President and President-Elect: Yes – overwhelmingly.

4.4 UO Senate Award for Shared Governance, Transparency, and Trust

Presenter: Bill Harbaugh, Senate President

Recipient: Diane Dietz, former reporter for the Register-Guard
Dietz's comments are posted on the Senate website.

4.5 UO Senate Classified Staff Leadership Award

Presenter: Dorothy Attneave, Campus Planning and Design

Recipient: Kurt Willcox, University Senate and UO Board of Trustees
Willcox's comments are posted on the Senate website.

4.6 UO Senate Wayne T. Westling Award

Presenter: John Bonine, Professor, School of Law

Recipient: Jennifer Freyd, Professor, Psychology
Freyd's comments are posted on the Senate website.

4.7 UO Senate Leadership and Service Award for Officers of Administration

Presenter: Miriam Bolton, College of Arts and Sciences

Recipient: Lisa Raleigh, College of Arts and Sciences
Raleigh's comments are posted on the Senate website.

4.8 Special Recognition Award for Provost Scott Coltrane

Harbaugh thanked Provost Scott Coltrane for his service to the university, congratulated him on his retirement, and presented him with a Swiss Army knife to use on his upcoming camping trip in Alaska.

4.9 Special Recognition Award for Senate Parliamentarian Paul Simonds

Harbaugh thanked Paul Simonds for his many years of service and leadership in the Faculty Assembly and University Senate, especially his 19 years as parliamentarian following his retirement from teaching. White recounted some of her experiences working as an Anthropology colleague with Simonds and expressed her admiration for him. Harbaugh presented Simonds with an engraved vase as a token of the Senate's appreciation. In response, Simonds welcomed Harbaugh into the "Dead Presidents' Society that includes all past presidents of the modern-day Senate. Simonds was the first member of that group. There was a brief slide show highlighting various aspects of Simonds's career as a primatologist, educator, and vintner.

5. Open Discussion: None

6. Reports:

Harbaugh noted that the Honors Task Force had recently concluded its work and that its report and recommendations are posted on the Senate website.

7. Notice(s) of Motion - None

8. Other Business – Passing the Gavel to New President Chris Sinclair

Sinclair thanked Harbaugh for his efforts and assistance this past year and said he feels the state of the Senate is strong. He noted that deans and administrators come and go, but the faculty and the Senate remain and function as stewards of the university. Sinclair said senators must uphold the UO's academic standards and ensure that the voices of all groups are heard in running the university. He urged senators to design good policy, like this past year's sexual violence reporting policy. He would like the UO to be known for thoughtful, ethical policies that are models for other schools. Sinclair said he wants to work closely with the administration and feels they are listening to faculty, staff, and student input.

Sinclair identified a number of issues the Senate will tackle next year and urged anyone interested in helping to get involved. These include:

- Course Evaluation Task Force: It's already meeting and will work through the summer.
- Core Education Task Force: This group will begin meeting soon with a goal of proposing a framework for the establishment of a permanent curriculum committee in the fall. The university's accreditors specifically urged the university to create such a group.
- Program review: The Senate will work with Academic Affairs to design the review process and define what the UO needs to get out of it.
- Equity and Service: The Senate needs to help lead a discussion about how to define, recognize, and honor various kinds of service and ensure that all participate at similar levels.
- UOCC Changes: With the decision by CAS to eliminate its Committee on Courses, the

UO Committee on Courses will likely see a sharp rise in its workload as its figures out how to evaluate the content of course proposals coming out of CAS.

- New Provost Coming: Sinclair described Jayanth Banavar as excellent, honest, and dedicated, but said there will be a period of adjustment for everyone as the relationship develops.

- New Budget Model: The new model is promising, but it will need to be finalized and that will take continuing discussion. Sinclair hopes all constituent groups will take part in those discussions, not just senators.

- Budget Metrics: While this is not a Senate committee, Sinclair stressed the importance of senators carefully reviewing the metrics that will be used to determine how university funds will be dispersed to schools, colleges, and departments.

- Diversity Action Plans (DAP): These plans are currently being reviewed both to evaluate what individual units intend to do to increase diversity and to identify any cross-campus commonalities. Sinclair expects the Senate will be involved in reviewing any resulting policy proposals and he wants to ensure that any money spent implementing these plans really improves diversity on campus.

- UO Board of Trustees: Sinclair said he wants the Senate to maintain a positive relationship with the Board and has invited Board Chair Chuck Lillis to attend a Senate meeting in the fall to help in that effort. Sinclair wants to clarify the Senate's role in the university's larger governing structure and ensure that all parts of that structure are working together.

Sinclair concluded by thanking the senators for their dedication and service and urged them to help shape the Senate's agenda next year.

9. Adjournment: 4:51 pm

Attendance:

University Senate Members – 2016-17				Date: June 7, 2017			
Senators	Pres	Abs	Exc	Senators	Pres	Abs	Exc
CAS – Natural Sciences				School of Music and Dance			
N. Christopher Phillips			X	Alexandre Dossin			X
John Conery	X			Idit Shner (Jack Boss)	X		
Dejing Dou	X						
Jennifer Freyd	X			Clark Honors College			
Elliot Berkman		X		Monique Balbuena	X		
Huaxin Lin	X						
Christopher Minson	X			Other Academic Units			
Hans Dreyer	X			Edward Davis	X		
Ilya Bindeman		X					
				Librarians			
CAS – Social Sciences				Lori Robare	X		
Jane Cramer	X			Edward Teague		X	
Eileen Otis	X						
Mike Urbancic	X			Officers of Administration			

Craig Parsons		X		Amanda Hatch	X		
Peter Walker		X		Keith Frazee	X		
				Stephanie McGee (Larissa Ennis)	X		
CAS – Humanities							
Jane Averill	X			Students			
Lowell Bowditch	X			Lauren Young (Nick Gioia)	X		
Cristina Calhoon	X			Keegan Williams-Thomas		X	
Pedro Garcia-Caro		X		Montse Mendez-Higuera	X		
Alison Groppe	X			Ednaly Jimenez-Gomez		X	
Beata Stawarska		X		Jarred Umenhofer	X		
Daniela Vallega-Neu	X						
Eric Pederson	X			Classified Staff			
				Valerie Mickelson			X
Architecture and Allied Arts							
Jack Ryan	X			Theodora Ko Thompson	X		
Laura Leete			X	Jimmy Murray	X		
Kate Mondloch	X			Career NTF Research			
Richard Margerum	X			Greg Bryant	X		
College of Education							
Academic Council Chair							
Deanna Linville	X			Frances White	X		
Laura Lee McIntyre	X						
Beth Harn	X			Ex-Officio			
				Bill Harbaugh, President	X		
Journalism and Comm.							
				Chris Sinclair, Vice President	X		
Christopher Chavez	X			Randy Sullivan, Past President		X	
				Michael Schill, UO President	X		
School of Law							
				Scott Coltrane, Provost	X		
John Bonine	X			Amy Schenk, ASUO President		X	
				Betina Lynn, Sen. Exec. Coord.	X		
College of Business							
				Paul Simonds, Parliamentarian	X		
Ali Emami	X			Angela Wilhelms, St.Fac.Ex.Crd	X		
Jennifer Ellis	X						

Guests: Emma Henderson, Andrew Dunn, Ron Bramhall, Mariann Hyland, Dorothy Attneave, Terry McQuilkin, Lisa Raleigh, Miriam Bolton, Melina Pastos, Lexy Wellman, Kyle Henley, Diane Dietz, Michael Dietz, Daniel Dietz, Phyllis Wagoner, Kate Wagoner, Sean Willcox, and Kurt Willcox.