

University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
3:00-5:00 pm
EMU – Crater Lake Rooms

Attendance can be found at the end of the minutes.

1. Call to Order: 3:03 pm

1.1 Introductory Remarks – Senate President Chris Sinclair

Core Education Conference: President Sinclair announced that he, Ron Bramhall, and Emily Simnitt will be attending a national conference on core education in Salt Lake City during Week 10 of Spring Term. The UO is entitled to send two additional people. If you are interested, contact Sinclair.

Core Education Information: Sinclair referred senators to a link on today's posted agenda called "Core Ed: Goals, Areas and Methods of Inquiry". He urged senators to check it out as a way of familiarizing themselves with some of the key terms and concepts involved in the various core education-related motions that are coming before the Senate. He also demonstrated how people can use the task force's web page to contact all of its members. <https://prezi.com/view/Mho1w8qMcuGJVnULv4AT/>

2. Approval of Minutes:

2.1 February 28, 2018 – Senators offered no objections to or corrections of the minutes as currently posted, so President Sinclair declared them approved.

3. State of the University:

3.1 Remarks – Jayanth Banavar, Provost

Provost Banavar brought greetings from President Schill.

Institutional Metrics: Banavar reminded faculty that he is holding a meeting on institutional metrics in the main Straub lecture hall on Friday, March 16 from 11 am – 12 noon. He urged faculty to attend and tell him what they think on this issue.

Architecture's Internal Disagreements: Jayanth noted that there had been much negative feedback to the memo he recently sent to faculty in the College of Design. He said his intent was to strengthen shared governance by insisting that all official department actions and meetings include all affected faculty. Banavar clarified that he was in no way trying to infringe on faculty's collective bargaining rights, legal rights, or rights under UO policies. He said faculty should feel free to speak out or to get together with each other and commiserate about things that concern them. At the same time, Banavar said faculty should be civil and collegial with each other.

North Campus Conditional Use Permit: Banavar said the university has submitted the conditional use permit (CUP), because they have a time sensitive need to build a parking garage south of the railroad tracks to service the new Knight Campus. He acknowledged that the opponents of the UO's CUP are focused on development plans for the area north of the railroad tracks, not the southern portion. He identified the inclusion of lighted playing fields in the CUP as the main point of contention. Banavar said the CUP is only meant to guide develop over the next 20 years or so. There are no definite plans yet for the portion north of the railroad tracks, he said, and there will be lots of opportunity for input through the Campus Planning Committee before those decisions are made. Banavar said the administration has already agreed to move the potential location for any playing fields farther back from the river and will agree not to take any actions involving the development of that area during the first or last weeks of any term. He denied that the potential playing fields are in any way connected to the IAAF track meet that the UO will host in 2021.

Banavar introduced General Counsel Kevin Reed to address the question of whether or not the CUP can legally be divided into north and south sections. Reed said the university has been interested in having separate plans for years, but the City of Eugene has always said there must be one comprehensive one. The administration was completely surprised when the city's planning department recently told Senate Vice President Bill Harbaugh that there could be two CUPs – one for the south portion and one for the north. Reed called the city attorney who said he hadn't been asked to rule on this issue before, but agreed with planners that there could be two CUPs. He cautioned, however, that the state's Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) would likely rule against two smaller CUPs in favor of one master plan for the entire site.

Chris Murray asked Provost Banavar whether faculty would have a means of objecting if the Provost's Office uses institutional metrics to make cuts to units it considers inefficient, but which the faculty consider critical to the curriculum. Banavar said the proper way for faculty to raise such objections would be with their deans. If that doesn't resolve things, faculty could appeal to him or President Schill. He said it will always be necessary to put the interests of students first.

4. New Business and Reports

4.1 Discussion and Vote: US 17/18-16: "Approval of Curriculum Report, Winter 2018" – Frances White, Chair of UO Committee on Courses

Frances White said the report is pretty typical and straight-forward. She noted that the committee is proposing two amendments to the original published version of the report. The first involves the regularization of hybrid or online versions of existing face-to-face courses. Departments will only be allowed to use the existing course number up to three times for the hybrid or online version before they must get it regularized by the Committee on Courses. The second amendment involves putting the various versions of the UO's general education requirements into one document that includes the transfer articulation definitions recently approved by the Higher Education Coordinating

Commission (HECC). White also highlighted the Other Curricular Matters section of the report that was largely developed by the Undergraduate Council. No second is needed, because this is a committee report.

Motion to divide the report into two sections – the portion involving the review of courses done by the Committee on Courses and the “Other Curricular Matters” section produced by the Undergraduate Council. Presented by: Bill Harbaugh. Second: Randy Sullivan, substituting for Tom Greenbowe.

Harbaugh said the “Other Curricular Matters” section contains significant policy changes, such as elimination of language and mathematics requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree, which he feels should be considered separately. White strongly objected. This would be a sizeable change in procedure in how the Senate deals with curriculum reports, she said. The involved committees have worked hard and within their authorities to produce this report. If the Senate wants to follow a different procedure, White said it should vote specifically to change the existing procedure.

Vote on motion to divide: 11 – Yes. 21 – No. Motion fails.

Harbaugh apologized to White and said he was not doubting the effort both the Committee on Courses and the Undergraduate Council had made in reviewing these issues. He suggested that in the future when significant program changes are being proposed the Senate be given more information about the proposed changes. This is especially the case, he said, since the Senate is in the midst of redesigning the university’s core education program. In the end, Harbaugh said, it is the Senate that is responsible for the UO’s curriculum, not the Undergraduate Council.

Lowell Bowditch asked why language and mathematics requirements were dropped for the BFA degree, rather than other components of the general education requirements. White said this is what the Fine Arts programs wanted. She reiterated that this change involves standardization of professional bachelor’s degrees, not any judgement on the value of language and mathematics education. Ron Bramhall added that the absence of a language and mathematics requirement is consistent with the requirements for the other five professional bachelor’s degrees offered at the UO and with national standards. He noted that the UO awards about 30 BFA degrees and about 170 other professional bachelor’s degrees annually.

Vote on the main motion to adopt the Winter curriculum report: 30 – Yes. 2 – No. Moved and carried.

4.2 Discussion: Senate Awards Introduction and Elections Update – Kurt Willcox and Betina Lynn

Senate Program Assistant Kurt Willcox reminded senators that nominations for the Senate’s four annual awards would open at the start of Spring Term on April 2 and

close on April 24. Willcox described each of the awards and their nomination and selection processes. He urged all members of the campus community to submit nominations and said the awards would be presented during the final Senate meeting of the year on June 6.

Senate Executive Coordinator Betina Lynn reported that the elections survey would go live during the first week of Spring Term and remain open for 2-3 weeks. She asked senators for their help in getting people to fill out the survey and volunteer for Senate or committee service. Actual voting will begin in late April and continue for about 2 weeks. The Senate's Committee on Committees will meet during May and use the survey results to recommend people for appointment to various committees. Election results and recommended committee appointments should be announced in late May with the Senate voting on the committee appointments at its last meeting on June 6.

4.3 Vote: US 17/18-08: "Creation of Core Education Council" – Chris Sinclair, Chair of Core Education Task Force

President Sinclair gave the gavel to Vice President Harbaugh to conduct the discussion on this motion which comes from the Academic Council. No second is needed, because this is a committee report.

Sinclair noted that the Senate had referred this legislation to the Academic Council. Their job was to come up with a structure for the new Core Education Council that would be satisfactory to both the Core Education Task Force and those who had objected at a previous Senate meeting to the composition proposed by the task force. Sinclair described the changes recommended by the Academic Council that are included in a revised 17-point chart for the new council. These involve deleting one ex officio position and adding two one-year at-large positions for CAS faculty members who are directly involved in the areas the Core Education Council will be discussing in any given academic year. The role of ex officio members as resource people was also clarified.

There was no discussion.

Vote on legislation with amended 17-point chart: Unanimously – Yes.

Sinclair resumed presiding over the meeting.

4.4 Discussion and Vote: US 17/18-15: "Revisions on Criteria for Receiving Departmental Honors" – Frances White, Chair of Academic Council

White urged senators to read the full report of the Honors Task Force, which covers more than the recommendations on departmental honors contained in this legislation. She reviewed those recommendations, which include ending departmental honors based solely on GPA starting in Fall 2019, standardizing the criteria for Latin Honors across all academic terms, developing a summary document describing the UO's

honors programs, communicating better with students about the honors programs available to them, and urging the provost to work with departments that don't currently offer an honors option to develop one.

Senators discussed the fact that some departments allow Honors College students to use projects completed there to count as their projects for departmental honors while others do not. There was general agreement that the legislation should be amended to at least provide for a review of how Honors College projects should be treated by departments when determining departmental honors.

4.5 Discussion and Vote: US 17/18-14: “Withdrawal of North Campus Conditional Use Permit” – Bitty Roy (Biology) and Bart Johnson (Landscape Architecture)

Supporters of the resolution offered a variety of introductory remarks. Bart Johnson noted that since this issue was placed before the Senate, he and other supporters had discussed their concerns with various administrators and the Senate Executive Committee and had made some revisions to the motion. He said the university's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application represents a new commitment to ecology, but, unfortunately, a fragmented one. Johnson credited the university with doubling the size of the riverbank setback and reducing the number of potential playing fields from five to three. He said his group is prepared to have the UO's proposals for the area south of the railroad tracks move forward, but they see no need now to seek permission to construct playing fields north of the railroad tracks – a condition that could be in effect up to 30 years. The North Campus area is a great ecological resource, Johnson said, and the university should capitalize on it. He quoted UO President Mike Schill on the need for fresh approaches to student success and the importance of taking risks that will have real impact and open up new possibilities. That, Johnson concluded, is what the UO should do with the North Campus area.

Bitty Roy pointed out that at least 10 departments use the river area for classes involving up to 3,500 students per year. Ed Whitelaw faulted the university for failing to conduct an effective cost-benefit analysis as part of its development strategy for this area of campus. In particular, he criticized the UO for giving higher priority to its private good than to the public good of the Eugene community. Maisie Bailey, an undergraduate Biology major, described some of the ways that access to the river had been important for her studies and urged the administration to improve that access for other students. Matt Goslin, a graduate student in Geology, said he had spent a good deal of time at the river during some of his Botany classes and was amazed by the diversity he found so close to the main campus. He was doing research on a plant that is native to Eastern Oregon, but discovered that it also grew by the river in the North Campus area.

Motion to have the university withdraw its conditional use permit for the North Campus area. Presented by: Bart Johnson. Second: Luci Charlton.

Johnson read the “Resolves” which include asking the UO to withdraw the area north of the railroad tracks from its CUP; withdraw the entire CUP if the city determines it is impossible to separate the sections north and south of the railroad tracks; study potential locations for playing fields away from the river; and commit itself to using the riverbank area for “ecological restoration, nature experience, and academics” related to experiential learning and stewarding natural resources.

John Bonine pointed out that Kevin Reed’s comments about the viability of separating the CUP into two parts were based on conversations with the city attorney and not grounded in legal citations. Chris Minson said he is conflicted, because he is both a strong environmentalist and someone who understands the importance of exercise and greater physical activity. He asked if there wasn’t a way to better balance riverbank uses with playing fields. Bitty Roy agreed on the importance of physical activity, but said playing fields don’t belong in this area. She suggested several potential solutions, such as locating the playing fields in Glenwood with access by the EmX, working with South Eugene High School to share their fields, or getting more cooperation from the Athletics Department for use of their facilities.

Keith Frazee acknowledged being conflicted, as well, and asked about Provost Banavar’s contention that no decisions have been made about constructing playing fields north of the railroad tracks. Roy said Banavar is correct, but there is a lot of pressure on the Campus Planning Committee, which she sits on, to place lighted playing fields next to the river. Johnson also acknowledged that further discussions would take place before a final decision is made about locating playing fields by the river, but he pointed out that once playing fields are accepted as part of the CUP, the assumption will be that they will be built and opponents will need to fight to remove them.

Susan Gary said she supports dividing the CUP, because there should be more discussion about playing fields and because she wants the university to be able to move forward with the Knight Campus parking garage which is planned for the area south of the railroad tracks. She did, however, express concern about the possibility that the city attorney is correct in believing it will be legally impossible to divide the CUP. Mike Harwood, Associate Vice President for Planning and Facilities Management, said that withdrawing the entire CUP would cause problems for construction of the Knight Campus parking garage and undercut the established campus planning process that has already taken place over the past year. He noted his background at North Carolina State and said he is committed to environmentally sound development of the North Campus.

Greg Bryant noted that many of the administrators involved in the planning for North Campus have only been at the UO for a short time and may not be here over the 20-30 year lifespan of the CUP. Once the CUP is in place, the UO will be bound to follow it, Bryant said, even if those who promoted it are long gone. Alejandro Vallega, Eileen Otis, and Ed Davis expressed support for the motion. Davis asked what will happen if the Senate passes this motion and President Schill refuses to be bound by it. President

Sinclair said that unless the Senate took some other action, the CUP would continue as is. Bryant noted that there is likely to be public opposition to the UO's proposed CUP and that the CUP will be subject to public hearings as part of the city's review process.

George Evans criticized the process by which the CUP proposal was developed. The first indication he had that a development plan for the North Campus area was in the works, he said, was in November when he saw a small sign about an open house posted on the footbridge. At that point, the development plan was in its final stages. Evans also objected to the fact that no alternatives are being proposed to lighted, fenced, and artificial turf playing fields. He said he attended two open houses about the North Campus plan and both times that was the only option offered. Evans said the river offers the UO a great competitive advantage and urged the administration not to give it away.

Sinclair asked if the Senate was ready to call the question and there were no objections.

Vote on motion to have the university withdraw its conditional use permit for the North Campus area. 29 – Yes. 5 – No. Moved/Seconded/Carried.

Harbaugh announced that there is currently an opening for a senator to serve on the Campus Planning Committee and urged anyone interested to contact him as chair of the Committee on Committees.

5. Open Discussion: None

6. Reports: None

7. Notice(s) of Motion: None

8. Other Business: None

9. Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Attendance:

University Senate Members – 2017-18				Date: March 14, 2018			
Senators	Pres	Abs	Exc	Senators	Pres	Abs	Exc
CAS – Natural Sciences				School of Music and Dance			
Elliot Berkman	X			Jack Boss	X		
Ilya Bindeman	X			Toby Koenigsberg	X		
Hans Dreyer	X						
Jennifer Freyd	X			Clark Honors College			
Tom Greenbowe (& Sullivan)	X			Monique Balbuena		X	
Anthony Hornof			X				
Huaxin Lin	X			Other Academic Units			

Christopher Minson	X			Edward Davis	X		
N. Christopher Phillips	X						
				Librarians			
CAS – Social Sciences				Elizabeth Peterson	X		
Bill Harbaugh (Vice Pres.)	X			Lori Robare	X		
Katie Meehan	X						
Madonna Moss			X	Officers of Administration			
Eileen Otis	X			Cheryl Ernst	X		
Mike Urbancic	X			Keith Frazee	X		
				Marcus Langford	X		
CAS – Humanities							
Lowell Bowditch	X			Students			
Cristina Calhoon	X			Luci Charlton	X		
Pedro Garcia-Caro		X		Cali Hodge (Maddie Moore)			X
Alison Groppe	X			Arian Mobasser	X		
Colin Koopman	X			Alexandra Pear		X	
Mark Whalan	X			Keegan Williams-Thomas		X	
Alejandro Vallega	X						
David Wacks (Robert Davis)			X	Classified Staff			
				Theodora KoThompson(Stone)			X
College of Design				Terry McQuilkin	X		
Liska Chan		X		Valerie Mickelson (J. Butler)			X
Laura Leete		X					
Richard Margerum (R. Irvin)			X	Career NTF Research			
Sylvan Lionni	X			Greg Bryant	X		
College of Education				Academic Council Chair			
Beth Harn			X	Frances White	X		
Christopher Murray	X						
John Seeley			X	Ex-Officio			
				Chris Sinclair, Vice President	X		
Journalism and Comm.				Michael Schill, UO President		X	
Christopher Chavez		X		Jayanth Banavar, UO Provost	X		
				Amy Schenk, ASUO President		X	
School of Law				Angela Wilhelms, St.Fac.Ex.Crd		X	
Susan Gary	X			Jessica Carlson, Parliamen.	X		
				Betina Lynn, Sen. Exec. Coord.	X		
College of Business				Kurt Willcox, Sen. Prog. Asst.	X		
Jennifer Ellis			X				
Ali Emami (Joel Sneed)			X				

Guests: Hannah Kanik, Scott Pratt, Kevin Reed, Kyle Henley, Melanie Muenzer, Ron Bramhall, Mike Harwood, David Cecil, Brent Harrison, Matthew Goslin, Peter Ralph, George Evans, Ed Whitelaw, Bitty Roy, Melina Pastos, Bart Johnson, Samier Wagar, Maisie Bailey, Hannah Solheim, Aviva Kaye-Diamond, and Amira Borders.