

University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
3:00-5:00 pm
EMU – Crater Lake Rooms

1. Call to order: 3:05pm

1.1 University Update: Provost Banavar

Highlights:

- Provost Banavar is excited for the Senate to possibly vote on the Academic Continuity Plan.
- He supports the proposed new Ph.D. program.
- He has found the process of budget cutting to be harrowing.

1.2 Introductory Remarks: Senate Pres Harbaugh

Highlights:

- Description of honorary awards process.

2. Approval of Minutes: 3:12pm

Motion to approve minutes from [April 10, 2019](#).

Motion passes unanimously by a show of hands.

3. Business/ Reports: 3:13pm

3.1 Update: CAS Task Force working groups; Senator Elliot Berkman

- They expect to have a draft of the report by the end of the school year.
- Berkman gave an overview of the process they have been using, including the guiding questions they have been asking themselves.
- Their meetings are open, should anyone like to attend (<https://provost.uoregon.edu/task-force-structure-college-arts-and-sciences#Schedule>).

3.2 Teaching Evals motion update: Senate Pres Harbaugh

- The course evaluation policy passed at the last senate meeting did not have specific language in it regarding the current practice of delaying the release of grades for students who did not complete course evaluations.
- The committee working on teaching evaluations looked for a historical record of the Senate passing policy regarding the grade holds. They found none, and concluded that it was never Senate policy.
- The committee would like to end the practice of grade holds. They are expected to be phased out as the new course evaluation system is phased in.
- The question was raised if the practice of grade holds could be ended immediately, instead of waiting for the roll out of the new course evaluation system. Harbaugh agreed to encourage the Registrar's Office to end the practice as soon as possible, with the support of the Senate, as established by a unanimous straw poll.

3.3 Discussion and Vote: US18/19-10: Academic Continuity Plan policy proposal (REDLINE and CLEAN drafts, unchanged from 4/10); Frances White (CoC). Memo from UO General Counsel's office on Presidential Authority and the ACP [here](#).

- Motion to replace the redline copy with the clean copy.
- Motion passes unanimously with a show of hands.
- Vote on Academic Continuity Plan.
- Motion passes by a show of hands with 3 against.

3.4 Discussion : US18/19-15: New Program Proposal – Ph.D. in PPPM; Rich Margerum (PPPM Head of School)

- Presentation of proposed Ph.D. program.
- Q&A, including questions about the name of one of the program tracks, funding for faculty positions, how they can offer classes with so few students in the program, the number of credits required by the program, and the job market prospects for students graduating from the program.
- Motion to suspend Senate rules to allow voting on the program proposal.
- Motion passes unanimously by a show of hands.
- Vote on the new program proposal.
- Motion passes unanimously by a show of hands.

3.5 Discussion of US18/19-16: Supporting the Other Academic Units and Requesting More Equitable Expenditure Reductions; Senator Ed Davis (Museum of Natural and Cultural History).

- Presentation by Ed Davis about why the proposed cuts to the museums, the Bach Festival, and LERC bother him. Special focus paid to the museums, and the harm these cuts would do.
- Professor Gordon Lafer was given time to speak on behalf of LERC. He talked about what LERC does, and suggested the alternative cut of, of applying an 8% cut to administrators who make over \$200k a year.
- Davis presented the numbers involved in the proposed budget cuts to the museums, the Bach Festival, and LERC. Davis suggested a 6% cut instead, and outlined the effect that that could have if the difference was absorbed by the colleges.
- Extensive discussion about whether to suspend the rules to allow a vote on the motion.
- There was concern that budget proposals would be going to President Schill before the next Senate meeting.
- Motion to suspend the rules
- Passes with 30 in favor, 11 against.
- The motion was read allowed.
- Extensive discussion of the motion
- The desire for some of the financial alternatives to be in the motion itself was brought up. As was the desire for a longer Senate process, taking into account all of the proposed cuts.
- Motion to refer US18/19-16 to the Senate Budget Committee.
- Fails by a show of hands. (Not unanimous)
- Motion to table US18/19-16.
- Fails with 17 in favor, 27 against.
- Question called.
- Motion to close debate.
- Passes by a show of hands. (Not unanimous)
- Vote on requesting more equitable spending reductions.
- Motion passes with 31 in favor and 12 against.

4. Adjourns: 5:03pm