

May 10, 2019

Dear Members of the University Senate,

I am pleased to accept the following actions passed by the University Senate in March and April of 2019:

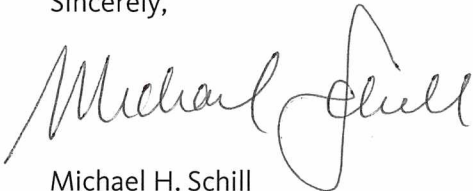
- US18/19-10: Academic Continuity Plan policy proposal (w/ memo from UO General Counsel)
- US18/19-12: Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities policy revisions
- US18/19-13: Approval of Curriculum Report, Winter 2019
- US18/19-14: Phase out Current Student 'Course Evaluations' and Replace with Learning-Focused 'Student Experience Surveys'
- US18/19-15: New Program Proposal – Ph.D. in PPPM

Both the Senate and the Academic Council are to be thanked for their hard work and consideration of the Academic Continuity Plan Policy. This policy supports our students, and I accept it with the understanding of the legal memo provided by the General Counsel (document attached).

Next, I would like to congratulate Cass Mosely and Elizabeth Skowron, who exemplified Senate and Administration collaboration as they jointly chaired the committee charged with drafting a new Conflict of Interest/ Conflict of Commitment policy (US18/19-12).

In reference to US18/19-14, I would like to acknowledge the innovation and commitment to move the university further along the continuum of teaching excellence to the benefit of both faculty and students. With the advent of this legislation the Registrar will end the grade hold policy effective with the end of Spring term 2019. The critical next step for campus-wide rollout of the Student Experience Surveys in Fall 2019 is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Union that is currently being developed.

Sincerely,



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