

University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
3:00-5:00pm
EMU – Crater Lake Rooms

1. Call to order: 3:04pm

1.1 Introductory Remarks; Senate President Bill Harbaugh

Highlights:

- Starting this term, grade holds will no longer be used to incentivize student course evaluations.
- UO is not renewing their contract with Academic Analytics, which will save \$100k/year.
- According to Roger Thompson new enrollment is estimated to go down by 7% for in-state students and up 22% for out-of-state students, which is mostly offset by a previous bulge in out of state students.
- The Board of Trustees has already passed a 2.9% tuition increase for out-of-state students. TFAB is now recommending about an 8% increase for in-state students.
- The Board of Trustees is meeting on May 22nd and 23rd to determine next year's tuition.

Ed Davis gave a brief update his resolution passed at the last meeting

- He has not heard anything to indicate changes to the University's trajectory of slashing the funding of the museums and LERC.

2. Approval of Minutes: 3:11pm

Motion to approve minutes from [April 24, 2019](#).

Motion passes unanimously by a show of hands.

3. Business / Reports: 3:12pm

3.1 Update: Knight Campus and Bioengineering program; Patrick Phillips (Biology, Advisor to the President)

Highlights:

- Knight campus just hired 3 new faculty bringing it up to 4.
- He is no longer executive director for the Knight, but is now advising President Schill about establishing new bioengineering program
- The new degree program will be part of CAS
- Creating new programs/courses simultaneously with hiring new faculty
- Exploring idea of new Ph.D. program in bioengineering, particularly in partnership with OHSU
- Knight Campus rolled out its affiliates/associates program, and he encourages faculty to look into it.
- Q&A, including questions about whether or not the Knight Campus will offer degrees other than bioengineering, what the Knight Campus even is, what will be studied there, and what faculty would have to gain by becoming affiliates.

3.2 Report: Data Science Initiative; Bill Cresko (Biology, Office of the Provost)

- He gave an overview of the timeline the initiative is taking.
- Presented the guiding vision of the committee that's been working on it.
- Described what they want the result to look like.
- Talked about looking at what the universities has and what it needs for an undergraduate program in data science.
- Q&A, including questions about the level of participation of people in the math department, whether the program goes beyond just teaching methods and into more philosophical concerns, and about what school data science is housed in at Berkley.

3.3 Discuss: US18/19-18: Enhancing Engagement in Academic Governance; Elizabeth Skowron (Psychology, Senate VP)

- The motion was read aloud.
- The motion would guarantee there be at least one senator on each of the specified committees.
- Opened up for conversation and questions
- There were many questions and concerns about the length of time commitments and the overlap between senate service and committee service.

3.4 Discuss: US18/19-20: Policy on Hiring and Promotion of Academic Administrators; Bill Harbaugh (Economics, Senate President)

- The university currently has no policy on the matter.
- This policy is limited to academic positions because that is the purview of the senate.
- The policy was read through.
- It would ensure faculty participation on search committees.
- It would apply to promotions as well as new hires.
- Q&A, including questions about requiring staff from the home unit, requiring more faculty, requiring students, requiring more representation from the unit, and about making the way it applies to promotions more explicit.

3.5 Discuss: US18/19-19: Core Ed Distribution Requirements; Chris Sinclair (Mathematics)

- Presentation of the changes and their implications.
- Q&A, including questions about concern from advisors, and the rational for letting students use 3 major courses to satisfy the group requirement.

3.6 Report on Research Metrics and Faculty Tracking Software; Scott Pratt (Executive Vice Provost) and Ellen Herman (History, Office of the Provost)

- Brief description, including how it would benefit the university, and that more information can be found on the Provost's website.
- Being put on pause because of the budget crisis.

4. Executive Session: Honorary Degrees

At this time all non-senators were asked to leave, including the minutes taker.