

**CAS Finance and Operations Meeting
February 21, 2018**

Guest: Provost Jayanth Banavar (with Tobin Klinger, Sr. Director of Public Affairs and Communication and Suzette Howard, Executive Assistant)

The Provost opened with remarks on his current priorities, which include student success, interdisciplinary research/assembling teams to solve problems, and improving UO climate.

A Q&A session followed in which we discussed issues such as: relationship between climate and (lean) resources, infrastructure and systems improvements, adding faculty and the need for corresponding staffing levels, respect between faculty and staff, safety concerns (including the incidence of hate crimes), policy exceptions and the relationship to climate, and the need to keep the academic unit staff in the loop when faculty get answers and exceptions from central and administrative units.

Announcements

- GE waiver expenses (insurance, tuition, fees) are not always being charged properly this academic year. Sherri will meet with BAO about this, and will try to obtain a report we can use to audit these. (Sherri)
- Natural Sciences FY19 general operating budgets will be distributed this afternoon. (Anna)
- Charles Cox received confirmation from Business Affairs that I-140 application fees paid by UO are *not* taxable income to the employee. The expense should be charged to 28994 (misc. out of pocket supplies and services). (Charles and email from BAO)