



Senate Executive Committee (Draft) Minutes September 25, 2019

Attendees:

Deanne Unruh, Betina Lynn, Senate Executive Coordinator, Elizabeth Skowron, Senate President, Larissa Ennis, Gina Biancarosa, Robert Garra (sitting in for Melanie Muenzer, Administrative liaison), Jay Butler, Bill Harbaugh, Frances White, Elliot Berkman, Senate Vice President, Mark Whalan, Louie Vidmar, Jen Reynolds

Agenda

- Introductions of the room
- Process and guidelines for Senate Exec
- Shared governance survey project from Missouri
- New Program Proposals
- Rules Committee
- Agenda for October 9 Senate Mtg (forthcoming)

Last Meeting Follow-up. None.

New Business

Introduction:

- Senate President Skowron opened the meeting with a land acknowledgment

Kalapuya Ilihi

The University of Oregon is located within the traditional homelands of the Southern Kalapuya. Following the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855, Kalapuya people were forcibly removed to the Coast Reservation in Western Oregon. Today, descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon.

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- Members introductions

Orientation/Onboarding:

- Senator orientation/onboarding scheduled for October 2, 2019 in Lee Giustina Ballroom, Ford Alumni Center. Members of Senate Executive Committee invited to attend.

Senate Website Revisions:

- The Senate website is currently undergoing a revision process and we anticipate a relaunch later this year. Likely late fall/early winter for demos.
- The desire is to provide an enhanced mechanism for “bidirectional” communication between senators and their constituents.

2019-2020 Policy Work:

- The Senate Executive Committee will continue to partner with administrators on policy work (primarily academic policies). This has proven highly successful in the past.

- We anticipate having the Senate Executive Committee review several policies during the 2019-2020 academic year.

New Program Proposals

- Several new academic programs are will be proposed during fall term and will need careful review by both the Senate Executive Committee and the University Senate. Details on timeline of proposals forthcoming.
- We currently anticipate proposals for Applied Psychology, Data Science, Neuroscience, Bioengineering and a new Ph.D. program in Spanish, among others.
- The University is also looking to expand their offerings of accelerated masters programs (e.g., 4 + 1), which will allow students to complete both their Bachelor's and Master's degrees in 5 years for example.
- There are ongoing discussions around the new program approval process, including the mechanisms currently provided in CourseLeaf, and what role the Senate might play in oversight and tracking of the program proposal review and approval process. This topic will be revisited as more information becomes available.

Rules Committee:

- The Senate Rules Committee is being stood up for the 2019-2020 academic year after a few years' hiatus. Members are being appointed.
Motion proposals will go through the Rules Committee. Goals: insure motions are well-written and complete; reduce word-smithing on senate floor.

Missouri Shared Governance Survey proposal

- Discussed request from Art Jago, University of Missouri faculty member, for UO participation in survey of shared governance.
 - SEC identified several points for follow-up:
 - How would timing align with the UO plans for a Campus Climate Survey?
 - Should the UO participate this year for bench-marking, then re-do in a few years for additional data?
 - Could the UO customize the survey to include our non-faculty constituents?
 - Senate leadership indicated they would follow-up and provide a response to the Senate Executive Committee during a future meeting

Oct. 9, 2019 Senate Agenda

- Reviewed & modified proposed agenda
- Add Summer 2019 Curriculum Report to New Business section.

Action Items:

1. Follow-up re: U Missouri Shared Governance survey.
2. Senate Orientation-Onboarding training followed up with development of a Senate/Senator Handbook on website.