



EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

University Council

MINUTES

October 8, 2024

3:15 - 5:00 pm

Ackerman 208 and Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:13pm by Chair, Auburn Isaak

Committee Members Present: Auburn Isaak, Sheri Rysdam, AD Bjork, Emily Sharratt, Jordan Withers, Cassie Gray-Jeffries, Tyler Thamert, Nathan Smutz, Tanya Kausler, Isaac Insko, Christina Thew,

Committee Members Absent: Mollie Rockafellow, JW Dippold

Quorum: Yes

UC Meeting Overview

Membership Introductions

Members of the committees introduced themselves, their roles, and their experience working on university Council.

UC Agenda Item Submission Form

Chair Isaak provided an overview of the Shared Governance system, roles and responsibilities, and how they interact with institutional operations and support.

An overview of how to submit agenda items through the EOU webpage was provided.

EOU Values and Principles

A brief overview of the values and principles of the university was discussed, including the expectation of decorum when divisive topics arise.

Robert's Rules of Order

An online resource, available through the website, was discussed to better understand/learn the operational process of University Council/Shared Governance.

Action Items

There were no action items for this meeting. The meeting minutes from the last 2023-2024 University Council meeting will be voted on during a future meeting.

Information Items

UC Meeting Attendance

Chair Isaak shared the expectations of participation in University Council this year, including attending in person, unless otherwise coordinated. All attendees to these meetings are welcome to attend in person or online.

ASCENT 29 Strategies

President Ryan provided an overview of progress being done on the ASCENT 2029 plan. This included work from four, collaborative strategy teams, focusing on welfare, enrollment, financial sustainability, and student success. The ideas proposed by these teams, along with Cabinet, have created timelines to advance various metrics and experiences across campus.

President Ryan extended the invitation that, if anyone is interested in participating in these efforts, they are certainly welcome to by sending an email.

A vote during next month's meeting will take place on the endorsement of this plan.

Policy Review Request from Secretary Cardona

President Ryan received a document from Secretary Cardona pertaining to creating inclusive learning environments, as a result of the divisiveness seen on university campuses last year. Every university president received this request to review policies and take proactive steps to evaluate institutional approaches, such as freedom of expression, use of facilities, academic freedom, etc.

This item will be voted on at the next University Council meeting.

Modern Think Great Colleges to Work For Webinar

Chair Isaak shared why the institution participates in this survey, including how it is related to the institution's KPIs. This is the first year the institution is partnering with an outside entity to evaluate results and provide an overview.

There is an in-depth evaluation of the results that will be provided to University Council members, Cabinet, and other invited stakeholders on October 16, 2024.

Discussion Items

UC Support for Additional Duties

Chair Isaak shared the needs for support within University Council, including minutes, meeting logistics, website updates, etc. These needs stem from staffing changes that no longer have specific individuals involved in supporting Shared Governance committees as part of their position descriptions.

Jordan Withers will support by writing meeting minutes. Tanya Kausler will work on supporting Chair Isaak on submitting Infolines and updating the website.

Great Colleges to Work For Results - 2024

Chair Isaak provided a brief summary of the results from the survey. Specifics were not discussed but wanted to provide the results in advance of the webinar.

The results, and the webinar content, will be discussed at the next University Council meeting.

For the Good of the Order

ASEOU President Insko provided an update on a student petition taking place regarding concerns with tuition and fees. ASEOU is working with VPFA LeeAnn Case to provide information and transparency to students.

The Homecoming bonfire is taking place on Friday, October 11, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm.