



EASTERN OREGON
UNIVERSITY

University Council

MINUTES

April 8, 2025

3:15 - 5:00 pm

Boardroom and Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:15pm by Vice Chair, Sam McCumber

Committee Members Present: Jimmy Zamora, Corrian Kellogg, Emily Sharratt, Nathan Smutz, Jordan Withers, AD Bjork, Sam McCumber, Jaco Thompson, Mollie Rockafellow, Tanya Kausler, Sheri Rysdam, Auburn Isaak

Quorum: Yes

Action Items

March Meeting Minutes

Motion: AD Bjork moved to approve the March 8, 2025 meeting minutes

Second: Jimmy Zamora

Vote: Unanimous approval with support from Thompson, Isaak, Kausler, Sharratt, Kellogg, Smutz, Withers, McCumber, Rockafellow, Rysdam

Title IX Policy

Motion: Sam McCumber moved to approve the Title IX Policy

Second: Jordan Withers

Vote: Unanimous approval with support from Thompson, Isaak, Kausler, Sharratt, Kellogg, Smutz, Zamora, Bjork, Rockafellow, Rysdam

Information Items

Reporting Committee Updates

Budget and Planning Committee: Tressa Seydel and Peter Wordelman provided a timeline of the committee's accomplishments this year, including updates to tuition (4% increase) and other mandatory fees. There are several uncertainties still built into this work, such as state funding levels, but final budget determinations will be made in the coming months.

Diversity Committee: Julie Hernandez provided an update on the ongoing efforts of the committee to align with the University's strategic plan. The committee has also created funding applications to support ongoing work.

Athletic Committee: Michael Fields shared the ongoing work the committee is doing to support the academic performance of student athletes.

Student Affairs Committee: Jordan Withers provided an update regarding the policy work the committee is doing to update three-five policies this year.

Financial Aid Committee: Jason Hibbert provided a summary of the committee's work, including overseeing 10-30 appeals per term in supporting students.

Freedom of Expression Statement

Faculty Senate created and passed a statement regarding freedom of expression. There were questions by UC regarding various statements encompassed in the statement. One of these points involves balancing individual expression with varying institutional policies, processes, etc. UC has requested Chris Burford to attend and share the implications/interpretation of this policy prior to any voting taking place for approval.

ASEOU Update

Corrian Kellogg shared that ASEOU is partnering with Finance and Administration to host another tuition forum on April 10th. In addition, all election results are now complete with all elected positions now filled. Additional hiring will take place over the next few weeks or early next academic year.

Faculty Senate Update

An update was provided that the Add, Drop, and Withdrawal Policy was approved following a review by all colleges. In addition, the transition from Academic Probation to Academic Warning was finalized for students who are not making sufficient academic progress between terms.

Student Grievance Policy

Jordan Withers provided a summary of the changes being made to the policy, including the ongoing feedback being delivered from various committees, such as the Student Affairs Committee and University Grievance Committee.

Military Call Up Policy

Jordan Withers provided a summary of the changes being made to the policy. Concerns were expressed regarding Section Two, pertaining to the incomplete requests. Jordan shared that this topic was being addressed at Dean's Council and would welcome that feedback to the final policy version.

Discussion Items

EOU Response to Great Colleges to Work For Survey

Auburn shared that the analysis of the comments will be provided at the next University Council. A request was extended to create a subcommittee to review the comments and provide additional analysis. If members are interested, they should contact Auburn. A University Update will be hosted on May 15th to cover these materials with the greater university community.

For the Good of the Order

The State of Oregon Ways and Means Committee will be on campus on Friday, April 11, 2025 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

A ribbon cutting for the Grand Staircase is scheduled for mid May. The campus and greater community will be invited to celebrate the completion of this project.

The State of Oregon Supreme Court will be on campus on April 22, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.