



EASTERN OREGON
UNIVERSITY

University Council

MINUTES

November 12, 2024

3:15 - 5:00 pm

Hoke 301 and Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:26pm by Chair, Auburn Isaak

Committee Members Present: Mollie Rockafellow, Jordan Withers, AD Bjork, Auburn Isaak, Sam McCumber, Sheri Rysdam, Nathan Smutz, Emily Sharratt, Cassie Gray-Jeffries, Isaac Insko, Tanya Kausler, Jaco Thompson

Quorum: Yes

Action Items

Ascent 29 Strategies Endorsement

Chair Isaak provided a brief summary of President Ryan's remarks from the October 8, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Sam McCumber moved to have University Council endorse the Ascent 2029 strategies

Second: Tanya Kausler

Vote: 11-1-0: motion approved

October Meeting Minutes

Motion: Sheri Rysdam moved to approve the October 8, 2024 meeting minutes

Second: Sam McCumber

Vote: 12-0-0: motion approved

Information Items

Policy 4.10.75: Password Policy

Chair Isaak introduced these policy revisions on behalf of Jeff Carman. Chris Burford provided a summary of the changes, including the addition of Artificial Intelligence (AI), guidelines to setting up a strong password, and deletion of text no longer relevant to processes.

Jaco Thompson provided additional context on the changes, including not requiring password changes and best practices for security.

Policy 6.12.07: Trespass Policy

This policy was presented by Chris Burford on behalf of Jim Hoffman. This aims to clearly define how the institution will conduct trespass measures, especially as it connects with other policies, such as the Public Demonstrations Policy.

Policy 3.20.20: Tuition and Fees Policy

This policy was presented by President Ryan, sharing it is being proposed since community college graduates were excluded from in-state tuition but high school graduates were not. These revisions aim to create parity.

Policy 6.15.15: Public Demonstrations Policy

This policy was presented by Chris Burford. President Ryan reminded the University Council that these revisions are being proposed to also be in alignment with requests from the Department of Education following last year's demonstrations across the country.

Major changes included: defining public demonstrations, clearly defining when and how they may take place, where demonstrations may take place, and ensuring consistency with the language.

Policy 2.10.10: Academic Honesty Policy

This policy was presented by Jordan Withers to highlight suggested revisions to build in AI information, promote students' due processes and rights, etc. This policy is not ready to take any action on, however, it is an FYI for when it is finalized and stakeholders fully consulted.

ASEOU Update

President Insko provided an update on ongoing activities. They are hosting, along with LeeAnn Case, a student Q&A regarding tuition and fees to understand the processes and how the money is spent. They have been able to fill several positions, including all senator positions. President Insko shared that he will be stepping down from his role in early December to pursue additional opportunities outside of the university.

Faculty Senate Update

Sam McCumber provided a summary from the previous Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate also endorsed the Ascent 2029 strategic teams. Justin Montgomery came and shared the ongoing efforts across EOU for AI usage.

Discussion Items***Great Colleges to Work For Results***

Chair Isaak wanted to get the group's perspective on the summary provided from the external analysis of the results.

AD Bjork shared that the results show EOU needs to invest in professional development, onboarding, etc.

President Ryan highlighted the question that asked about feeling that EOU's culture is special (36% reporting that is a true statement). President Ryan asked how we can collaborate on culture and build upon it together. The reflection and feedback are welcome to be shared at any time.

President Ryan also reiterated that she is closely paying attention to the results and is embracing making those changes. President Ryan asked the committee to consider how to share results and engage the campus community in the results and actions being taken to continue improving them.

For the Good of the Order

Nathan Smutz shared the Colloquium dates that will be taking place in the near future. President Ryan shared about the Staff Appreciation event. Chris Burford reminded the group of the ongoing Board of Trustee events occurring.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.