

# Oregon State University FACULTY SENATE

## Minutes

November 20, 2018 6:00 PM  
 (Wilson) Room #111

## Attendance / Quorum

President: [Name]  
 Vice President: [Name]  
 Secretary: [Name]

## Approval Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by [Name] and passed.

## Reports of Officers

### Report of the President

- The President reported on the activities of the Faculty Senate during the past year.
- The President discussed the current state of the University and the role of the Faculty Senate.
- The President mentioned the upcoming meeting of the President's Council.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the governance of the University.
- The President mentioned the work of the various committees.
- The President discussed the importance of communication between the Faculty Senate and the Administration.
- The President mentioned the work of the Faculty Senate on the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the development of the University's strategic plan.
- The President mentioned the work of the Faculty Senate on the proposed changes to the Faculty Salary Schedule.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the development of the University's policies and procedures.
- The President mentioned the work of the Faculty Senate on the proposed changes to the Faculty Grievance Procedure.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the development of the University's academic programs.
- The President mentioned the work of the Faculty Senate on the proposed changes to the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Procedures.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the development of the University's research programs.
- The President mentioned the work of the Faculty Senate on the proposed changes to the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Policies.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the development of the University's international relations.
- The President mentioned the work of the Faculty Senate on the proposed changes to the Faculty International Travel Policies.
- The President discussed the importance of the Faculty Senate in the development of the University's diversity and inclusion programs.
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## Report of the Vice President

Academic Council  
 Oregon State University

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- Department scheduling and year-long plans.
- The new Department Chair policy. Currently, there appears to be a problem with all chairs knowing how to review expenses and budgeting in adjunct and overload pay roll costs.
- More information will come at a later date.

### Report of the ASOIT Representative – Junmin Yee

- Junmin stated that ASOIT did conduct a student survey regarding calendar change. The students voted two to one for option one, the proposal will be presented to President Council for a decision December 4, 2018.
- Junmin expressed thanks to everyone for participation in their latest blood drive.
- He is going to the Portland-Metro campus to meet with ASOIT officers and students.
- ASOIT has obtained extended hours for studying at the library again during dead week and finals week.

### Reports of Standing Committees

#### Faculty Rank Promotion & Tenure (RPT) – Ben Bunting

- Ben stated the committee has met and is beginning work on the following two charges:
  - They will revisit the NTT policy to obtain feedback from faculty.
  - They are reviewing the APE form for library faculty.
- RPT also hopes to work with members of the Oregon Tech AAUP organizing group to avoid overlapping efforts.

#### Faculty Welfare – Yasha Rohwer

- Yasha stated the committee will meet tomorrow, November 7. She read the committee's two charges.
- Additional information will be forthcoming at a later date.

#### Academic Standards – Veronica Koehn

- Veronica stated that the committee will meet next Tuesday, November 13.
- She stated that regarding their first charge, they are looking at what CPC does versus what Academic Standards does and reviewing the relationship between the two and how best to move forward.
- For their second charge, "Academic Standards is looking at requiring a grade of C or higher in every general education course, and they know that such a change will require input from both CPC and GEAC."

#### Faculty Compensation (FCC) – Eve Klop

- Eve stated the committee has not yet met. She did read their charges:
  - Request data in cooperation with Oregon Tech AAUP from Human Resources related to the development of the current \$3,350 pay differential and make an independent evaluation of the validity of that figure for faculty salary calculation.
  - Request data in cooperation with Oregon Tech AAUP from Human Resources related to the current MGT Study Faculty Salary Minimums Tables document and update that document based on current comparator data.
  - Survey Oregon Tech faculty in cooperation with Oregon Tech AAUP with regard to concerns about pay and benefits, compile results, and make a report to Senate by a date to be determined later.

Reports of Special Committees

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Unfinished Business

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**Report of the Provost** - report given by Tim Keyser, ETM Dean. Dr. Keyser, ETM Dean, spoke for the Provost. He stated that the items the Provost wanted to cover are all in the Provost's news letters.

**Report of the President's Council Delegate - Terri Torres**  
Terri Torres, December 15, 2018.

**Report of the Association of Oregon Faculty (AOF) Representative - Matthew Sleep, Provost**  
Matthew Sleep, Provost. A representative is being sought. Any interested parties please notify him.

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**Report of the Interim Institutional Faculty Senate (IFS) Representative – Mark Clark**

- o Mark Clark reported that discussion at IFS is currently centered on legislative activity and IFS elections.
- o The next IFS meeting will be held at Monmouth next week.

**Report of the Fiscal Operations Advisory Council (FOAC) Representative – Matthew Sleeper**

- o Matthew stated FOAC discussed how to help rank dollar priorities. The reserve fund last fiscal year has increased to over \$600,000.
- o OIT received a small increase from the state, from 27.7 to 29.3 due to a differential based on the engineering and health care programs offered at OIT. Funding is tied to graduation rates. He stated that some schools are talking of re-setting their funding calculations.
- o Last spring, Faculty Senate heard Jim Jones explain the planned refurbishing of 25% of on-campus classrooms. Some of this work has been completed.
- o The pool in the recreation center will be converted with construction beginning March 2019, into a weight room, multi-purpose area, etc. Funding for this will come from student assessments that will commence once construction begins. OIT did survey students and they were in favor of this assessment.
- o One member brought up the recent land purchase of \$600,000 by OIT to purchase the vacant land at the edge of the campus behind the soccer field. Dr. Nagi has expressed this was a defensive purchase, so that no other entity would purchase this acre of land.

**Report of the Administrative Council Delegate – Lindsey Davis**

- o Lindsey stated they are still working on finalizing the fee waiver for employees for online classes.
- o They are working to bring Spirit Week. They are hoping to work with area businesses to promote specials and discounts for those wearing OIT gear, bringing food trucks on campus and other new and different activities for the week rather than the hallway decoration concept. More information will come later.

**Adjournment**

Terri Torres adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don McDonnell, Secretary  
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