



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Memo to: UO President Richard Lariviere

Memo cc: F. Dyke, J. Bean.

Memo from: Peter B Gilkey, President 2009/10 UO Senate

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Memo re: UO Senate actions at the December meetings

Dear President Lariviere:

I am writing to you to inform you that the University of Oregon Senate has taken several actions at the December meeting of the UO Senate:

1. The Senate Passed US09/10-9 and US09/10-10 which direct the UO Senate President to appoint members of two committees. Note that US09/10-9 was amended before being passed in that the UO Senate President no longer recommends members to the UO President for appointment but instead the Senate President is to make the appointments directly. Furthermore the appointments envisioned are no longer limited to Faculty Members but rather to Members of the UO Community. Copies of these motions are appended to this memo.
2. The senate approved the minutes of the previous meeting and approved without change the report of the curriculum committee. These are routine measures.

Respectfully submitted

Peter B Gilkey

President 2009/10 UO Senate

## **US09/10-9 Appoint members to a joint administration/senate committee on State Accountability Metrics**

The UO Senate directs the UO Senate President to appoint members of the University Community to a joint administration/faculty committee concerning State Accountability Metrics that may be part of a new governance structure/relationship to the State Of Oregon. The UO Senate President shall consult widely.

University of Oregon leaders are currently engaged in conversations with the chancellor, OUS presidents, and elected leaders regarding fundamental changes in how OUS institutions are funded and governed by the state. This conversation will continue to occur over the next few months and will include a dialogue with our campus community and state policy leaders. The internal conversation will focus on how the UO can continue to fulfill its critical public mission and remain accountable to the state under a more autonomous structure. The campus conversation will help reinforce the idea that under any model, the University of Oregon remains focused on meeting the needs of Oregonians.

**US09/10-10 Motion to authorize the Senate President to appoint a Senate Working Group to implement US08/9-8**

The UO Senate passed a motion (US08/9-8) stating The University Senate respectfully requests the University of Oregon Administration to establish a publicly accessible, on-line budget reporting system at the University of Oregon by 15 November 2009 that will allow users to track current and retroactive individual university expenditures as is currently done at our sister institution Oregon State University on their budget reporting website (<https://bfpsystems.oregonstate.edu/webreporting/>). "

At the 11 November 2008 UO Senate meeting, Frances Dyke reported "The tool you will be able to access starting next Monday is the initial roll out of a financial reporting tool for compliance with the university Senate motion on financial transparency. In the course of discussions related to development the work group has identified impediments to our ability to provide transactional level detail in a publicly available financial reporting tool. There are issues of both security and legally binding confidentiality that must be balanced against the desire for full transparency. As mentioned at the October Senate meeting I am now asking the Senate President to appoint an advisory group to help analyze these problems and find solutions that can be legally and operationally implemented. In making this request I also recommend that the Senate President consider creating this advisory group by drawing on membership of the Senate Budget Committee and other members of the Senate or university community who have a particular interest or expertise in financial management reporting."

The Senate President is directed to consult widely and to appoint the advisory group recommended above.