

## **FACULTY SENATE SPECIAL SESSION**

### **March 18, 2021**

The below motions were approved during the Faculty Senate Special Session on March 18, 2021. Blue text indicates proposed amendments to the motions.

- 1) *Motion to approve the amended Faculty Senate Letter in Response to the Husch Blackwell LSU Title IX Review for public posting and dissemination to OSU administration and the Board of Trustees.*

*Note: because the item was in the agenda as an Action Item, no motion from the floor was needed.*

Two friendly amendments were made prior to the vote:

- a) Senator Sanchez, Student Affairs, moved that the following friendly amendment be inserted in the letter (it now appears at the end of the letter):  
*We stand in support of the letter from the Association of Faculty and Staff for the Advancement of People of Color (AFAPC) that was sent to the Board of Trustees on March 16, 2021.*
- b) *Senator Olstad, Pharmacy, moved that the following friendly amendment be inserted in the fifth paragraph of the letter: "We believe the University's mission is best achieved when all, especially the most vulnerable members of the community feel safe, respected, and valued.*

The friendly amendments were accepted by President Heppell.

*Action: The motion, as amended, passed with 103 votes in favor, 7 votes in opposition and 5 abstentions.*

- 2) Senator Rockwell, Science, made the following motion which was seconded by Senator Medlock:

*The Faculty Senate of Oregon State University has no confidence in President Alexander's ability to lead OSU in a way that is consistent with our values, and calls upon him to resign.*

Senator Chappell, Liberal Arts, offered a friendly amendment to be inserted at the end of the motion: "... Chappell, and calls upon him to resign."

The friendly amendment was accepted by Senators Rockwell and Medlock.

*Action: The motion, as amended, passed with 108 votes in favor, 4 votes in opposition and 5 abstentions.*

- 3) Senator Sanchez made the following motion which was seconded by Senator Medlock:

*"Enact Article XII of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, which calls for a plebiscite referral of the entire Faculty body for a vote of no confidence in President Alexander's ability to lead Oregon State University, and calls upon him to resign."*

Senator Rockwell offered a friendly amendment (blue text) to be inserted at the end of the motion: "... *University, and calls upon him to resign.*"

The friendly amendment was accepted by Senators Sanchez and Medlock.

*Action: The motion passed with 104 votes in favor, 4 votes in opposition and 6 votes in abstention.*

- 4) Senator Medlock, Veterinary Medicine, made the following motion which was seconded by Senator Rockwell:

*The Faculty Senate of Oregon State University has no confidence in the Board of Trustees' ability to lead OSU in a way that is consistent with our values, and calls upon the members to resign.*

Senator Boovy, Liberal Arts, offered a friendly amendment to be inserted at the end of the motion which was seconded by Dan Rockwell: "... values, and calls upon the members to resign."

The friendly amendment was accepted by Senators Medlock and Rockwell.

*Action: The motion passed with 64 votes in favor, 30 votes in opposition and 20 abstained.*

- 5) Senator Chappell, Liberal Arts, made the following motion, which was seconded by Senator Rockwell:

*The Faculty Senate of Oregon State University demands that hiring and appointment processes ~~and appointment processes~~ for ~~central administration~~ OSU President, executive level positions, and the Board of Trustees be truly open and transparent, and that they reflect our values of shared governance, ~~in the hiring and appointment process~~ such that all members of the OSU community, including faculty, staff, and students, are able to meaningfully engage, including with the candidates ~~in the hiring and appointment process~~.*

Senator Sanchez offered a friendly amendment to change replace central administration" with " President and Board of Trustees" and include "that the hiring and appointment processes ... "

Senator Fewings, CEOAS, offered a friendly amendment: "... shared governance, such that all members of the OSU community, including faculty, staff, and students are able to engage in the hiring and appointment process ..."

Senator Chappell offered a friendly amendment: "The Faculty Senate of Oregon State University demands that hiring processes for central administration be truly open and transparent, and that they reflect our values of shared governance."

Senator Shay, Liberal Arts, offered a friendly amendment – last line: "... engage the candidates ..." Senator Chappell found this amendment to be problematic. Senator Shay withdrew his friendly amendment.

Senator Gable, Science, offered a friendly amendment to delete the last clause after "candidates" – "in the hiring and appointment process."

The friendly amendments were accepted by Senators Chappell and Rockwell.

*Action: The motion passed as amended with 99 votes in favor, 6 votes in opposition and 7 abstentions.*

- 6) Related to the Faculty Senate Commitment to Action document, Senator Sanchez moved the following motion on behalf of Cindy Conrad; motion seconded by Senator Medlock:

The Faculty Senate of OSU demands an increase in funding and staffing for survivor advocacy and violence prevention programs on campus to meet the needs of OSU and provide increased focus on BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities.

*Action: The motion passed with 94 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 8 abstentions.*