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Memo to: UO President Richard Lariviere  
Memo from: Peter B Gilkey, President 2009/10 UO Senate  
Memo date: 17 November 2009  
Memo re: UO Senate actions at the October and November meetings

Dear President Lariviere:

In her memo of 10 November 2009, Melinda W Grier (General Counsel) writes

“... historically, the faculty’s authority has been over the curriculum and the discipline of students .... Beyond that ... it appears the University Senate’s authority is not express and is that authorized by the president subject to veto by the president...”

I am writing to you to inform you that the University of Oregon Senate has taken several actions at the October and November meetings of the UO Senate:

1. The Senate Passed US09/10-2: “**Resolved:** if the Vice President of the UO Senate is not a serving UO Senator, he shall serve ex-officio on the Senate with full voting authority and the membership of the Senate will be temporarily increased by one senator for the period in question concerning questions of quorum.”
2. The Senate Passed US09/10-3 which authorizes the Senate President to create a Senate ad Hoc committee on public access of UO Scholarly material.
3. The Senate Passed US09/10-5 “The Vice President shall be elected at the first meeting of the Senate in the fall.”
4. The Senate endorsed reports by the Senate Nominating committee and approved various minutes of previous meetings.

Items (2) and (4) are routine housekeeping measures that every parliamentary body engages in. Items (1) and (3) are amendments to the enabling legislation which I thought to bring more formally to your attention. I attach to this memo more complete details.

Respectfully submitted

Peter B Gilkey  
President 2009/10 UO Senate



## **US09/10-2 -- voting rights in the UO Senate for the Senate Vice President when the Senate President is not otherwise a member of the UO Senate**

The following motion is before the Senate Rules Committee and the following language is a rough draft only:

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**Resolved:** if the Vice President of the UO Senate is not a serving UO Senator, he shall serve ex-officio on the Senate with full voting authority and the membership of the Senate will be temporarily increased by one senator for the period in question concerning questions of quorum.

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There is no significant financial impact from this motion.

### Legislative History

1. Technical correspondence concerning this motion.
2. Agenda for the 14 October 2009 UO Senate meeting.
3. Motion passed at the 14 October 2009 Senate Meeting.

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## US09/10-3 Create a Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Public Access

To be introduced by Peter Gilkey at the 11 November 2009 Senate meeting.

The UO Senate directs the UO Senate President to create a Senate Ad Hoc Committee. The members of the Committee will be appointed by the UO Senate President in consultation with the Senate Nominating Committee, with the FAC, with the Provost, and with the UO Library.

The University of Oregon has a longstanding commitment to making its research widely available, both to the scholarly community and to the general public. Technology is now enabling faculty, universities, and disciplines to adopt new ways to provide enhanced visibility and access to research, usually through digital repositories that are freely accessible. The terms "public access" or "open access" are used to describe these methods that help to remove financial and permission barriers to scholarship and readership. The Committee will

1. Investigate policies facilitating such public access at other AAU Universities.
2. Consult widely within the UO community.
3. Take into consideration UO Policy statements, OUS Internal Management Directives, and other relevant documents.
4. Draft a University Policy Statement that, if endorsed by the UO Senate and promulgated by the President, would enable the University to
  - support wider access to UO faculty research.
  - enhance the visibility of UO faculty research.

Financial impact: negligible - uses existing University Resources.

Passed by the 11 November 2009 UO Senate Meeting. Additional References:

- Registry of Open Access Repository Material Archiving Policies.
- The NIH public access policy <http://publicaccess.nih.gov>.
- The Harvard University Digital Access to Scholarship <http://dash.harvard.edu>
- AAU statements on the subject:
- [www.aau.edu/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=2900](http://www.aau.edu/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=2900) and <http://www.aau.edu/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=2900>
- Motion US 07/08 - 17 Initiative to protect the rights of faculty authors of scholarly publications.
- Motion US 07/08 - 20 To endorse and implement the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarly Publishing
- Information on Open Access Week (Oct 19-23) at the UO.
- SPARC Open Access links
- UO Library information on open access.
- Report of the UO Senate task force on academic freedom and scholarly publishing (5 May 2008).

Legislative History

- Email 3 November 2009 to Gordon Sayre and Dev Sinha about this resolution.



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## US09/10-5 Motion concerning elections for Senate Vice Presidency

The Vice President shall be elected at the first meeting of the Senate in the fall.

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The original version was Moved: Solely for the purposes of the election of the Vice President of the Senate and the affirmation of the President, the voting body shall consist of all incoming senators for the following academic year. This will allow newly elected senators a chance to vote on the person who will be the President during their term.

- This motion has no significant financial impact.
  - Introduced by the Senate Rules Committee for the 11 November 2009 meeting of the UO Senate.
  - Passed as amended by the 11 November 2009 meeting of the UO
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Subject: Fwd: Re: Graduate Council Social Science Representation

To: "Peter Gilkey"

From: "Anne Laskaya"

Date: Tue, 27 Oct 2009 20:22:15

Dear Peter,

We looked at Lise Nelson's qualifications and are delighted to report she's willing to serve on the Graduate Council. So this serves as notice of our nomination.

It's fine with me/us if you wish to expedite the nomination as you did at the last meeting. If the senators have questions, we'll be ready to answer, otherwise, perhaps we can just vote on the appointment. The Senate likely needs the time for discussing the more contested or complicated motions and issues before us.

Thanks again, Anne Laskaya

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## Report of the Nominating Committee to the October 14 2009 UO Senate Meeting

The Senate Nominating Committee Recommends the following appointments for confirmation by the UO Senate

- Erin Moore (Architecture and Allied Arts) to serve a term on the IFS expiring June 2011
- Ron Severson (Lundquist College of Business) to fill a vacancy on the IAC - term to expire June 2010
- James Isenberg (Mathematics) to be a Senate Representative to the IAC - term to expire June 2011
- Grace Golden (Human Physiology) to be a Senate Representative to the IAC - term to expire June 2010

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These nominees were confirmed by the 14 October 2009 meeting of the UO Senate.

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