

*The University Council is responsible for determining the degree to which the university is meeting its mission and is engaged in comprehensive, ongoing, systematic assessment of its work that leads to mission fulfillment and improvement.*

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## **MINUTES**

President Peters welcomed the Council to the winter term meeting and provided the opportunity for around-the-table introductions to welcome new members. Leading into updates from the advisory committees, Dr. Peters emphasized the importance of communication flowing from the advisory committees and University Council to the campus community. It was noted that minutes being posted to the committee websites will also ensure that information is available.

### **1. Advisory Committee Updates**

- **University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC)** (*Melanie Landon-Hayes, Zach Hammerle*)

UBAC is working to fill open seats on the committee, as they strengthen and communicate the committee's purpose to the campus community. During Fall term, the committee followed the processes of both the Tuition & Fee Advisory Committee (TFAC) and the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) as rates were considered for the 2025-2026 academic year. The committee is looking forward to working with incoming VPFA Kwabena Boakye and developing opportunities to engage with campus in a town hall capacity.

- **University Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee (UDIAC)** (*Dominique Vargas*)

UDIAC is continuing to engage in a workplan and will focus on the Equity Assessment Plan through the end of this academic year. An equity assessment team is also meeting to review the results of the Campus Climate Survey. The next step will be to compare the results of the survey to the equity action plan and to the strategic plans of the divisions represented in Senior Leadership Council. They will then discuss what initiatives need to be prioritized which would include work that should be started, maintained, or maybe discontinued. The committee is hoping to have new goals established by the end of the academic year.

- **University Technology Advisory Committee (UTAC)** (*Chelle Batchelor*)

The Banner Optimization Project continues to be the focus of UTAC. The committee is also exploring software procurement to ensure software licenses are managed efficiently and avoid duplication of software across campus departments. The committee continues to work on improving efficiency in permissions and access (i.e., Banner) to create more streamlined processes. Through the work of the Equity Assessment, a subcommittee has been established to focus on accessibility and updating/creating policies.

## 2. Northwest Commissions on Colleges & Universities April 4 Site Visit (*President Peters, Judy Sylva*)

President Peters introduced the conversation regarding the NWCCU site visit on April 4. He emphasized the importance of the University Council to stay informed of the accreditation process. Associate Provost Sylva, who serves as the university accreditation liaison, then provided a timeline of our accreditation cycle, sharing the recommendations we received from NWCCU in response to the Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report. She specifically focused on the efforts that have been taken to address recommendations 1 and 3, outlining the ways we will use the institutional strategic plan to inform continuous improvements. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion. Judy noted a history of all reports and updates can be found on the [accreditation website](#).

The presentation is available on the [University Council website](#).

## 3. Announcements

Upcoming meetings: June 11, 2025

Meeting dismissed at 11:15am.

**Mission Statement:** *Western Oregon University provides a personalized learning community where individuals experience a deep sense of belonging and empowerment.*