

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT NO. 424**

### **REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

The University Senate met in regular session on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 3:30 PM via CarmenZoom, with President Ted Carter presiding. There were 90 (72%) voting senators in attendance, either in person or remotely. This report, along with the agenda, materials, and verbatim recording constitute the minutes for this meeting.

The Senate:

1. Approved Secretary's Report #423.
2. Heard President Carter's opening comments, welcoming the newly elected senators and addressing the considerable challenges of the moment as well as positive news regarding the university's record \$1.6 billion in research expenditures and the opening of the new hospital tower as well as our student athletes' remarkable success at the winter Olympics.
3. Approved proposal from the Rules Committee to change Staff Senators Terms of Office (3335-5-38), Staff Senators Designation of Alternate Members (3335-5-40), and Constituent Bodies Designees (3335-5-44)
4. Approved AY2026-2027 Senate calendar.
5. Heard a panel discussion from President Ted Carter, Member of NCAA Board of Governors, Ross Bjork, OSU Athletic Director, John Davidson, Faculty Athletic Representative, Nicole Kraft, Chair of Athletic Council on developments in the athletics space regarding NIL, academics, and the search for the new Faculty Athletics Representative.
6. Heard a report from Steering Chair Sara Watson on the results of a survey regarding key issues with which university senators are most concerned at this time, including compensation and financial well-being, institutional reputation, process transparency, free expression, and the mounting administrative and bureaucratic burden on faculty and staff.
7. The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.