

POSITION	TERM	NAME	DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Chair	2024-27	Don DaSaro	Business Management
VP of Finance & Administration	2025-26	John Harman	Finance and Administration
Provost	2025-26	Hesham El-Rewini	Academic Affairs
VP of Student Affairs	2025-26	Mandi Clark	Student Affairs
Vice Provost	2025-26	Abdy Afjeh	Academic Affairs/Research
Administrative Council Representative	2025-26	Carleen Drago Starr	Educational Part. & Outreach
AVP Financial Operations/Controller	2025-26	Alicia Dillon	Finance and Administration
Senate Executive Representative	2025-26	Ashton Greer	Faculty Senate
Univ. Admin/ Staff Rep. 1	2025-28	Ken Fincher	University Advancement
Univ. Admin/ Staff Rep. 2	2023-26	TBD	Budget/Planning Office
Univ. Admin/ Staff Rep. 3	2023-26	Lara Pracht	Academic Affairs
Faculty 1	2025-28	Andria Fultz	Communication
Faculty 2	2024-27	Krista Beaty	Dental Hygiene
Faculty 3	2025-28	Robyn Wilde	Physics
Faculty 4	2024-27	Riley Richards	Communication
ASOIT President, Klamath Falls des.	2025-26		Student Government
ASOIT President, Portland-Metro	2025-26		Student Government
Executive Assistant	2025-26	Celia Green	Finance and Administration

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Don DaSaro, John Harman, Hesham El-Rewini, Mandi Clark, Abdy Afjeh, Carleen Drago Starr, Ashton Greer, Ken Fincher, Andria Fultz, Krista Beaty, Robyn Wilde, Riley Richards, Suzanne Kunse, Celia Green

Meeting call to order – Chair DaSaro called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

- 1. Introductions & Review of FOAC Charter** – Chair DaSaro asked attendees to introduce themselves and then reviewed the FOAC Charter with the group.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2025, Meeting** – Dr. Greer motioned to approve the minutes, SVP Harman seconded. The motion passed.
- 3. FOAC Knowledge Builder Series** – Chair DaSaro shared the location of the recordings from last year’s presentations for those who would like to review them or for new members who were not in attendance last year. <https://www.oit.edu/finance-administration/fiscal-operations-advisory-council-foac>
- 4. Review of FYE 2024-25** – SVP Harman reviewed the information in the presentation related to last year’s financials.
- 5. Review of Investments at FYE 2024 – 25** – SVP Harman reviewed the information in the presentation related to investments. He also clarified that all investments are facilitated through USSE and managed by the Oregon State Treasury. All universities except the University of Oregon participate in the investment pool.
- 6. State Budget Concerns** – AVP Kunz provided an overview of the State of Oregon’s current financial situation. The State has requested all agencies to evaluate the potential impact of a 5% budget reduction.

In response, the seven Oregon universities have agreed to present a unified position. Government relations staff from each institution are actively engaging with the legislature, emphasizing the importance of funding education and its significant economic impact on the state including workforce development. AVP Kunz further explained that, given the current rate of funding increases, a 5% reduction for Oregon Institute of Technology would require approximately ten years to recover to present funding levels.

- a. SVP Harman clarified that the potential budget cuts are not expected to affect current hiring decisions, as there is no certainty regarding the amount or the timeline of any reductions. The upcoming state forecast on November 18th is expected to provide further insight into the likelihood of a budget reduction.

7. **Review of FY 2025 – 26 as of August** – SVP Harman reviewed the monthly management report in the presentation slides.

8. **Other Comments**

- a. **SSCM Update**- SVP Harman stated that the review of the funding model is currently in progress by a workgroup representing each institution and other stakeholders compiled by the HECC. ETSF is also being reviewed. All Budget Directors will be collaborating in November and December in advance of the first official meeting with HECC in January. Any formula revisions would be effective in July 2027.
- b. **FOAC Review of Strategic Investment Requests** – Dr. Richards asked if FOAC can discuss the strategic investment requests. There was a discussion last year about determining if a request should be one time vs ongoing. SVP Harman this will be reviewed and possibly discussed at the next meeting. Dr. Fincher asked about the history of prior investments and their effectiveness.
- c. **Faculty Senate Update**- The Faculty Senate is considering the formation of a Senate Budget Committee to increase faculty voice in the deliberation process. Some faculty members have said that the Fiscal Operations Advisory Council (FOAC) operates at too high a level for faculty to fully understand its activities. Chair DaSaro inquired about the intended purpose of the proposed committee. Dr. Greer noted that discussions are in the early stages and no further information is available at this time.
- d. **Meeting Date Request** – Dr. Richards asked if FOAC can meet the second week in February after the state’s February forecast has been received. There may be known impacts on the short session with release of the forecast data.

Meeting adjournment – 12:56pm