
Executive Committee MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Lisa Graham, Chair
Steve Sliwa, Vice Chair

Jeremy Brown
Vince Jones

Nagi Naganathan, President
Paul Stewart

Other Trustees Present:

Rose McClure

Grace Rusth

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Erin Foley, VP Student Affairs

Brian Fox, VP Finance and Administration

Dave Groff, Legal Counsel

Tom Keyser, Dean College of ETM

Gary Kuleck, Provost/VP Academic Affairs

Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President

Paul Titus, Executive Assistant to the Provost

Terri Torres, Faculty Senate President and Mathematics Professor

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum

Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 11:04am. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approve Minutes of the August 2, 2018 Meeting

Trustee Brown moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Action Items - none

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Discussion of Definition of Strategic Investment

Trustee Brown initiated a discussion suggesting the university look at the value of investing its scarce resources to generate more resources, in a way that is quantifiable,

rather than spending money on infrastructure improvements or technology upgrades. He asked the Board to think about what it might invest in and at what scale. **President Naganathan** stated an aggressive investment strategy to increase enrollment to 7,500 students is forthcoming. He relayed his three main talking points: enrollment growth, net revenue increase, and reputational capital. **Chair Graham** suggested balancing investments between increasing the number of students, and infrastructure improvements to ensure a safe and desirable environment. **Trustee Stewart** stated investments involve cash flow, and what the board is willing to take a risk on, and what has the best return on investment.

4.2 Discussion on Committee and Board Meeting Times

Chair Graham requested feedback on the virtual meeting format and the one-day meeting format, and to hear concerns or suggestions. **Trustee Jones** stated he liked the flexibility of the virtual meeting but acknowledged there are challenges. **Trustee Brown** stated participating virtually is better than not participating at all, and he prefers to meet in person as it shows interest in the people presenting. A virtual meeting does not work very well and it eliminates the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff. He relayed the interest he heard from committee and staff members that they would like to observe the other committee meetings and would like to see them run consecutively. He acknowledged it would require an additional commitment of time. **Trustee Stewart** agreed with Trustee Brown that virtual meetings are useful to limit travel time but are not as effective. He recommended using this manner sparingly/periodically and prefers in-person meetings. **Chair Graham** will discuss this with other board members for feedback and coordinate with the secretary and President Naganathan. She mentioned it might be possible to run the committees consecutively at times and concurrently at others. **President Naganathan** stated he would like the ability to attend both committee meetings.

4.3 Review of Board Agenda

Chair Graham reviewed the agenda for the full Board meeting this afternoon, including the need for an executive session.

5. Other Business/New Business

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

Chair Graham stated the Board would convene for executive session from 12:15pm to 1:00pm under ORS192.660(2)(f), 40.225 Rule 503, and ORS 192.660(2)(i).

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Fox
Board Secretary