
Board of Trustees Agenda MINUTES

Trustees:

Jessica Gomez, Vice Chair	Jill Mason	Mike Starr (via phone)
Kathleen Hill	Nagi Naganathan, President	Paul Stewart
Vincent Jones	Liam Perry	
Rose McClure	Grace Rusth	

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Lindsey Davis, Academic Specialist – Retention/Vice Chair Administrative Council
Erin Foley, VP Student Affairs
Brian Fox, VP Finance and Administration
Gary Kuleck, Provost/VP Academic Affairs
Brittany Miles, AVP Government Relations
Dan Peterson, Interim Associate Dean, College of HAS
Stephanie Pope, AVP of Budget and Planning
Tracy Ricketts, AVP Development and Alumni Relations
Terri Torres, Faculty Senate Chair, Professor, Mathematics (via phone)
Erika Veth, AVP Strategic Enrollment Management

Others Present:

Junmin Yee, Klamath Falls ASOIT President

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

Vice Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Reports**2.1 President's Report and Discussion**

President Naganathan gave a PowerPoint presentation identifying the progress made on the short-term goals; the transition into long-term strategic planning; legislative efforts; progress of executive searches for Provost, CIO, AVP HR, and VP Advancement, and Director of Global Engagement positions; upcoming and recent events; leasing of property near the Portland-Metro campus; and recent athletic accomplishments. He thanked the trustees who volunteered to speak at commencements and shared some of the submittals from the 7-word story project.

2.2 ASOIT Report

President Yee gave an overview of the recent accomplishments including a plan to install water-bottle filling stations across campus, a successful blood drive, extended library hours for students prior to and during finals, a financial allocation committee meeting, changes to the incidental fee commission for broader representation of departments, forums and recommendations on tuition and the student fee for the recreation center, amendments to the bylaws, raising \$600 cash and donated food items at the Black Out for Hunger basketball event, combining the women's center and the diversity center spaces to create the Tree House space in the college union, and volunteer trips to Redding and Guadalajara.

2.3 Administrative Council Report

Vice Chair Davis explained the council partnered with over 20 businesses in the community to promote spirit week and build relationships with the university. She outlined the past goals of spirit week and the changes made this year to incorporate the community. There is now discussion of creating a separate committee for Spirit week to allow broader participation and free up Admin Council time to focus on other concerns. The Council is hoping to learn more about the merit based pay program and process, and is discussing goals and charges for next year.

2.4 Faculty Senate Report

President Torres presented a PowerPoint via Skype. She stated the faculty senate approved of President Naganathan's decision to amend the mission statement to better represent what we are doing at Oregon Tech. Faculty senate is also excited about strategic planning and the involvement they will be able to have in the process. She showed the current salary floors from the HR website calculated from the MGT study, discussed the faculty senate faculty compensation committee, noted the comparators on the chart are not the MGT comparators but are comparators from over 10 years ago, and the information is not from CUPA, but rather from AAUP and the Chronicle of Higher Education. She showed graphs comparing salaries and salaries adjusted for inflation noting they are relatively flat since 2012. She stated these are things the board might want to understand as we enter into negotiations: approving comparators, and how salaries affect who academics are able to hire and what types of individuals we can attract. Faculty is requesting more board/student/faculty contact so the board can learn about the great things the students are accomplishing. She conveyed the faculty are proud of essential studies, a faculty led process taking into consideration the new requirements from the state so we can implement the new general education model. She explained Dr. Kuleck and Dr. Afjeh committed funds for faculty to create ESSEs this summer.

2.5 Legislative Report

AVP Miles gave an update on legislative issues and outlined questions regarding funding for universities: how much will the state allocate to the PUSF, will operating funds come from existing general funds or will they be tied to a proposed revenue package, if funds are tied to a revenue package will it pass the ballot in January 2020, will other appropriations (ETSF, Sports Lottery and OREC) be given to Oregon Tech, if the Oregon Tech board approves a tuition increase above 5% will the HECC support it, and will the legislature pass a bill that holds tuition increases to under 5%.

2.6 Strategic Enrollment Management Report

AVP Veth showed a PowerPoint presentation and gave an update on strategic enrollment management. She covered the history of enrollment and new tactics for admissions and financial aid, expectations based on changes, and the potential change in student make-up.

2.7 Academic Quality and Student Success Committee Report

Trustee McClure reviewed the reports and discussions of the committee including presentations on housing and accreditation.

2.8 Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Trustee Jones reviewed the reports, discussions, and actions of the committee.

President Naganathan and **AVP Saunders** handed out and explained the marketing material given to the legislators regarding OMIC and Oregon Tech.

2.9 Executive Committee Report

Vice Chair Gomez reviewed the actions of the committee, including the recommendation to appoint student Dana Londen for the student position on the Board. She explained the need to review the Mission Statement and outline the proposed amendments reflecting our current and future offerings of baccalaureate and graduate degrees and the commitment to diversity. **President Naganathan** suggested an additional amendment to highlight the university as Oregon's polytechnic university. He would like to have feedback from the board and then take this forward through the strategic planning process, HECC, and the accrediting agency. **Trustee Mason** recommended changing 'Oregon's polytechnic university' to 'The Pacific Northwest's polytechnic university.'

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Meeting

3.2 Approval of the Recreation Center Student Fee

Trustee Stewart to approve the consent agenda. **Trustee Mason** seconded the motion.

Board Secretary read the motion from the Finance and Facilities Committee: to recommend the board approve a new Recreation Center Student Fee in the amount of \$69 for all students enrolled at the Klamath Falls campus, excluding Dual Credit and Advanced Credit Program students or similar such programs beginning Fall Term of 2019 and approve expenditures as requested by the President and determined by ASOIT.

With all Trustees present voting aye, the motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Items - none

5. Other Matters -none

6. Public Comment - none

7. Roundtable

Trustees shared their takeaways from the day. **Trustee Mason** enjoyed meeting our accomplished student athletes. **Trustee Perry** recommended scheduling meeting dates outside of finals week and encouraged the board to look for ways to engage with students and faculty. **Trustee Jones** appreciated the accomplishments of the Facilities Department. **Trustee Stewart** was encouraged by the positive movement on enrollment and facilities. He would like to see more examples of student accomplishments. He thanked Provost Kuleck for making progress on moving the DPT program forward. **Vice Chair Gomez** appreciated addressing the larger deferred maintenance issues and the new construction. **Trustee Rusth** expressed concern regarding the uncertainty of tuition increases but stated there are many positive things to counterbalance increases. **Trustee Hill** appreciated the regional collaboration for higher education. **Trustee McClure** stated it is a time of pride at Oregon Tech and there has been a lot of change on our campus. She is excited for the partnership between KCC and Oregon Tech. **President Naganathan** thanked the trustees for the engagement, staff for preparing the agenda items, and Scotty and Brian for the continued improvements in the videoing and streaming.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Fox
Board Secretary