
Board of Trustees
Theme: Industry's University
Minutes

Trustees Present:

John Davis, Chair	Kanth Gopalpur	Cec Amuchastegui
Don Gentry	Vince Jones	Mason Wichmann
Phong Nguyen	David Cauble	Johnnie Early
Celia N�nez	Mike Starr	Vijay Dhir
Michele Vitali	Stefan Bird	Nagi Naganathan (<i>ex officio</i>)

University Staff and Faculty Present in person:

Abdy Afjeh, Vice Provost for Research and Academic Affairs, Interim Dean of ETM & Acting Provost
Neslihan Alp, Dean, College of ETM
Ruth Claire Black, Dean of Online Education and Global Engagement
Mandi Clark, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students & Interim VP for Student Affairs
Kim Faks, Assistant Director, Student Involvement and Belonging
Ken Fincher, Vice President of University Advancement & Interim Board Secretary
Andria Fultz, Associate Professor
Lori Garrard, Executive Assistant to the VP of University Advancement
David Groff, General Counsel
John Harman, Vice President Finance & Administration
Aaron Hill, ASOIT
Josie Hudspeth, Student Affairs Systems Manager
Taylor Jacobs, ASOIT
David Johnston, Assistant Professor
Kimberly Koops, AVP Government Relations
Thomas Long, ASOIT Student Engagement Officer
Gaylyn Maurer, Executive Director, Center for Wellbeing, Director, Integrated Student Health Center, Chair, Administrative Council
Josephine Ness, Director of Admissions
Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
Dan Peterson, Dean, College of HAS
Alan Polaski, President– Oregon Tech Foundation
Terri Torres, President of Faculty Senate & Professor
Bryan Wada, Information Technology Consultant 2

1. **Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** *Chair John Davis*
Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The Board Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. **Consent Agenda** *Chair Davis*

2.1 **Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2023 Board Meeting**

No changes or objections were made, and the minutes were adopted.

3. **Board Reports**

3.1 **Public Comment** *Chair Davis*

- **Invited Comments from OT-AAUP** *Andria Fultz, Vice President OT-AAUP*
 - **Associate Professor Andria Fultz and Dr. David Johnston** spoke on successful collaborations and overcoming barriers together, coming to mutual and positive conclusions with President Naganathan and administration. They advised that they look forward to future success together.
- **Additional Public Comment**
None.

3.2 **Reports from Shared Governance Organizations**

- **ASOIT** *ASOIT Presidents Devon Stokes and Aaron Hill*
 - **PM ASOIT President Aaron Hill** talked about a survey that was presented to students regarding the availability of classes in relation to graduation. **Hill** shared findings from the survey.
 - **Hill** shared comparisons of other universities in Oregon, advising that Oregon Tech is successful.
 - **Klamath Falls ASOIT Student Engagement Officer Thomas Long** shared ASOIT's goals with the priority being improving student engagement.
- **Faculty Senate** *Senate President Terri Torres*
 - **Terri Torres** gave a summary of the activities of the Faculty Senate, including campus climate, Senate Bill 273, accreditation, and failed searches.
 - She advised Faculty Senate has requested more presidential forums with a question-and-answer format.
 - **Terri Torres** talked about successful meetings with administration.
 - She advised that there was a resolution passed in the Faculty Senate regarding proctoring with a successful outcome.
- **Admin Council** *Chair Gaylyn Maurer*
 - **Gaylyn Maurer** talked about the kudos recognition program, staff feedback, an update on the compensation study, and strengthening community relationships.
 - She gave an update on the Wellbeing initiative.

3.3 President's Report *President Nagi Naganathan*

- **President Naganathan** provided updates on 2023 and 2024 enrollment, Industry's University examples, which include PacificCorp projects, Cypress Creek Renewable scholarship recipients, and natural sciences partnerships.
- **President Naganathan** introduced new Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Management. **Dean Alp** shared her background and her enthusiasm about being part of Oregon Tech.
- President Naganathan shared about student career fairs and employer participation. He highlighted speaking engagements he participated in to promote Oregon Tech and higher education.
- **President Naganathan** recognized length of service employees, first generation students event, honors program, and family and alumni weekend.
- **President Naganathan** listed sustainability initiatives funded by the Oregon Legislature and other legislative activities.
- He provided spotlights on students and faculty members Don DaSaro and Trevor Petersen.
- **President Naganathan** talked about the Foundation scholarship awards banquet and Giving Tuesday fundraising event.
- **President Naganathan** shared about the successes of Oregon Tech athletics.
- **Trustee Dhir** requested that President Naganathan consider creating a task force to increase the graduation rate of Oregon Tech. Discussion ensued regarding Oregon Tech graduation rates.
- **Chair Davis** asked for an update on administrative and presidential forums and how he has been making himself available. **President Naganathan** shared how often the forums occur and their format. He explained how administration personnel attend other meetings and how available they are to the campus community.
- **Chair Davis** asked for an update on open positions and hiring searches. **President Naganathan** provided an update and examples. **Trustee Nguyen** talked about searches he has been a part of. Discussion ensued regarding hiring at Oregon Tech.

3.4 Foundation Report *Chair Alan Polaski*

- **Chair Polaski** gave an update on the Foundation's initiatives.

Break @ 10:37 am

4. Special Reports and Discussion Items

4.1 Strategic Enrollment Report *Director of Admissions Josephine Ness*

- **Director Ness** shared headcount and credit hour comparisons from winter 2022, 2023, and 2024. She shared information about first-year students on both the Portland Metro and Klamath Falls campuses and provided details on transfer students.

- **Director Ness** provided an admission and enrollment update on the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Discussion ensued regarding the DPT program.
- **Director Ness** identified successes in admissions. An update was given regarding direct admissions, digital upgrades, scholarships, and credit for prior learning.
- **Trustee Gopalpur** asked about dual credit students and admission as full credit students. **President Naganathan** provided information and clarification regarding dual credit students and **Director Ness** shared plans and initiatives that are in place regarding the dual credit student population.
- **Trustee Dhir** asked for clarification on prospect diversification which **Director Ness** provided.

4.2 Government Relations *Associate VP of Government Relations Kimberly Koops*
Written report submitted.

5. Board of Trustee Committee Reports

5.1 Academic Quality and Student Success Committee Report *AQSS Interim Chairs Davis & Jones*

- **Chair Davis** provided highlights from the December 15, 2023 and January 9, 2024 AQSS meetings. He shared about new hires and reports from Dean Ruth Claire Black, an update on the DPT program, master of science programs, Boeing collaboration lab, dual credit enrollment, and program assessments.
- **Chair Davis** shared about the presentation from Dr. Mandi Clark and the focus on student success, athletics and student athletes, new positions, industry partnerships, career fairs, and Student Involvement and Belonging.

5.2 Finance and Facilities Committee Report *F&F Chair Vince Jones*

- **Trustee Jones** provided highlights from the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. He shared about the reports from Professor Don DaSaro and FOAC, budget report from VP Harman, Facilities Director Thom Darrah, Clifton Larson and their external audit report, Eide Baillys’ internal risk assessment and audit report, and VP Harman’s presentation on the facility master plan.
- **Trustee Dhir** asked about the facility master plan, priorities and funding. **Trustee Jones** and **VP Harman** addressed the questions.

5.3 Executive Committee Report *Chair John Davis*

6. Action Item(s)

6.1 Soderstrom – Facilities Master Plan Report *Vice President John Harman*

- **VP Harman** provided a background on the Facilities Master Plan and highlighted some priorities. He shared the campus “flyover” video that displays potential campus improvements. Trustees engaged in discussion regarding potential projects and improvements.

- **VP Harman** advised that the master plan is a living document that can be changed as needs change on campus. It will be reviewed periodically by the board to adjust priorities and provide input.
- **Trustee Dhir** requested an amendment to the motion to include language regarding review of the plan.

MOTION:

Motion for Approval by the full Board of the Facilities Master Plan, with direction from the full board to revisit the master plan as determined by the Finance and Facility Committee, with delegation of authority to the president or his designee to finalize report formatting and to coordinate capital projects and infrastructure improvements in collaboration with the Finance and Facilities Committee Chair.

Motion: Trustee Jones

Second: Trustee Wichmann

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Amuchastegui aye, Trustee Bird aye, Trustee Cauble aye, Chair Davis aye, Trustee Dhir aye, Trustee Early aye, Trustee Gentry aye, Trustee Gopalpur aye, Co-Chair Jones aye, Trustee Nguyen aye, Trustee Núñez aye, Trustee Starr aye, Trustee Vitali aye, Trustee Wichmann aye

The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Eide Bailly – Risk Assessment and Multi-Year Audit Plan *Vice President John Harman*

- **VP Harman** provided information regarding the Risk Assessment approach of Eide Bailly. He shared excerpts from the information shared at the Finance & Facilities Committee meetings.
- The usefulness of the risk assessment to the university was discussed.

MOTION:

Motion for Approval by the full Board of the Risk Assessment and Multi-Year Audit Plan with delegation of authority to the president or his designee to coordinate activities with the internal auditors in collaboration with the Audit Committee Chair.

Motion: Trustee Jones

Second: Trustee Vitali

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Amuchastegui aye, Trustee Bird aye, Trustee Cauble aye, Chair Davis aye, Trustee Dhir aye, Trustee Early aye, Trustee Gentry aye, Trustee Gopalpur aye, Co-Chair Jones aye, Trustee Nguyen aye, Trustee Núñez aye, Trustee Starr aye, Trustee Vitali aye, Trustee Wichmann aye

The motion passed unanimously.

6.3 SB 273 Policy Revisions and Updates *Chair Davis & General Counsel Dave Groff*

- **General Counsel Groff** gave a background and overview of Senate Bill 273.
- Trustees engaged in discussion regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 273.
- **Chair Davis** proposed a wording change in the proposed resolution at article 1.4.

Motion:

Motion from the full board of trustees to adopt the proposed Resolution Implementing Senate Bill 273 (2023), amending, and adopting certain bylaws and policies in order to adopt statutory changes related to public university governing boards.

Chair Davis offered the motion with the slight amendment that was discussed.

Motion: Trustee Wichmann

Second: Trustee Dhir

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Amuchastegui aye, Trustee Bird aye, Trustee Cauble aye, Chair Davis aye, Trustee Dhir aye, Trustee Early aye, Trustee Gentry aye, Trustee Gopalpur aye, Trustee Jones aye, Trustee Nguyen aye, Trustee Nunez aye, Trustee Starr aye, Trustee Vitali aye, Trustee Wichmann aye

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Additional Discussion

None

8. Other Matters *Chair Davis*

None

9. Adjournment (1:19 pm)