

Executive Committee

Agenda

1. **Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** (8:15 am) (5 min) *Chair John Davis*
2. **Consent Agenda** (8:20 am) (5 min) *Chair Davis*
 - 2.1. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings** (Oct 18, 2024; Dec 18, 2024; Mar 6, 2025; May 13, 2025)
3. **Other Business/New Business** (8:25 am) (5 min) *Chair Davis*
4. **Executive Session** (8:30 am) (55 min) *Chair Davis*

Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 40.225 Rule 503, to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, confidential communication subject to attorney-client privilege, and per ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.
5. **Adjournment** (9:25 am)

All times are approximate.

**Executive Committee
DRAFT Minutes**

Executive Committee Member Trustees present:

Chair John Davis, Esq	David Cauble
Vice Chair Vince Jones	Dr. Johnnie Early
Cecelia Amuchastegui	Celia Núñez-Flores
Kanth Gopalpur	
President Nagi Naganathan (Ex-Officio)	

Executive Committee Member Trustee(s) not present:

Stefan Bird

Other Trustees in attendance:

Aaron Hill	Mike Starr
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University Staff and Faculty Present:

Dr. Ken Fincher, Vice President of University Advancement, Executive Director, Oregon Tech Foundation, & Board Secretary
David Groff, Esq, General Counsel
John Harman, Vice President, Finance & Administration
Dr. Beverly McCreary, Associate Vice Provost, Faculty Relations
Dr. Linus Yu, Associate Vice Provost, Academic Excellence

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum *Chair John Davis*

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:09 am. The Board Secretary called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda *Chair, John Davis*

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2024 Meeting

No changes were made. Minutes approved as submitted, with all members present voting aye.

3. Reports:

3.1 Chair Davis thanked the trustees for participating in the Board retreat and thanked the board for participating in the Board survey. He shared an overview of the survey results. A discussion on Board's role and orientation programs continued.

3.2 Chair Davis reviewed the committee assignments and referred to the committee roster.

4. Executive Session: Chair Davis

4.1 Chair Davis called the executive committee into executive session, cited the following, and asked all public members to retire from the room.

Executive Session—*The Committee will meet in Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the chief executive officer's employment-related performance.*

5. Other Business/New Business were also moved up in the agenda and followed discussion items, Chair Davis

- None

6. Meeting went into Recess: 9: 04 am

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Vice Chair Vince Jones	Dr. Johnnie Early
Cecelia Amuchastegui	Celia Núñez-Flores
Kanth Gopalpur	
President Nagi Naganathan (Ex-Officio)	

Executive Committee Member Trustee(s) not present:

David Cauble

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Dr. Ken Fincher, Vice President of University Advancement, Executive Director, Oregon Tech Foundation, & Board Secretary
David Groff, Esq, General Counsel
Dr. Hesham El-Rewini, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management
Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, & Engagement
Bryan Wada, Information Technology Consultant 2

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum *Chair John Davis*

Chair Davis reconvened the meeting and called it back to order at 3:01 pm. The Board Secretary called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

2. Title IX continued training was provided by Dr. Jennifer Wilson, the Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion.

3. Other Business/New Business

3.1 President Naganathan and Chair Davis reviewed and discussed the 2024-25 Institutional Goals. This discussion began at the October 18, 2024 meeting and concluded during the December 15, 2024 meeting.

Goal 1. Achieve new freshman growth in Fall 2025 at a rate at/or above the most recent three-year averages (currently at ~5%)

Goal 2. Achieve a 1% increase in retention of new undergraduate students, from the current level of 70% to 71%.

Goal 3. Raise \$5 million in annual and capital campaign funds.

Goal 4. Conduct a space utilization plan for the university, including repurposing the current residence hall in alignment with the university's master plan.

Goal 5. (i) Develop and launch Health & Wellness Initiative and a plan for its long-term sustainability in collaboration with community partners and state agencies and (ii) initiate the concept of a school of Medicine at Oregon Tech.

The above goals are to be pursued while giving continued attention to the following:

- Implementing the University's Strategic Plan and Academic Master Plan
- Elevating a healthier and thriving campus culture by implementing the ongoing action steps
- Building strong leadership at all levels
- Elevating the importance of faculty, staff, and student retention at all levels of the university
- Continuing campuswide engagement among faculty, staff, and students through implementation of shared governance initiatives and collaboration.

Motion to adopt the institutional goals as presented by Trustee Bird

Seconded by Trustee Early

Trustees Voting Aye:

Davis, Nunez, Jones, Gopalpur, Early, Amuchastegui, Bird

Trustees Voting Nay: None

4. Adjournment 4:01 pm

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Cecelia Amuchastegui	
President Nagi Naganathan (Ex-Officio)	

Executive Committee Member Trustee(s) not present:

Stefan Bird	Dr. Johnnie Early
Kanth Gopalpur	

Other Trustees in attendance:

Dr. Vijay Dhir	Mike Starr
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University Staff and Faculty Present:

Dr. Ken Fincher, Vice President of University Advancement, Executive Director, Oregon Tech Foundation, & Board Secretary
David Groff, Esq, General Counsel
Dr. Hesham El-Rewini, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management
Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, & Engagement
Dr. Mandi Clark, Vice President, Student Affairs
Dr. Abdy Afjeh, Senior Vice Provost, Academic Affairs & Research
Bryan Wada, Information Technology Consultant 2

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum *Chair John Davis*

Chair Davis reconvened the meeting and called it back to order at 4:31 pm. The Board Secretary called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

2. Action Item: (4:35 pm) (25 min)

Approval to enter into a lease with the Oregon Tech Foundation, *Vice President of Finance and Administration, John Harman, and Executive Director of the Foundation, Dr. Ken Fincher*

VP Harman shared a presentation informing the executive committee of the progress toward the partnership with the foundation to lease property adjacent to the gymnasium for the express purpose of the construction of a fieldhouse. VP Harman reviewed the process required between the parties and the urgency needed to approve the lease as it relates to a potential increase in construction costs. **Dr. Fincher** spoke on behalf of the Oregon Tech Foundation and expressed the foundation's intent to fulfill the lease, construct the fieldhouse, and then convey the completed fieldhouse to the university. He shared that the Foundation has secured the funds needed to make this a 100% donor paid for endeavor. VP Harman and Dr. Fincher answered questions from trustees and a motion was then made as follows:

Staff Recommendation:

After discussion and review of related documents, staff requests a Motion for Approval of the President or his designee to negotiate and execute a Lease Agreement with the

Oregon Tech Foundation to support the construction of a Fieldhouse with an estimated value to Oregon Tech of approximately \$3.7 million, and Authorization for the President to Accept conveyance of the Fieldhouse from the Foundation on behalf of Oregon Tech upon completion, after which the lease will also terminate.

Motion to adopt made by Chair Davis

Second by Trustee Amuchastegui

Trustees Voting Aye:

Davis, Nunez, Cauble, Jones, Amuchastegui

Trustees Voting Nay: None

Motion passed

3. Other Business/New Business: *Chair Davis*

None

4. Adjournment 5:05 pm

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Executive Committee Member Trustee(s) not present:

Stefan Bird
Celia Nunez

Other Trustees in attendance:

Dr. Vijay Dhir
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University Staff and Faculty Present:

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1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum *Chair John Davis*

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm. The Board Secretary called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

2. Action Item: *Chair Davis*

2.1 Proposal to name the Fieldhouse in memory of Kip Thomet: Oregon Tech President Dr. Nagi Naganathan and University Advancement Vice President and Executive Director of the Foundation, Dr. Ken Fincher

President Naganathan provided insight into the board process and procedure for naming a facility on the Oregon Tech campus. He also shared information about Glen and Sherry Thomet, the leadership donors for the proposed fieldhouse to be built on the Oregon Tech Klamath Falls campus adjacent to the gymnasium. Dr. Fincher added that the Oregon Tech Foundation endorses the Thomet family's request to name the fieldhouse in honor of their deceased son, Kip Thomet. Both noted the fieldhouse is a 100% donor-funded project with an expected completion date of late December 2025.

A motion was made by Chair Davis to “take due action to approve the naming of the planned fieldhouse in memory of Kip Thomet. The proposed name is the Kip Thomet Memorial Fieldhouse, and it has a suitable abbreviated identifier to be approved by the family. Trustee Amuchastegui seconded the motion.

Aye votes were Davis, Jones, Cauble, Gopalpur, Amuchastegui, and Early
No one voted no or abstained
The motion passed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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