

### **Meeting of the Oregon Tech Board of Trustees**

Klamath Falls Campus and via TEAMS Friday, October 18, 2024 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Trustees in Attendance:

Chair Davis Trustee Gentry
Vice Chair Jones Trustee Gopalpur

Trustee Amuchastegui Trustee Hill

Trustee Cauble Trustee Neupert
Trustee Dhir Trustee Nunez
Trustee Early Trustee Starr
Trustee Vitali

Trustee Dentinger, non-voting member

President Nagi Naganathan, ex-officio/non-voting

#### University Staff, Visitors, and Faculty in person:

Dr. Abdy Afjeh, Vice Provost for Research and Academic Affairs, Interim Chair, MMET

Dr. Neslihan Alp, Dean, College of ETM

Dr. Ruth Claire Black, Dean of Online Education & Global Engagement

Dr. Mandi Clark, Vice President of Student Affairs

Alicia Dillon, Associate Vice President-Controller

Michelle Meyer, Director of Audit and Compliance

Dr. Ken Fincher, Vice President of University Advancement & Board Secretary

Uriel Aquilar Torres, KF-ASOIT

David Groff, General Counsel

Sarah Henderson-Wong, Assistant Director of Benefits, Human Resources

John Harman, Vice President Finance & Administration

Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Dr. Michelle Preston, Assistant Dean, HAS

Dr. Beverly McCreary, Associate Vice Provost of Faculty Relations

Dr. Yuehai Yang, President OIT Faculty Senate

Dr. Nate Bickford, Dean, College of HAS

Rick Hoylman, Professor and Program Director, M.M., CNMT

Dr. Christopher Syrnyk, Executive Director, Oregon Tech Honors Program and National Scholarships

Dr. Kari Lundgren, OT-AAUP

Bryan Wada, Information Technology Consultant 2

Dr. Joanna Mott, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs & SEM

Dr. Greg Stringer, Associate Vice Provost, Strategic Enrollment Management

# 1. Welcome and Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum (10:06 am) Chair John Davis

• Chair Davis called the meeting to order. Board Secretary Fincher took roll, and a quorum was declared. Chair Davis welcomed the new Trustees Neupert, Hill, and Dentinger. President Naganathan introduced them individually. He thanked everyone for attending the social events that had preceded the meetings. The theme was shared by Ad Meliora: Toward Better Things, and an overview was provided by President Naganathan.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

**2.1** The minutes of the July Board Retreat were approved.

#### 3. Public Comment & Regular Reports

- **3.1 Public comments** were made by OT-AAUP Union President Dr. Kari Lundgren, OT-SEIU Union President, Alicia Jones, and student Ronnie Ryno, a junior in nuclear medicine.
- **3.2 Reports from Shared Governance Organizations** included ASOIT leadership reports from the Klamath Falls campus by Uriel Aguilar Torres and a video message from the ASOIT Wilsonville leadership. A report from OIT Faculty Senate President Dr. Yuehai Yang was presented, as was a report from Admin Council Vice Chair Sarah Henderson-Wong
- **3.3 Oregon Tech Foundation** President Alan Polaski provided an update from the foundation and answered progress-related questions.
- **3.4 President Naganathan** provided the president's report to the board.

#### The board recessed for lunch at 12:03 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm

#### 4. Special Reports and Discussion Items

- **4.1** AVP Dr. Greg Stringer provided a strategic enrollment & student retention efforts report.
- **4.2** Dr. Christopher Syrnyk provided a report detailing the **Oregon Tech Honors program** and the work being conducted by **The Office of National Scholarships.**
- **4.3 Nuclear Medical and Molecular Imaging Technology** Professor Rick Hoylman and two students reported on their recent international trip.

#### 5. Board of Trustees Committee Reports

- **5.1** Co-Chairs Amuchastegui and Nunez provide a report from the **Academic Quality** and **Student Success Committee.**
- 5.2 The Finance and Facilities Committee, also serving as the Audit Committee, report was provided by Committee Chair Jones.
- **5.3** The Executive Committee report was provided by Board Chair Davis.

#### 6. Board Training

**6.1** Dr. Jennifer Wilson provided **Title IX Training** to the board.

#### 7. Action Items

7.1 An Authorization for Banner Finance Reconciliation motion was presented by Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Jones and was seconded by Trustee Starr. The motion states:

After discussion and review of related documents, and with the approval of the Finance and Facilities Committee, staff requests a motion to authorize the President or his designee to negotiate and execute an Agreement with CampusWorks\* in an amount not to exceed \$1,442,988 to support the reinstallation of Banner Finance, to be funded using \$1,028,000 in the State of Oregon Financial Sustainability Funds received through HECC and the remaining \$414,988 from other FY 2025-26 University operating resources, as well as delegation of authority to the President or his designee, as available under policy and law, to make minor and technical adjustments as necessary to correct mathematical rounding, errors, inconsistencies, or omissions and execute the Board's directives.

#### The following Trustees voted aye:

Amuchastegui, Cauble, Davis, Dhir, Early, Gentry, Gopalpur, Jones, Neupert, Nunez, Starr, Vitali, and Hill.

There were no nay votes

# 7.2 A motion to authorize a budget adjustment and spending was made by Committee Chair Jones, and was seconded by Trustee Nunez. The motion states:

After discussion and review of related documents staff requests, and with the approval of the Finance and Facilities Committee, that the board approve an additional \$1.6 million in spending from reserve funds in FY 2024-25 to support the transition to the City of Klamath Falls municipal water system, which includes a \$1.1 million SDC and an additional \$500,000 to partially support a system pressure pump and estimated increased utilities expenditures, as well as delegation of authority to the President or his designee, as available under policy and law, to make minor and technical adjustments as necessary to correct mathematical rounding, errors, inconsistencies, or omissions and execute the Board's directives.

#### The following Trustees voted aye:

Amuchastegui, Cauble, Davis, Dhir, Early, Gentry, Gopalpur, Jones, Neupert, Nunez, Starr, Vitali, and Hill.

There were no nay votes

## 8. Executive Session – Chair Davis called the board into executive session and cited:

The Board will meet in 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.

- 8.1 Legal Counsel David Groff, J.D., provided a session on board responsibility training.
- 8.2 A labor relationship training was provided by the Director of Labor Relations Services USSE, Brian Caufield, J.D.

## The board returned from the Executive Session at 4:45

- 9. Additional Discussion and Other Matters None
- 10. Adjournment at 4:47 pm

The meeting in its entirety can be viewed at <a href="https://www.oit.edu/trustees/meetings-events/recordings">https://www.oit.edu/trustees/meetings-events/recordings</a>