
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Minutes

Trustees Present:

John Davis, Chair	Kanth Gopalpur	Mike Starr
Jeremy Brown	Vince Jones	Mason Wichmann
Phong Nguyen	Kelley Minty	Nagi Naganathan (<i>ex officio</i>)
Jill Mason	Kathleen Hill	Celia Nunez

Trustees Unable to Attend:

Fred Ziari	Michele Vitali	Stefan Bird
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University Staff and Faculty Present in person:

Nate Bickford, Natural Sciences Department Chair
Mandi Clark, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students
Ken Fincher, Vice President of University Advancement & Interim Board Secretary
Lori Garrard, Executive Assistant to the VP of University Advancement
John Harman, Vice President of Finance & Administration
Joanna Mott, Provost & VP of Academic Affairs
Josephine Ness, Director of Admissions
Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
Dan Peterson, Dean – College of Health, Arts & Sciences
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 8:03 am. The Board Secretary called roll, and a quorum was declared.
2. **New Program Approval**
 - 2.1 **Masters in Natural Resources** *Dean Dan Peterson & Department Chair Dr. Nate Bickford*
 - **Dean Peterson** shared details of the master's program, including the interest and need for the program. He explained the process of earning the degree. The official launch will be Fall of 2024, with a soft launch as early as the Winter of 2024.
 - **Dean Peterson** addressed the concerns presented by the board at the past board meeting regarding the course content, ensuring the courses are at a graduate level.
 - Discussion regarding the details of the materials provided ensued.

Motion

Motion for the board to approve the proposed Masters in Natural Resources as presented by staff.

Motion: Chair Davis; Second: Trustee Nguyen

Trustee Brown aye, Chair Davis aye, Trustee Gopalpur aye, Trustee Hill aye, Trustee Jones aye, Trustee Mason aye, Trustee Minty aye, Trustee Nguyen aye, Trustee Nunez aye, Trustee Starr aye, Trustee Wichmann aye.

Passed unanimously.

2.2 Masters in Biomedical Sciences *Dean Dan Peterson & Department Chair Dr. Nate Bickford*

- **Dean Peterson** shared details of the master's program and how it will prepare students for professional programs, including Ph.D. graduate programs. He explained the need for the program and the process for students to obtain it.
- **Dean Peterson** addressed the concerns that were presented by the board at the past board meeting.
- **Chair Davis** commented on the positivity of this program -- financial as well as alignment with the university's strategic plan.
- Discussion regarding the details of the materials provided ensued.
- **Chair Davis** asked about the program's next steps, which **Dean Peterson** explained and shared the anticipated timeline.

Motion

Motion for the board to approve the proposed Masters in Biomedical Sciences as presented by staff.

Motion: Chair Davis; Second: Trustee Nguyen

Trustee Brown aye, Chair Davis aye, Trustee Gopalpur aye, Trustee Hill aye, Trustee Jones aye, Trustee Mason aye, Trustee Minty aye, Trustee Nguyen aye, Trustee Nunez aye, Trustee Starr aye, Trustee Wichmann aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Legislative Update *Dr. Nagi Naganathan*

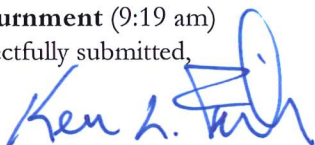
- **President Naganathan** shared a presentation on legislative updates that include public university updates as well as Oregon Tech priorities. He shared details on policy bills that are likely to impact Oregon Tech.
- **Present Naganathan** highlighted the changes in SB 273 which pertains to university governing boards.
- **President Naganathan** shared that \$18 million was approved for emergency geothermal system renovations.

4. Other Discussion Items

None

9. Adjournment (9:19 am)

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Ken Fincher

Vice President University Advancement & Interim Board Secretary