
Executive Committee MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Jessica Gomez, Vice Chair
Vince Jones

Nagi Naganathan, President
Paul Stewart

Fred Ziari (via phone)

Other Trustees Present:

Jill Mason

Rose McClure

Grace Rusth

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Thom Darrah, Director of Facilities

Erin Foley, VP Student Affairs

Brian Fox, VP Finance and Administration

Brittany Miles, AVP Government Relations

Stephanie Pope, AVP of Budget and Planning

John VanDyke, Athletics Director

Erika Veth, AVP Strategic Enrollment Management

Others Present:

Lee Ayers-Preboski, HECC Commissioner/SOU Professor

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

Vice Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:45am. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda**2.1 Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Meeting**

With no amendments, the minutes stand as published.

3. Action Items**3.1 Recommendation to the Governor:**

President Naganathan stated current Trustee Perry will be graduating in June and our recommended candidate to be appointed to the student seat is Dana Londen. Trustee Stewart pointed out a clerical error in the agenda report, third paragraph, last sentence should read “Dana Londen” rather than John Davis. Vice Chair Gomez explained the

appointment process for the recommendation of John Davis to the board's at large position is ongoing

Trustee Stewart moved to recommend to the Governor appointment of Dana Londen as the student trustee. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Mission Statement

Vice Chair Gomez reviewed the history of the mission statement. **President Naganathan** explained the current proposal to amend the mission statement and the importance for it to reflect what the university currently offers and is approved to do. He suggested an additional amendment to include the description of the university as Oregon's polytechnic university. **Trustee Stewart** recognized the need to continue to educate people that we are a university; he noted other institutions have 'university' in the name. He asked if the official name change could be considered in the strategic plan process. **Trustee Ziari** stated the board has discussed branding and educating people about the university but not much headway has been made. He supports a name change to Oregon Polytechnic University. **President Naganathan** clarified that the proposed use of 'Oregon's Polytechnic University' is not intended as a name change, simply a clarifying statement in the Mission Statement. **Trustee Stewart** stated there is a misperception about what the university is and is not and while a name change is a significant process to undertake, the end result may well be worth it. He would like further discussion on the topic. **Trustee McClure** requested the mission statement be amended to permit new programs under review and additional innovative programs. **Trustee Gomez** will bring up the proposed changes to the mission statement with the full board at today's meeting and recommend addressing the topic at the May meeting after others comment on it.

4.2 Review of Board Agenda

Vice Chair Gomez reviewed the agenda for the full Board meeting this afternoon, including the need for an executive session prior to the lunch hour.

5. Other Business/New Business - none

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Vice Chair Gomez stated the Board would convene for executive session from 11:45am to 12:15pm under ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (i), and 40.225 Rule 503.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Fox
Board Secretary