
Executive Committee MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Lisa Graham, Chair
Jeremy Brown

Jessica Gomez, Vice Chair
Nagi Naganathan, President

Paul Stewart
Fred Ziari

Other Trustees Present:

Kathleen Hill
Jill Mason

Rose McClure
Kelley Minty Morris

Grace Rusth
Mike Starr

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Connie Atchley, Incoming CIO/ITS
Dave Groff, Legal Counsel
Erin Foley, VP Student Affairs
Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
Dan Peterson, Interim Associate Dean

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

Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 11:35am. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 **Approve Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Meeting**
With no amendments, the minutes stand as published.

3. Action Items

3.1 **Recommendation to the Full Board to Approve a Resolution Amending the University Mission Statement and Forward it to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)**

President Naganathan explained the purpose of the mission statement revisions: to strengthen our identity as a university by providing a clear message as to who we are. He stated the changes to the mission statement have been discussed in multiple campus forums including executive staff and the faculty senate; there is overall support for the changes. The HECC has tentatively agreed to discuss the proposed changes at its August meeting.

Trustee Ziari moved to recommend to the full board to approve a resolution amending the university mission statement and forward it to the HECC. Trustee Gomez seconded the motion.

Trustee Stewart arrived at 11:48am.

Discussion regarding the differences between technology and engineering, the addition of 'other' before 'national and international constituents', amending 'technologies' to 'technology', whether the term graduate covers a doctoral-level degree, whether to include a reference to Northwest, and the addition of 'scholarship' to innovation and applied research. **Trustee Stewart** recommended moving forward with the mission amendments and prior to accreditation of the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) program to provide the accreditors with proof that the DPT program is supported by the mission statement.

Trustee Ziari modified his motion to recommend to the full board to approve a resolution amending the proposed university mission statement with the following amendments (deletions, additions):

Oregon Institute of Technology ("Oregon Tech"), Oregon's public polytechnic university, offers innovative, professionally-focused undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the areas of engineering, health, business, ~~technology technologies~~, and applied arts and sciences. To foster student and graduate success, the university provides a hands-on, project-based learning environment and emphasizes innovation, *scholarship*, and applied research. With a commitment to diversity and leadership development, Oregon Tech offers statewide educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet current and emerging needs of Oregonians as well as *other* national and international constituents. **Trustee Gomez seconded the modified motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion Items

4.1 July Meeting Agenda and Location

Chair Graham explained staff proposes to hold the meeting in Portland to accommodate a tour of OMIC in Scappoose. **President Naganathan** suggested the board meet with industry partners at OMIC. **Trustee Brown** recommended including a goal-setting session for the president; he would like to focus on the national trends in higher education, also.

4.2 Meeting Times/Dates

Chair Graham explained the desire of some trustees and staff to attend the other committee meetings and the pros and cons of holding meetings over one and two days. **Trustee Stewart** suggested alternating one day and 1.5 day meetings or on a case-by-case basis. It was suggested the committee chairs meet and figure out which topics might overlap to determine how the meetings are held.

4.3 Review of Board Agenda

Chair Graham reviewed the agenda for the board meeting. **Trustee Brown** suggested pulling the DPT program from consent to acknowledge the significance of the program. **Chair Graham** suggested leaving the program on consent and allow Trustee Brown and others to comment on the importance after consent approval.

4. Other Business/New Business

Chair Graham reminded trustees that the annual evaluation/survey was emailed and responses are requested by July 10, 2019.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22pm.

Chair Graham noted the Board will meet at 12:30 in the Mt. Thielsen Room for an 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 and to have confidential communication subject to attorney-client privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Fox', is positioned above the typed name.

Sandra Fox
Board Secretary