

Meeting of the
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees
Executive Committee
CEET 248 Board Room, Klamath Falls
And Virtually via Microsoft Teams
April 7, 2022
1:00pm - 1:20pm

Executive Committee MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Jessica Gomez, Chair Jeremy Brown Nagi Naganathan, President

Vince Jones Fred Ziari

Trustees Unable to Attend:

Paul Stewart

Other Trustees Present:

Michele Vitali Kathleen Hill Kelley Minty-Morris Rose McClure Tim Hasty Mike Starr

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Thomas Cooper, Information Technology Consultant 2

Erin Foley, Vice President & Dean of Students

David Groff, General Counsel & Interim Board Secretary

Pam Grove, Assistant to University General Counsel & Interim Board Secretary

John Harman, Vice President Finance & Administration

Tom Keyser, Dean College of Engineering, Technology & Management

Billy Kimmel, ASOIT Officer, Portland-Metro

Kelsey McCauley, Government Relations

Michelle Meyer, Accounting Services Manager

Travis Miller, Information Technology Consultant 2

Joanna Mott, Provost & VP of Academic Affairs

Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President

Bryan Wada, Information Technology Consultant 2

Mason Wichmann, Oregon Tech Student

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

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approve Minutes of the February 24, 3022 Meeting

No changes voiced. Minutes approved as submitted.

3. Action Items - none

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Comprehensive Presidential Evaluation Process, Chair Jessica Gomez

The committee discussed the Presidential Evaluation policy, specifically section 4.2. addressing periodic comprehensive evaluation for the president. It is intended to be conducted every four to five years, with the specific timing to be determined by the Board Chair in consultation with the Full Board. The comprehensive evaluation process is to be overseen by a small group of board members appointed by the Board Chair or an oversight committee, and a qualified consultant if desired by the Board Chair. It is a flexible process, and policy provides a list of typical stakeholders who might be interviewed, including board members, members of the faculty, classified and unclassified staff, student representatives, community members, government leaders, alumni. Chair **Gomez** said the comprehensive evaluation process is appropriate for the Executive Committee to manage. Trustee Brown commented sometimes such reviews are conducted internally by the board, without the need a consultant who might not understand the culture and the dynamics of the institution. Chair Gomez responded that when she looked at the process, it made sense to have someone come in and help. Trustee Jones said he thought we could do it internally and streamline the process and that would make it simpler. **Trustee Starr** questioned whether the issues of transparency and trust might come up if the process is all internal. Trustee Brown shared that if we have a process that involves the stakeholders being interviewed directly, that might address the transparency side of things. Trustee Jones said Trustee Starr has a good point in that we do have to consider the reactions that people might have regarding transparency. It's important to be completely open about the process in order to avoid any doubts that people might have. Chair Gomez said this is the first time we are doing this broader evaluation with Dr. Naganathan, and she and staff will take a look at proposals from consultants and make a decision quickly, so we have some support as we go through this process.

4.2 2023 Board Meeting Schedule, Chair Jessica Gomez

Dave Groff reviewed the 2023 proposed Board Meeting Scheduled contained in the agenda packet.

5. Other Business/New - none

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Groff

University General Counsel & Interim Board Secretary