

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

# Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon Joint Finance and Facilities Committee and Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Summary

May 08, 2015

| <b>Finance and Facilities Committee</b> |         | Academic and Student Affairs Committee |         |
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| Ross Kari, Chair                        | Present | Mary Wilcox, Chair                     | Present |
| Connie Ballmer                          | Present | Rudy Chapa                             | Present |
| Peter Bragdon                           | Present | Scott Coltrane                         | Present |
| Andrew Colas                            | Absent  | Ann Curry                              | Present |
| Scott Coltrane                          | Present | Allyn Ford                             | Absent  |
| Susan Gary                              | Present | Helena Schlegel                        | Present |
| Joseph Gonyea III                       | Present | Kurt Willcox                           | Present |

## Convening

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon's Finance and Facilities Committee (FFC) and Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) met in the Ford Alumni Center on the UO campus on May 8, 2015 for a joint meeting. Below is a summary of committee discussions that took place during the meeting. At 9:03 a.m. Chair Ross Kari called the meeting to order and Secretary Wilhelms took roll.

### Public Comment

With regard to student health records being released to the General Counsel's office, Professor John Bonine called for the committees to initiate their own investigation into what occurred, expressing concern for liability risk to the university. He was encouraged that protections have since been put in place and asked that options for legal representation for victims within the university be explored.

### **Overview of the University Health Center and UO Care**

Trustee Kari introduced Robin Holmes, Vice President for Student Life and Michael Eyster, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the University Health Center. They presented information about the services offered at the Health Center and a description of proposed supplemental and comprehensive insurance plans.

Holmes discussed the changing landscape in health insurance and that students come to the university with different insurance platforms. Holmes went on to discuss the benefits to students of the new proposed plan in that it will allow the University Health Center to bill insurance and provide services off campus. Holmes gave an overview of the UO Care Supplemental plan; students would pay \$175 per term to complement their current insurance. For those who want to upgrade or have no insurance, the UO Care Comprehensive plan at \$690 per term would be used. Students who already have a platinum plan as described by the Affordable Care Act could opt out of UO Care and pay the \$110 health support fee only. The need for a reserve fund to accommodate annual fluctuations in plan costs was discussed. Trustee Mary Wilcox asked Holmes about the staffing increases necessary to support new billing operations.. Jamie Moffitt, Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO discussed that a

sensitivity analysis has been requested to identify which drivers could make costs swing and make sure there is enough of a financial cushion to absorb costs. Trustee Kari stated the board would like to have Vice President Holmes and Director Eyster return and present the financial specifics of the plans once they are finalized.

At 9:48 a.m. Trustee Kari handed over chair duties to Mary Wilcox for the ASAC portion of the meeting dealing with proposed changes to the Student Conduct Code.

### **Review of Proposed Changes to the Student Conduct Code**

Chair Mary Wilcox introduced Robin Holmes, Vice President for Student Life. Holmes walked the committees through the proposed changes that were approved by the Board of Trustees as temporary changes in September 2014. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board for approval. These changes are: a change in the adjudication model; a change in deadlines for student response to allegations; and changes in appeals for sexual misconduct cases.

Holmes then discussed the motions passed by the University Senate, specifically the motion pertaining to representation for the victims of sexual misconduct. Holmes explained that all proposed motions were good but emphasized the need for a permanent solution to the legal representation motion in order to make sure it is sustainable. Holmes also discussed the jurisdiction motion and concerns that students under investigation could transfer to a different school before the investigation was complete. Doug Park, Interim General Counsel also discussed that students could use jurisdiction to avoid charges by dropping out or transferring. Park further discussed that the motion passed by the University Senate allows the university to continue its investigation in abstention.

Chair Wilcox thanked Holmes and commented how the changes and progress were consistent with the expectations of the board. Trustee Kurt Willcox complimented the University Senate and Sandy Weintraub, Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards in working through the conduct code issues in a very positive approach. Trustee Ann Curry commented that a preventative approach should be taken with students like a mandatory class that is free of charge that discusses issues with freshman students, particularly around alcohol consumption. Trustee Helena Schlegel added that the University Senate and ASUO are working on a class that would be free and mandatory for all first year students.

### <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.