

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon Executive and Audit Committee Meeting

December 9, 2016

Committee Membership

Chuck Lillis, Chair Present
Peter Bragdon Present
Allyn Ford Present
Ross Kari Absent
Ginevra Ralph Present
Mary Wilcox Present

The Executive and Audit Committee (EAC) of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met for a telephonic meeting on December 9, 2016. A physical location – Room 105, Johnson Hall – was available for members of the public. Below is a summary of the committee's discussion and action. An audio recording is maintained on file.

Convening, Introduction. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Committee Chair Chuck Lillis. Roll call was taken and a quorum verified.

Athletic Contract Authorization (Football). Rob Mullens, director of intercollegiate athletics, walked trustees through a proposed contract for the employment of Willie Taggart as head coach of the intercollegiate football team. Chair Lillis and Vice Chair Ralph explained that trustees had the opportunity to talk with Mullens, review contract language, understand market compensation, and ask questions throughout the search process. Rob discussed what attracted the Athletic Department to Coach Taggart, including his prior successes, priorities relating to academics and community engagement, and his commitment to winning games and championships. Trustee Wilcox congratulated Mullens on the hire. Kevin Reed, vice president and general counsel, noted that parties have signed a binding MOU with economic provisions, and that the parties will finalize the long-form agreement (provided in a substantially final form as Exhibit 1 of the resolution) as soon as possible. President Schill noted his enthusiasm for Coach Taggart, especially for the character and personality that has come through in his initial conversations. He thanked Rob for his time and hard work in getting this done.

Action: The resolution was moved by Trustee Wilcox and seconded by Trustee Ralph. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.