



Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

June 1-2, 2017

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met at the Ford Alumni Center on June 1-2, 2017. Below is a summary of Board reports, discussions, and actions. An audio recording is maintained on file.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

Convening, Introduction. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Chuck Lillis. Roll call was taken and a quorum verified.

Public Comment. Following is a list of individuals who spoke and the general topic(s) of their remarks.

- *David Igl – alumni: spoke to the issue of removing Frederick Dunn’s name from a residence Hall.*
- *Theodora Ko Thompson – alumna, classified employee: spoke to budget pressures on the institution and a reduction in benefits to food service workers*
- *Joe Tyndall – community member: spoke to free speech and climate issues on the University of Oregon campus*
- *Charlie Landeros – undergraduate student: spoke to a forthcoming student revolution*
- *Elaina Colussi – undergraduate student: spoke to the FY18 tuition increase*
- *Rio Lehman – undergraduate student: spoke to administrative salaries, faulty layoffs, and student workers*
- *Max Hoots – undergraduate student: spoke to administrative pay and hiring during time of budget cuts in other areas*

Approval of Minutes. The Board approved minutes from its March 2017 meeting.

Reports. The Board received standing reports from the following individuals. Full reports are available in the audio recording.

- *Outgoing University Senate President Bill Harbaugh and Incoming University Senate President Chris Sinclair*
- *Outgoing ASUO President Quinn Haaga and Incoming ASUO President Amy Schenk*
- *Senior Vice President and Provost Scott Coltrane*
- *President Michael Schill*

Recess. The meeting was recessed until 8:30 am on June 2, 2017.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017

Reconvening. The meeting was reconvened at 8:37 a.m. on June 2, 2017. A quorum was verified.

Research Area in Focus: Neuroscience. Vice President for Research and Innovation David Conover introduced UO Professors Chris Doe (biology) and Ulrich Mayr (psychology), and Yale (and incoming UO) Professor David McCormick. Drs. Doe, Mayr, and McCormick presented information about neuroscience at the University of Oregon. Their presentation included an overview of the Neurons to Minds Cluster of Excellence, the Institute of Neuroscience, and how their individual areas of research build off of one another to create a larger and more in-depth look at neuroscience overall. They spoke about potential applications of basic neuroscience to help with a range of issues including, but not limiting to attention, learning, performance, flexibility, aging, ADHD, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, anxiety, mood disorders, and more. They noted that neuroscience has traditionally been split into micro (neurons) and macro (human) sciences, but the "new frontier" will bridge the gap between the two. They reiterated the importance of both team science and big data, talked about existing team members, and spoke about plans for additional hires within the field.

Tuition Structures. The board invited Brad Shelton, senior vice provost for budget and strategic planning, Roger Thompson, vice president for student services enrollment management, and Sarah Nutter, dean of the Lundquist College of Business, to discuss various tuition models used at the UO during its history and at various public peer institutions. Shelton began with a description of the UO's history including various tuition models within the last decade. Thompson then provided information about comparator schools who use various structures, namely differential tuition, guaranteed tuition, or a tuition plateau. Trustees asked several questions about unintended consequences of various structures, including the impact on various populations of students and particularly those students who come from low- or middle-income families. The panel discussed pros and cons with trustees and laid out various issues and factors that would need to be considered before a decision around changing UO tuition structure could be made. They also discussed the fact that any change in structure, regardless of which tuition structure or combination of tuition structures is chosen, will have a significant impact on some group of students or another.

Seconded Motions and Resolutions from Committee. The Board considered two resolutions (presented as seconded motions) recommended for action by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

ACTION: The Board considered a resolution to authorize a temporary FY18 expenditure budget. The resolution carried by voice vote without dissent.

ACTION: The Board considered a resolution to rename Cedar Hall as Unthank Hall. The resolution carried by voice vote without dissent.

Executive Session. The board went into executive session to discuss labor negotiations with university management. Trustees were given a recap of the various bargaining units and the bargaining efforts currently underway and forthcoming. (This executive session was authorized under Oregon's public meetings laws at ORS 192.660(2)(d)).

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.