



Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2014

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Members

Rudy Chapa	Present (via phone)
Ann Curry	Absent
Allyn Ford	Present (via phone)
Mary Wilcox, Chair	Present (via phone)
Kurt Willcox	Present

The University of Oregon Board of Trustees, Academic and Student Affairs Committee met in person and via phone in the Ford Alumni Center on the UO campus on November 3, 2014. Below is a summary of committee discussions and actions. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Wilcox at 1:04pm.

Opening Remarks by the Chair

Chair Wilcox opened the meeting with remarks about the Board's request at the September board meeting for the president and provost to do some additional work on the draft mission statement, including the opportunity for students to comment once they were back on campus. Chair Wilcox asked the provost to discuss the current draft mission statement before the committee.

Overview of Revised University Mission Statement

Acting Senior Vice President and Provost Frances Bronet mentioned that the draft mission statement was posted on the website with a call for comments. She explained that messages went out to various cohorts on campus (e.g. student body, staff and faculty units) and the open comment period lasted through October 31. Bronet noted that comments were taken into consideration by a team of writers, which resulted in the draft before the committee at this meeting. Chair Wilcox discussed that the timing of the meeting was set so the draft mission statement could be sent to the HECC for consideration on its November agenda.

Resolution: Adoption of a Revised University Mission Statement (*action*)

Chair Wilcox asked if there any comments on the revised draft. Trustee Kurt Willcox noted that he appreciates the revisions and raised three suggested changes. He first suggested language to more directly address students' economic success and ability to find jobs (adding "our students" before "Oregon" in the last sentence of the purpose section). Willcox then suggested adding a reference to life-long learning under the "vision" section. His third suggestion was to modify language in the fourth "values" bullet to better represent the fact that not everyone in Oregon has an outstanding quality of life (proposed language: "We value the unique geography, history and culture of Oregon that shapes our identity and spirit"). Trustee Allyn Ford noted that he liked the first and third proposed changes to the mission statement, but was not sure the second fit. Trustee Susan Gary discussed that life-long learning is not excluded from the list as

it is currently drafted, noting that she too was supportive of the first and third suggestions. Bronet agreed. Trustee Willcox noted his appreciation for the discussion and was fine if life-long learning was not included. Chair Wilcox asked if there were further comments. Hearing none, she moved the resolution before the committee. Trustee Willcox seconded. Trustee Willcox then moved to amend the draft mission statement as noted above. Trustee Ford seconded. A voice vote was conducted and the changes were approved unanimously. A roll call vote was taken on the resolution and draft mission statement as amended; it passed 5-0. Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Barbara Altmann thanked the Board for its input. The University Secretary announced that the revised mission statement would be circulated to the board later this evening.

Closing Comments by Committee Chair

Chair Wilcox thanked Barbara Altmann, Frances Bronet and Scott Coltrane for their work on this. Chair Wilcox discussed that this was very important work as we move forward in this transitional period and it has been a very long process. Chair Wilcox apologizes for possibly not being present at the full board meeting but she is strongly hoping the Board approves the seconded motion. Chair Wilcox asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Willcox moved and Chair Wilcox seconded. The meeting was adjourned.