



The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon met by telephone with staff and public attendance in the Ford Alumni Center on the UO campus on November 5, 2014. Below is a summary of Board discussions and actions.

Board Chair Chuck Lillis called the meeting to order on November 5, 2014, at 2:33pm. All trustees were present via phone except Trustee Curry. Interim President Scott Coltrane joined after roll call was taken. The student position was vacant at the time of this meeting.

Opening Remarks by the Chair

The board heard opening remarks from Chair Lillis who indicated that the meeting would be focused on the mission statement. Chair Lillis thanked the President, Provost, Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Barbara Altmann and many others for their work through a long and highly collaborative process to get to the final articulation of the mission statement. Chair Lillis asked Trustee Mary Wilcox to introduce the resolution and reminded the Board that the resolution was coming before them as a seconded motion from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC).

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

Trustee Wilcox seconded everything Chair Lillis said regarding heroic work, including administrators, the board, and campus community as a whole. Wilcox commented that this process demonstrated how everyone cares about creating a mission statement that captures the UO. Wilcox introduced the resolution and mission statement for consideration by the Board, noting that the mission statement before the Board was passed by the ASAC on Monday, November 3. Trustee Wilcox opened the floor for discussion or questions. Chair Lillis asked if there were any discussion items or questions. Hearing none, Chair Lillis requested that a roll call vote be taken. A roll call vote was taken and the resolution passed by a vote of 12-0. Chair Lillis discussed that the mission statement would be submitted to the HECC today or early tomorrow. The resolution and related documents are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Closing Comments by Board Chair

Chair Lillis asked if there were any other discussion items. Barbara Altmann thanked everyone for their work on the mission statement. Chair Lillis asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Trustee Joe Gonyea moved and Chair Lillis seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Lillis adjourned the meeting at 2:39pm.

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

**Seconded Motion Regarding
Resolution: Adoption of a Revised University Mission Statement**

Whereas, the University of Oregon benefits from having a well-written and thoughtful mission statement that articulates its purpose and direction;

Whereas, the University of Oregon has engaged the campus community and the public to draft an updated mission statement that carries the school into the future;

Whereas, an updated mission statement was crafted after web-based public input, public meetings, and in depth discussions with academic leadership;

Whereas, ORS 352.089(2) requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a mission statement for the University of Oregon and forward that statement to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Commission's review; and

Whereas, pursuant to the Board's Policy on Committees, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted to refer this action as a seconded motion to the Board of Trustees for adoption;

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby adopts the revised mission statement attached hereto as Exhibit A and authorizes the officers of the university to take all action necessary and appropriate to submit it to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for review.

-Vote Recorded on Following Page-

Trustee	Yes	No
Ballmer, Connie	X	
Bragdon, Peter	X	
Chapa, Rudy	X	
Colas, Andrew	X	
Curry, Ann	Not Present	Not Present
Ford, Allyn	X	
Gary, Susan	X	
Gonyea III, Joe	X	
Kari, Ross	X	
Lillis, Chuck	X	
Ralph, Ginevra	X	
Wilcox, Mary	X	
Willcox, Kurt	X	
[Student Position Vacant]	--	--

Dated: 5th of November, 2014.

Initials: 

Exhibit A
Revised UO Draft Mission Statement

Mission Statement

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Purpose

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Vision

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Values

We value the passions, aspirations, individuality, and success of the students, faculty, and staff who work and learn here.

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Showing Red-Lined Changes from Draft Circulated to ASAC on 11/3/14

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