

Committee Membership

Elisa Hornecker, Chair	Present	Jenny Ulum	Present
Toya Fick	Present	Ruby Wool	Present
Ed Madison	Present	Dennis Worden	Present
Amy Tykeson	Present		

Convening

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met at the White Stag Building of the Portland Campus September 13th, 2023.

Committee Chair Elisa Hornecker called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Pacific Time. (All times noted going forward are Pacific Time.) The secretary verified attendance and a quorum.

Provost's Report. Janet Woodruff-Borden, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President presented progress updates including but not limited to academic priorities set by the provost's office as well as the details of current academic initiatives such as advancing academic opportunities for students and collaborating with the deans to reach shared goals. Trustees asked questions and engaged in discussion on items including but not limited to the results of the Culture and Belonging Survey conducted among faculty and faculty retention, potential gaps in data on student success, and the hiring processes for open faculty positions.

Sustainable Cities. Sisters Cities Program Overview. Sustainable Cities Institute Co-Director Marc Schlossberg was joined by City of Hermiston City Manager Byron Smith to present about the progress and recent accomplishments of the UO Sustainable City Year Program through the Sustainable Cities Institute. The Sustainable Cities Institute is committed to driving impact beyond the walls of the university, across the State of Oregon. Through hands on projects partnership with Oregon city governments, students gain practical experience in the fields they study, while providing a professional, highly discounted service to cities and communities. Trustees engaged in questions and discussion on items including but not limited to the process of finding cities to work with, the amount of time students spend on the ground in communities, and the value of practical field experience to students in higher education.

Annual Research Report. Anshuman Razdan "AR", Vice President for Research and Innovation presented to the Board on updates, recent accomplishments, and aspirations of the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI). Razdan started by reemphasizing the mission of OVPRI, including but not limited to the aspiration to continue supporting and leading research growth at the University of Oregon. Additionally, Razdan shed light on recent accomplishments of the University broadly in the area of research and innovation including but not limited to a series of newly funded research initiatives, department investment in faculty success, investment in the next generation of research scholars through the Hui Undergraduate Scholars program, federal advocacy and recent investments, and significant investments in innovation and turning research into entrepreneurial endeavors through the new Launch Oregon program. Trustees engaged in questions and discussion on items including but not limited to the process of securing federal research funding, the department's efforts to encourage faculty to pursue research initiatives, solving problems regarding OPE costs and other research funding barriers, and potential upcoming investments for the Launch Oregon initiative.

UO Portland. Jane Gordon, vice president for UO Portland reviewed the history of UO in Portland, noting its presence as early as the 1800's but the new focus since the institutional Board was established on having a strategic plan and vision for the campus, and more recently the expansion with the purchase of the new NE campus. Gordon described the current transition process underway to perform necessary renovations and to move faculty, staff, and students to the new campus. She highlighted efforts to engage and connect with the local community surrounding the campus. Next, Gordon walked through the various programs offered at the Portland campus. She then described transformations occurring on the new campus to accommodate programs transitioning from downtown offices. Gordon provided a brief update of the Ballmer Institute, the hallmark program that led to the acquisition of the new campus. Matt Roberts, associate vice president for community relations described active conversations with local city government to convert the White Stag building to market rate and workforce housing. Trustees engaged in questions and discussion on items including but not limited to how sport programs are being integrated into campus, the construct of the Ballmer Institute in relation to existing schools and colleges on campus, the engagement of the university with the local community, and what's planned for existing buildings currently occupied by UO programs downtown.

Student Conduct Code Changes (ACTION). Kris Winter, Interim Vice President for Student Life; Marcus Langford, Dean of Students; Dianne Tanjuaquio, Associate Dean and Director SCSS presented proposed revisions to the Student Conduct Code. The revisions were discussed and compiled by members of the Student Conduct Advisory Committee, which is made up by students, faculty, and staff. The proposed revisions remove the term "unauthorized collaboration" from the definition of "cheating" and add it in as a separate definition. Additionally, the proposed revisions provide clarity on the definition and intended interpretation of the term "plagiarism". Tanjuaquio emphasized the importance of adapting to the evolving circumstances of a modern-day classroom, such as the prevalence of artificial intelligence. Trustees engaged in questions and discussion on items including but not limited to how these changes to the conduct code are communicated to faculty, how feedback from last year by the Board was integrated in the updated version that is before the Board, and how artificial intelligence programs are being integrated into classrooms.

Action: The motion to approve and forward to the full Board for consideration that resolution authorizing amendments to the student conduct code as described in Board materials was moved by Trustee Fick and seconded by Trustee Wool. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 pm