

August 4, 2023

Attendance

Marcia Aaron	Present	Elisa Hornecker	Present	Andy Storment	Excused
Tim Boyle	Present	Ed Madison	Present	Jenny Ulum	Present
Renee Evans Jackman	Present	Lillian Moses	Present	Amy Tykeson	Present
Toya Fick	Present	Connie Seeley	Present	Dennis Worden	Present
Steve Holwerda	Present	Karl Scholz	Present	Ruby Wool	Present

Convening. The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met via Zoom video conference on August 4th, 2023. Chair Steve Holwerda called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Pacific Time. (All times noted going forward are Pacific Time.) The secretary verified attendance and a quorum.

Opportunity for UO to join the Big 10. President Scholz explained that the University of Oregon has been invited to join the Big 10 conference, the finest academic and athletic conference in the country. Scholz described the move as one that further strengthens the university into the future. Scholz requested authority from the Board to finalize agreement to join the Big 10. He described that the agreement would have the UO finish its current commitment to the Pac 12 conference and have the university join the Big 10 in the fall of 2024. Athletic Director Rob Mullens then discussed the values of the athletic department as staying true to the university's student athletes, connecting with university fans, and competing for championships. He discussed how this opportunity allows the university to pursue these values in the premier athletic and academic conference. The trustees engaged in discussion and questions on items including the new contract terms provided to the university by the Big 10 in comparison to the advantages of the PAC 12, the fact that the university has a self-funded athletic department and how this move solidifies that financial position, the academic quality of the Big 10 Conference, the value of being in the Big 10 on student enrollment, and the excitement of student athletes to be part of a top athletic conference.

Action: The motion to authorize the President of the University to accept invitation to Join the Big 10 Athletic Conference was moved by Trustee Aaron and seconded by Trustee Seeley. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.