



## Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

### Meeting Summary, March 4, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met in the Ford Alumni Center on the University of Oregon (UO) campus on March 4, 2016. Below is a summary of Board reports, discussions, and actions. An audio recording is available upon request.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Lillis.

**Convening, Introduction.** All members were present and a quorum confirmed. Chair Lillis provided an overview of the agenda including a summary of resolutions in front of the Board for vote.

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

- *Theodora Ko Thompson - President of SEIU 085; alumnus; employee; University Senator:* provided feedback of international students and international classified employees related to diversity and inclusion among university initiatives and committees.
- *Edwin Coleman - Professor Emeritus:* spoke in opposition to proposals to rename Deady Hall.
- *Jerry Rust - alumnus:* spoke in opposition to proposals to rename of Deady Hall
- *Scott Bartlett - alumnus:* spoke in opposition to proposals to rename Deady Hall
- *Emma Gjerdseth - UO student:* spoke in favor of the divestiture of UO Foundation funds in fossil fuel-related investments and encouraged university leadership to increase awareness of fossil fuel investments in its greater community
- *Amber Erkan - UO student,* spoke to the issue of climate change and divestment in fossil fuels encouraging the UO to advocate for such divestments
- *Jimmy Murray - classified employee; University Senator:* expressed concerns regarding the proposed tuition increase focusing on working students, international students and out-of-state students
- *Shawna Meechan - GTF:* spoke against proposed tuition increase citing historical increases and the relationship between living expenses and tuition costs
- *Amber Potratz - student:* spoke against tuition increases; spoke to personal financial difficulties experienced as related to university tuition rates and potential effects on graduation

- *Chandler Willison - student*: spoke against tuition increases, specifically to the issue of affordability of current and proposed tuition and referenced a historical comparison
- *Emma Brower - student*: spoke against tuition increase, specifically possible effects of tuition increase on the goal of increasing diversity.
- *Helena Schlegel - student; ASUO President*: update on ASUO current agenda items and various issues including support for renaming Deady Hall and divesting in fossil fuels; and voiced opposition to tuition proposal and support for a proposed amendment
- *Shawn Stevenson - student*: spoke in favor of a proposed amendment to the tuition increase proposal.
- *Tasha Briquet - LCC student*: spoke against the tuition increase, specifically as it related to the issue of affordability
- *Nicole Nelson - employee; parent of OSU student*: spoke against the tuition increase; specifically spoke to tuition affordability concerns and financial hardships experienced by students
- *Alicia Severson - student*: spoke against tuition increase and about financial concerns related thereto
- *Mariana Perdones - LCC student; OSA executive committee chair*: spoke in opposition to the proposed tuition increase citing the need for accessible and affordable education
- *Adrion Trujillo - student*: spoke against the tuition increase, specifically in relation to university spending
- *Vicky Gimm - student*: read statements collected from students in opposition to the tuition increase

**Tuition and Fees.** President Michael Schill acknowledged and thanked students for their comments and recognized them for their concern and commitment to the university. Schill explained to trustees the factors resulting in his tuition proposal, detailing current and upcoming budget challenges (including increased costs and state funding limitations). He also reported that many students receiving support from PathwayOregon would not be impacted by the increase.

Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration and CFO, and Brad Shelton, interim vice president for research and assistant vice provost for budget and planning, presented information outlining the tuition and fee setting process, tuition and fee history, and comparisons to peer universities. They also provided specific data on funding from the state in comparison to peer universities and spoke about major cost drivers for FY17. Shelton broke down the proposed undergraduate and graduate tuition and mandatory fee proposal. Trustees engaged in discussion with Schill, Moffitt and Shelton on the financial challenges, state funding, and financial effects on

UO students. Trustee Kurt Willcox proposed an amendment to the resolution, which included lower increases on resident and nonresident undergraduate tuition than the president's proposal.

*ACTION: The Board considered the amendment, which was moved by Trustee Willcox and seconded by Trustee Paustian. It failed by a vote of 11-3.*

*ACTION: The Board considered the original tuition and fee proposal, which was moved by Trustee Ford and seconded by Trustees Chapa. The resolution passed by a vote of 11-3.*

Chair Lillis recessed the meeting, which reconvened at 12:55 pm. A quorum was verified.

### ***Seconded Motions from Committee.***

Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Ross Kari provided a brief recap of the resolution before trustees that would authorize issuance of general obligation bonds.

*ACTION: The Board considered the resolution on bond issuance, which was moved by Trustee Willcox and seconded by Trustee Paustian. The resolution passed by voice vote without dissent.*

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** The Board approved—without amendment—minutes from the December 2015 meeting of the Board, the February 2016 meeting of the Board, and the March 2015 meeting of the Presidential Factors Committee.

**President's Report and Strategic Framework Overview.** President Schill provided the trustees with an overview of the university's strategic initiatives and institutional priorities, including: research excellence and more tenure-related faculty; student access and success; and an enriching university environment. He spoke about strategies to meet each of these priorities, and the underlying foundational elements required for execution. Topics included expansion of the Clark Honors College, building the UO's presence in Portland, more space for faculty and labs, growing the university's entrepreneurial culture, and improving student access to research opportunities (among others).

**Presidential Goals and Evaluation.** Chair Lillis provided an outline of the president's goals for the current academic year. Chair Lillis and Vice Chair Ginevra Ralph spoke regarding the process and timeline of the presidential evaluation, both for this year and as a standing policy. Chair Lillis and Vice Chair Ralph presented proposed changes for the presidential evaluation process, including the elimination of the Presidential Factors Committee and the transfer of this responsibility to the Executive and Audit Committee.

*ACTION: The Board considered the resolution to amend the presidential review policy and policy on committees, which was moved by Trustee Colas and seconded by Trustee Wilcox. The resolution passed by voice vote without dissent.*

**Capital Campaign and University Advancement.** Vice President for University Advancement Mike Andreasen provided trustees with an overview of the UO's current campaign. Andreasen discussed gifts by transaction type and purpose. He recognized the recent gift of \$10 million by Tim and Mary Boyle to be applied mostly toward the UO's zebra fish research.

**Information Technology Strategic Planning.** Coltrane, Moffitt, and Shelton presented to the trustees an overview of the IT strategic planning process and the work behind work groups established to develop specific, actionable plans. He also introduced the Central Information Systems management team. The group explained the strategy behind governance changes, IT infrastructure needs and challenges, and specific investments the UO will make during the coming fiscal year. Trustees engaged in discussion with the group about IT priorities, and specifically discussed high-performance computing needs and plans.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.