

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon
Executive and Audit Committee
Meeting Summary | December 7, 2017

Committee Membership

Peter Bragdon	Present	Chuck Lillis, Chair	Present
Allyn Ford	Present	Ginevra Ralph	Present
Ross Kari	Present	Mary Wilcox	Present

The Executive and Audit Committee (EAC) of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met at the Ford Alumni Center on the UO's Eugene campus on December 7, 2017. Below is a summary of committee discussions and actions. An audio recording is maintained on file.

Convening. EAC Chair Chuck Lillis called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. A quorum was verified.

Information Technology. Vice Provost and Chief Information Officer Jessie Minton began by introducing Leo Howell, the new Chief Information Security Officer. Howell explained his approach to information security, including the need to stop bad actors while fully supporting the good work that needs to be done at the UO. Minton walked trustees through the progress of information technology redesign, investments, and management efforts during the last year. She discussed the impact of decentralization, shadow IT systems, and a lack of clarity in policy or communication about IT priorities and rules. Minton talked quite a bit about the shifts in governance which will allow more nimble decision-making, more effective centralization, and the ability to move quickly to solve problems and make strategic investments. Minton also discussed the tremendous progress made in the Oregon Fiber Partnership, which relates to increased capacity investment across Oregon that is beneficial to the university, but also the broader state. Minton framed the goals of information technology on campus related to the president's core priority of enhancing excellence - both in infrastructure and generalized services. She explained that the IT governance group is working on finalizing a strategic plan with a five year campus vision. Trustees asked questions about the UO's ability to store and manage high volumes of data through the high performance computing center.

Internal Audit. Chief Auditor Trisha Burnett provided a quarterly audit report for trustees. She focused on the increase in consulting work performed by the Office of Internal Audit (OIA), which speaks highly of the integration of the office on campus. She noted that one ancillary benefit of the consulting projects is the ability for Internal Audit to build a base of institutional knowledge that can inform work for other units, broader issues on campus, etc. Burnett noted that there are several assurance projects close to completion that will be reported on next quarter. Trustee Ross Kari asked how OIA analyzes requests for consulting versus planned assurance work in order to prioritize what work gets done first. He then asked whether consulting projects include the same type of reporting and management plan follow-up as an assurance project and asked to see such follow-up information. Trustees expressed gratitude for the work of OIA in changing the culture on campus and their enthusiasm for the fact that units are proactively seeking advice and help.

Minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the September 2017 meeting without amendment.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.