



**Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

**December 1-2, 2016**

**Committee Membership**

Connie Ballmer	Present
Rudy Chapa	Present
Ann Curry	Present
Allyn Ford	Present
Michael Schill	Present
Will Paustian	Present
Mary Wilcox, Chair	Present
Kurt Willcox	Present

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (Board) met at the UO's White Stag Building in Portland, Oregon, on December 1, 2016. Below is a summary of committee discussions and actions. An audio recording is maintained on file.

**Convening, Introduction, Approval of Minutes.** ASAC Chair Mary Wilcox called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m. The secretary confirmed that all committee members were present. The committee approved the minutes from the September 2016 meeting without amendment. Chair Wilcox provided an overview of the agenda items.

**Title IX.** Darci Heroy, associated vice president and Title IX coordinator, walked trustees through the national landscape for Title IX and current efforts at the UO to provide service, education and awareness around Title IX issues and incidents. Heroy explained the history of certain state and federal laws, rules and guidance which have dramatically impacted the landscape of sexual assault, and the resources and services universities are required to provide. She also specifically discussed efforts by the UO over the last two years to dramatically improve and expand assessment, community engagement, operating procedures, risk assessment, and staffing in key roles (e.g., appeals, crisis, investigations, prevention, etc.). President Schill discussed the financial side of additional investments, which he estimates at approximately \$750,000 for the year. Heroy discussed with trustees the high importance placed on training for students, faculty and staff to ensure compliance and simply greater awareness. Looking forward, Heroy noted that continued emphasis would be placed on assessing tools and their efficacy, on increasing confidential resources, and on educating the community through more trainings, improved websites, and an annual report.

**Student Success.** Trustees engaged in a discussion on recent student success initiatives at the UO with Lisa Freinkel, vice provost and dean for undergraduate studies, Doneka Scott, associate vice provost for student success, and Ron Bramhall, associate vice provost for academic excellence. The panel provided an update on the Student Success Collaborative, on the fall campaign targeting this year's incoming class (the cohort tied to the president's 2020 4-year graduation goal), and coordinated advising. Trustees expressed a high level of interest in seeing greater collaboration and long-term advising to ensure students can map a path to success early enough for it to be impactful. The group discussed efforts to increase use of electronic tools to not only track efforts, but to better identify those in need of services. They intend to come back to the

Board with specific examples of tools in clustered areas such as business and STEM, as well as a new performance indicator dashboard to monitor progress.

**Recess and Reconvening.** The meeting was temporarily recessed at 12:30 p.m. on December 1 and reconvened at 12:18 p.m. Friday, December 2.

**Program Approval.** Senior Vice President and Provost Scott Coltrane presented trustees with a new program proposal for consideration and approval. The program offers a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts in Spatial Data Science and Technology within the Department of Geography (College of Arts and Sciences). Coltrane explained that this is effectively a merging of geospatial information services, geography, and computer science. He noted that there is growing market demand for the types of skills these degrees would produce, and that the programs are designed to develop more interdisciplinary skills that fit with modern jobs and jobs not yet known. Andrew Marcus, professor of Geography and dean of CAS, explained that this is a degree not found anywhere else, though many universities are looking at expanding these types of opportunities, and noted that it would be advantageous to the UO to be on the forefront of these offerings. The program is estimated to be cost neutral. Trustees engaged in discussion with Coltrane and Marcus about how programs are developed, responding to market demands and employment opportunities, and how shifting student demand can lead to a need to readjust or phase out existing programs.

*ACTION: The resolution to approve these new degrees was moved by Ann Curry and seconded by Connie Ballmer. The proposal carried by voice vote without dissent.*

**Note.** The discussion planned for the University Health Center / Counseling and Testing Center was postponed to a future date TBD.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.