



Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Meeting Summary, June 2, 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 June 2, 2016. Below is a summary of Board reports, discussions, and actions. An audio recording is maintained on file.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

Convening, Introduction, Approval of Minutes. The meeting was called to order at 12:51 p.m. by Chair Chuck Lillis. All members were present and a quorum verified. Chair Lillis provided an overview of the agenda including a summary of resolutions in front of the Board for action. The Board approved—without amendment—minutes from the March 2016 meeting of the Board.

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

- *Michael Dreiling - Professor of Sociology; President of United Academics: spoke in favor of investments in tenure track faculty and a liberal arts mission and recognized UO student engagement on the issue of climate change.*
- *Matt Stephens - Student: spoke in favor of the divestiture of UO Foundation funds in fossil fuel-related investments.*
- *Kaia Hazard - Student: spoke in favor of the divestiture of UO Foundation funds in fossil fuel-related investments.*
- *Joey Ng - Student: spoke in favor of the divestiture of UO Foundation funds in fossil fuel-related investments.*
- *Sahalee McFarland - Student: spoke in favor of the divestiture of UO Foundation funds in fossil fuel-related investments.*
- *Erik Jung - Student: spoke in favor of the divestiture of UO Foundation funds in fossil fuel-related investments.*
- *Paul Ward - Graduate Student: spoke to the issue of environmental responsibility in the form of energy consumption reduction on campus.*
- *Barton Lewis - alumnus and former employee: spoke in opposition to the request to rename Deady Hall.*
- *Scott Bartlett - alumnus: spoke in opposition to the request to rename Deady Hall.*

- *Jerry Rust - alumnus: spoke in opposition to the request to rename Deady Hall.*

End of Year Reports. ASUO President Helena Schlegel provided a summary report of the ASUO's initiatives in Academic Year (AY) 2015-16. Topics included campus security; tuition-setting process and AY16-17 tuition and fee increases; Disabilities Studies minor and accessibility for students with disabilities; student hunger; and support for the Black Student Task Force and UO Divest initiatives.

Senate President Randy Sullivan shared with trustees an overview of the UO Senate's activity in AY2015-16 and addressed "common myths" that may be associated with the UO Senate. Sullivan reported on progress made during the past year on UO policies and the IDEAL framework, and spoke to the issues of authority, separation of power and the Senate's role at the UO.

President's Report. President Michael Schill reported on the past academic year's activities. He discussed the tuition process and resource alignment plan; IDEAL Strategic framework and IT strategic plan development; and hiring of three vice presidents, three deans and additional tenure-track faculty. He recognized the contributions of the three interim deans and the interim vice president as the university welcomes four permanent administrators in AY2016-17: deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Journalism and Communication, and School of Architecture and Allied Arts; and Vice President for Research and Innovation. President Schill spoke to improved administration-UO Senate relationships, as well as progress made in Title IX administration, processes and support, and the current capital fundraising campaign.

University of Oregon Foundation Overview. University of Oregon Foundation President and CEO Paul Weinhold provided the trustees with an overview of the Foundation's role in relation to the university and investments of funds for the benefit of the university. Weinhold identified the Foundation's primary activities as receiving, managing and distributing gifts on behalf of donors to the university. Weinhold spoke to the performance of the UO Foundation's endowment fund, which has performed in the top five percent of related funds. He also discussed with trustees the issue of environmentally responsible investing and the governing structure of the Foundation.

University "Clusters of Excellence" Initiative - Update. Provost and Senior Vice President Scott Coltrane and Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Brad Shelton provided an update of the university's "clusters of excellence" initiative. Coltrane and Shelton spoke to the benefits and goals of cluster hiring at the UO and reported on the status of strategic faculty hires, including:

- 3 positions in Energy and Sustainable Materials;
- 3 positions in the Center for Genome Function;
- 5 positions in Health Promotion, Obesity Prevention and Human Development; and,
- 5 positions in Neurons to Minds.

Provost Coltrane answered trustees' questions regarding the role of faculty members within, the central administration's involvement and support, and current faculty proposals for additional research.

Seconded Motions from Committee.

Executive and Audit Committee Chair Chuck Lillis provided a brief report of the morning's committee meeting, which included approval of the FY2016-17 Internal Audit and Risk Management Plan.

Finance and Facilities Committee (FFC) Chair Ross Kari provided a summary of the resolutions before trustees, presented as seconded motions from FFC.

ACTION: The Board considered the resolution to approve the AY2016-17 expenditure authorization. The resolution passed by voice vote without dissent.

ACTION: The Board considered the resolution for naming certain facilities (the new Oregon Bach Festival building and the redesigned track and field complex). The resolution passed by voice vote without dissent.

ACTION: The Board considered the resolution to approve the multimedia license agreement for Oregon Athletics. The resolution passed by voice vote without dissent.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee chair Wilcox reported on the presentations provided at the Academic and Student Affairs committee meeting earlier in the day.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.