



Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Meeting Summary, December 3, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon met in the Ford Alumni Center on the UO campus on December 3, 2015. Below is a summary of Board reports, discussions, and actions. An audio recording is available upon request.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Schill on behalf of Board Chair Chuck Lillis. Roll was recorded after agenda item one when the meeting reconvened in the Ford Alumni Center; all members were present. The Board approved minutes from the September 2015 meeting without amendment. Trustee Allyn Ford thanked the University of Oregon, specifically Andre LeDuc and his incident management team, for support and work on behalf of Umpqua Community College in the wake of the tragic shooting there this fall.

Roundtable Breakfasts. Trustees had breakfast with students invited by President Schill representing the black and African American student community. Trustees discussed several issues in small group conversations with students, ranging from scholarship to support and advising services to university facilities and increasing numbers of black students and faculty.

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

- *James West – student:* spoke to the issue of guaranteed tuition with a focus on concerns about affordability as it relates to initial increases and overall costs
- *Shawn Stevenson – student; ASUO finance director:* spoke in opposition to the notion of a four-year tuition guarantee program raising a variety of concerns
- *Joe Lowndes – associate professor; executive council of united academics:* update on faculty union work relating to various university task forces and programs
- *Helena Schlegel – student; ASUO president:* update on ASUO activities and programs on a variety of issues; spoke to meeting schedules
- *Max Burns – student, ASUO senator, university senator:* spoke to the potentially detrimental impact of guaranteed tuition and the freshmen residence requirement on low-income students and transfer students
- *Scott Bartlett – alumnus:* spoke to proposals to rename Deady Hall and the legacy of Matthew Deady in balance with Deady’s personal opinions and perhaps ignorances

President’s Report. President Schill provided a report to the Board that began with an update on efforts to build the UO’s academic programs, including faculty hires and academic leadership searches. He spoke briefly about his initiatives and efforts regarding access and affordability, including the primary components of the Oregon Commitment announced last month. He also updated trustees on the rich co-curricular activities at the UO during the fall term. President Schill spent some time discussing the overarching issue of diversity, including recent activities and programs on campus relating to timely race relations issues. During his discussion of diversity

and race, President Schill informed the Board that he is looking at processes and procedures to make recommendations for potentially de-naming buildings on campus, noting that any such recommendation will be brought before the Board. President Schill also updated the Board on initiatives and programs relating to sexual violence prevention, awareness, education and response, including the results of a climate survey and the timing of hiring a new associate vice president/Title IX coordinator. President Schill updated the board on current efforts relating to communications strategies following the addition of Kyle Henley, including integrated communications and more proactive messaging initiatives. Finally, the president provided trustees a brief update on the UO's capital campaign, highlighting recent major gifts and the fall volunteer board summit.

Committee Reports and Resolutions. Chair Lillis provided a brief overview of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting on December 2. Trustee Mary Wilcox provided an overview of the December 2 Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) and gave trustees an overview of the resolution forwarded to the full board by the ASAC, which was placed on the consent calendar and relates to the repeal of two outdated policies related to the student conduct code. Trustee Ross Kari provided an overview to trustees about the happenings in the Finance and Facilities Committee (FFC) as well as the three resolutions forwarded to the full board by the Finance and Facilities Committee, which were placed on the consent calendar. These included: a repeal of former State Board of Higher Education policy #9, approval of the Bean Hall renovation project, and the naming of two university facilities (Jane Sanders Stadium (softball) and Willie and Donald Tykeson Hall (college and careers)).

ACTION: The Board considered the consent calendar. The Consent Calendar was approved by a vote of 14-0. Note: Trustee Andrew Colas declared a potential conflict of interest regarding item #4 on the consent calendar, the renovation of Bean Hall.

Government Affairs. Vice President for Advancement Mike Andreasen introduced Libby Batlan, senior director of state relations, and Betsy Boyd, associate vice president for federal affairs. Batlan spoke to the primary issues facing universities generally, and the UO specifically, in state affairs. She provided trustees an overview of the UO's areas of focus for the February 2016 legislative session, which include additional higher education funding, alignment of the Oregon Constitution with legislative intent in Senate Bill 270, and support of a proposal put forward by Governor Brown regarding Hayward Field and the international track championships. Batlan also spoke the engagement of trustees, students and other stakeholders in legislative advocacy. Boyd provided an overview of federal affairs and the impact thereof on the University of Oregon and higher education more broadly. She spoke about the federal budget – still in progress – and some key components within that budget which the UO is watching closely. She also spoke about some of the research areas most impacted by the federal government. Andreasen spoke to the general need to educate stakeholders and the public generally about the relative funding of higher education in Oregon.

The trustees recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:50 pm.

Tuition Guarantee. Vice President for Enrollment Management Roger Thompson provided trustees with additional information and research regarding the concept of a tuition guarantee

program. During his presentation, Thompson looked at three case studies: the Universities of Colorado Boulder, Arizona and Kansas. Thompson also provided information on correlational data relating to graduation rates and provided a recap of what the Enrollment Management team has heard from students throughout a listening tour on the concept. Thompson shared data about historical tuition increases at the UO, and then provided trustees with a hypothetical graph mapping four-year tuition with and without a guarantee program. Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO Jamie Moffitt discussed with trustees some of the anticipated cost increases for the UO's next budget. Trustees engaged with Thompson and Moffitt on questions relating to feedback from other schools, institutional risk, and lingering questions.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.