

Special Meeting of the Oregon Tech Board of Trustees Teleconference and Skype Sunset Room, Klamath Falls Campus Room 402, Wilsonville Campus May 8, 2017 11:00am-12:30pm

# Minutes

#### **Trustees Present:**

Lisa Graham, Chair Steve Sliwa, Vice Chair Nicole Galster Bill Goloski (W) Jessica Gomez Kathleen Hill Vince Jones Nagi Naganathan, Pres. (KF) Dan Peterson (KF) Paul Stewart

## University Staff and Faculty Present:

Erin Foley, VP of Student Affairs/Dean of Students Brian Fox, VP of Finance and Administration Jim Jones, CIO/AVP IT Laura McKinney, VP of Wilsonville Steve Neiheisel, VP of Strategic Enrollment Management Di Saunders, AVP of Marketing and Public Relations Erika Veth, Dean of Distance Education

## **Others Present:**

Lyle Ahrens, KOTI Television Reporter Christy Lynn, KLAD Radio News Director

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 11:03am. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

## 2. Consent

2.1 Approve Minutes of the February 23 and February 24, 2017 Meetings Trustee Peterson moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Sliwa seconded the motion. With all Trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Action Items

3.1 Request to Approve the 2017-18 Tuition and Fees and Authorize Staff to Forward both to the HECC

**President Naganathan** thanked the members of the Tuition Recommendation Committee, acknowledged that consideration of any increase in tuition rates is difficult and not taken lightly, and that the university is committed to sharing the burden of covering the increases in state mandated costs. **VPFA Fox** walked through a PowerPoint presentation, addressing the tuition recommendation process, adopted committee principles, actions to be taken including a presentation to the HECC subcommittee and full HECC, revenue sources and expense categories, various state funding scenarios, and proposed fee and tuition increases.

Vice Chair Sliwa moved to approve 2017-18 tuition and fee changes as proposed by staff, recommended by the Executive Committee, and outlined below, and authorize the President or designee to make minor adjustments to the proposed rates as needed to correct errors or inconsistencies and execute the Board's directives.

- 1. Tuition and fees:
  - a. undergraduate resident and non-resident tuition rates be increased by 8% from the 2016-17 academic year rates for the 2017-18 Academic year;
  - b. graduate resident and non-resident tuition rates be increased by 6% from the 2016-17 Academic year rates for the 2017-18 Academic year;
  - c. undergraduate and graduate Engineering Technology and Health Program differential tuition be increased from 15% premium to 20% premium above base tuition for the 2017-18 academic year;
  - d. resident and non-resident Clinical Lab Sciences and Paramedic Program tuition be increased by 6% from the 2016-17 Academic year rates for the 2017-18 Academic year;
  - e. resident and non-resident Chemeketa Dental Hygiene tuition be increased by 8% from the 2016-17 Academic year rates for the 2017-18 Academic year;
  - f. summer fee rates be adjusted in accordance with the regular academic year rates; and
  - g. where applicable proration's, discounts and options be maintained from the 2016-17 academic year for the 2017-18 academic year.
- 2. Undergraduate resident and non-resident tuition rate increases, as established in recommendation 1(a), be reduced by one percent for every \$20 million dollars of incremental investment in the Public University Support Fund (PUSF) approved by the Legislature beyond the Governor's Recommended Budget of \$667.3 million dollars.
- 3. Mandatory fee rates:
  - a. the Klamath Falls Incidental Fee increase from \$325 to \$345 per term as recommended by ASOIT, and for students enrolled in less than six credits at \$182.50;
  - b. the Klamath Falls Summer Incidental Fees remain at \$70 as recommended by ASOIT;
  - c. the Klamath Falls Health Service Fee remain at \$150 per term;
  - d. the Wilsonville Incidental Fee decrease from \$64 to \$50 per term as recommended by ASOIT;
  - e. the Wilsonville Summer Incidental Fees decrease from \$64 to \$50 per term as recommended by ASOIT;
  - f. the Wilsonville Health Service Fee increase from \$30 to \$38 per term as recommended by ASOIT; and

g. the Building Fees remain at \$45 per term during the academic year and \$34 per term during the summer term and remain constant regardless of the number of credits enrolled.

Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Trustee Peterson thanked participants of the Tuition Recommendation Committee, appreciates the transparency throughout the process, finish line fund/remissions project, and that the university is splitting the cost and sharing in the solution by not placing the burden entirely on the students. Trustee Goloski believes that the university adequately addressed the Governor's specific concerns outlined to the HECC. President Naganathan stated he and VPFA Fox met with Ben Cannon, HECC Director, regarding the need to increase tuition at Oregon Tech and the rationale. Trustee Jones clarified that the fee remissions will be available for returning and new students. VPSEM Neiheisel stated there are three categories of students that will be impacted by the increase in remissions: high need students who are not fully covered by Pell funding, students who narrowly do not qualify for Pell funds, and students who qualify for finish line funds. It is estimated that 34% of students qualified for Pell funds. VPFA Fox stated there is a remissions budget for student athletes and the Legislature recently agreed to continue to provide Sports Lottery funds to universities this year. Vice Chair Sliwa thanked everyone for the transparent process, explained the Executive Committee recommended approval based on its review, and suggested the tuition/fees and budget not be held at special meetings. He suggested the Board and staff create a schedule at the Board retreat so tuition and budget approvals can be handled at regularly scheduled meetings.

Chair Graham asked the Secretary to call for the vote by roll and with all Trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Stewart recommended for future meetings the Board request public comment prior to calling the vote.

- 4. Public Comment none
- 5. Adjournment

Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 12:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Fox Board Secretary