

Meeting of the Oregon Tech Board of Trustees Executive Committee Sunset Room, Klamath Falls Campus

October 26, 2017 11:00am-11:45am

# **MINUTES**

**Trustees Present:** 

Lisa Graham, Chair Jeremy Brown Dan Peterson Steve Sliwa, Vice Chair Nagi Naganathan, President Fred Ziari

**Other Trustees Present:** 

Bill Goloski Kathleen Hill

# University Staff and Faculty Present:

Erin Foley, VP Student Affairs/Dean of Students Brian Fox, VP Finance and Administration Jim Jones, CIO/AVP IT Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 11:17am. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

### 2. Consent

2.1 Approve Minutes of May 25, 2017 Special Meeting
Trustee Ziari moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Brown seconded the
motion. With all Trustees of the Executive Committee present voting aye, the
motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Action Items - none

#### 4. Discussion Items

### 4.1 Trustee Terms

Chair Graham identified June 2018 as the end of the first four-year term for most Trustees. Vice Chair Sliwa called all board members and asked them if they would like to continue to serve, if they are assigned to the correct committee, would they be open to other than a full term, if they are interested in taking on a leadership role (committee chair or Vice/Chair). One member would like to let her term expire in June. All other members said they were willing to continue and would like to create staggered renewing times so the entire Board would not turn over in another four years. Trustee Brown identified that staggered terms are important, however, it might be worth trustees staying on for the maximum term length to establish stability with the new president. Discussion regarding continuity for members who take over committee chairs and vice and chair roles.

Agreement to name a "chair-in-waiting" to allow them to shadow the chair and become more involved. The Chair and President will communicate with candidates and return to the Executive Committee with nominations and the committee can make a recommendation to the Board. Need to have a formal nomination process in a public forum for the following positions: Chair, Vice-Chair and committee chairs.

**Chair Graham** announced that **Trustee Goloski** is resigning from the Board as he is changing employers and staff is following university policy to find a replacement to recommend to the Governor. **Trustee Goloski** recommended having someone with the perspective of operations management.

# 4.2 Review of Board Agenda

Chair Graham walked through the full board agenda.

# 5. Other Business/New Business

**Trustee Ziari** requested an update on new employees and open positions. **President Naganathan** identified Jim Jones, Suzette Yaezenko, and Kate Sinner as new hires as the CIO/AVP of IT, Director of HR, and AVP of Government Relations, respectively. A search will start for legal counsel and a dean for the college of ETM. Discussion regarding topics for future board meetings: faculty development and new technologies with new approaches to pedagogy; a presentation from Commission on College Teaching chairs; discussion on how many internal university committees we have and what they do; how the institution is managed in concept of shared governance; what we expect from the President; what does success look like to President; what does faculty success look like.

### 6. Adjournment

Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 11:53am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Fox

**Board Secretary**