

## OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Faculty Administrator Meeting  
2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2014

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### *Governance Update*

Oregon Tech will submit a letter to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE) to request an endorsement of an independent governing board. Once the OSBHE receives the letter, they will have the option to 1) endorse the request for an independent governing board, 2) endorse the request with conditions, or 3) deny the request for an endorsement.

We are hopeful that Oregon Tech will be endorsed and approved for an independent board without conditions. President Maples is currently putting together a list of possible members with assistance from key members of the campus community. The list of possible members will be submitted and approved by the governor. If everything goes according to plan, the board would begin their position as early as January 2015.

Timeline:

- March 1 – May 15: Request OSBHE endorsement for Oregon Tech Board of Trustees
- March: President Maples works with faculty, students, and non-faculty staff to forward names to the governor for board membership
- April: OSBHE Board takes action on full board meeting
- April: President Maples provides list of board nominees to governor
- April – October: Governor appoints board members; Senate confirms
- July – December: Recruit board staff, legal counsel
- Oct - Dec: Revise policies; conduct board planning
- January 2015: Begin board orientation and campus tours
- July 2015: Hold first board meeting and first TRU Presidents' Council meeting

#### *Spirit Week – Bill Goloski*

Bill provided a brief update regarding Spirit Week 2014. There were total 11 department and 4 students groups registered for the competition this year. The winners were selected through votes on the Oregon Tech Facebook page. A total of 461 votes were received selecting Peer Consultants as the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for Klamath Falls and Technology Services as the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for Wilsonville. If anyone has suggestions on how to improve Spirit Week for next year, please contact Bill Goloski or any representative of Administrative Council.

#### *General Education Review Update – CJ Riley and Sandra Bailey*

CJ Riley provided a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding rationale for general education at Oregon Tech. To view the presentation please visit [oit.edu/faculty-staff/provost/general-education-review](http://oit.edu/faculty-staff/provost/general-education-review).

**Q:** Do you have an idea of what the upper division coursework would involve?

**A:** Not really. The rationale is based on feedback received from faculty that completed the survey. There was agreement that upper division coursework should be incorporated into the general education program. Our plan is to get all of the survey results posted to the website which is now active.

Sandra Bailey detailed that the goal of the taskforce is to be transparent, provide information, and to include all stakeholders. The General Education Review website does include all of the information that the taskforce is working on, but if you would like to see any information that is not currently posted, please contact Sandra.

**Q.** What are the next steps and what is the timeline?

**A.** The taskforce will attend a training institute in Vermont and meet with the stakeholder groups. The current plan is to present a formal report and rationale at convocation.

**Q.** Has there been any discussion about how this will impact the maximum credits to graduate and timeline for students to graduate in the general education program?

**A.** So far we have not had the discussion about where this will take us for number of credits. We also have not discussed what a new or revised general education program will look like. I believe our goal is to impact those credits as little as possible. There are some very interesting models out there and we plan to look in depth at those models this spring.

**Q.** What is the best way to provide feedback regarding general education?

**A.** If you have input that you would like to provide, you may do so through the website or by email to any of the members on the taskforce.

### ***Facilities Planning Update***

Eric Rulofson, new director of facilities, provided an update regarding the following facilities projects.

Completed projects:

- Removed and replaced cracked concrete in the sidewalks and stairs and installed geothermal lines for ice melt
- Completed a domestic water system up-grade
- Installed a new geothermal hot-water heater and installed an electronic back-up system in Semon Hall
- Remodeled a room for Jim Ballard in Owens Hall
- Painted several areas in the LRC
- Removed the disintegrating stairwell in the courtyard of the residence hall and replaced with a metal stairwell
- Installed a LED lighting upgrade in the LRC

- Completed parking lot renovations on the larger lots in the front of campus
- Completed the environmental assessment for the Cornett Hall renovation

Upcoming projects:

- The solar array came online January 24
- The tunnel projects will begin this summer
- The college union, the old residence hall and the learning resource center will be re-roofed this summer
- Facilities will meet with the stakeholders of Cornett Hall to determine program needs and if these stakeholders have any preference regarding a remodel or rebuild of the current building
- It is expected that the geothermal plant will be up and running by the middle of April.
- The well is producing water that is over 200 degrees which is hotter than originally expected.

***Q&A with Provost Burda***

**Q:** Are the solar panels working?

**A:** Yes, they are producing 2 megawatts on a sunny day. A ribbon cutting ceremony will happen in April of this year.

**Q.** Are 2 megawatts currently supplying all of our power needs?

**A.** Yes, the solar array has been online since January 24.

Meeting adjourned: 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Dyrud  
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