

Oregon **TECH**

Oregon Tech's New Governance Board



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The long winding road to Oregon Tech's Board



- A five-year process involving OSBHE, Governor, Legislature, university leaders, faculty and staff, students, businesses, other education boards (OEIB, HECC)
- Last year accelerated decision-making on final governance path
- Transfer of responsibility from System
- Selection process of Oregon Tech Trustees

Board of Trustees, Process, and Timeline

- Fifteen-member board: Faculty, Staff and Student reps, university president (non-voting) and 11 community members
- Appointed by Governor; confirmed by State Senate
 - First 10 went through confirmation in September
 - Final 5 will be appointed in Nov., confirmed in December
 - Initial Board Orientation scheduled for November
 - Special Board meetings start January 2015
 - Board has legal authority on July 1, 2015
- Bios of board members on website: www.oit.edu/board



Role of the Board



- Embrace and advocate for institution's mission, its responsibility to serve diverse society
- Devote time and energy necessary to prepare for, participate in Board meetings
- Participate in constructive, informed deliberations, asking questions, respecting diverse points of view
- Speak candidly, and support decisions, policies approved by Board—even if trustee did not vote for them.
- Foster transparency, trust among board, administration, faculty, students, state government, and public.
- Only Board Chair speaks for Board

Role of the Board



Act as a representative of Oregon Tech broadly, and not any specific constituency or special interest group, cause, community, or specific part of the institution



Support President while exercising critical judgment as a discerning trustee



Distinguish between management and governance issues



Understand where Oregon Tech fits into overall state higher education policy agenda



Defend institution's and Board's autonomy while providing accountability, advocacy and engagement with stakeholders

Authorities of the Board in Statute



- Hire and fire president
- Set compensation for president
- Approve mission and programs (then go to HECC for approval)
- Authorize, collect and expend all tuition and mandatory fees (if over 5% increase, must have HECC or legislative approval)
- Invest revenue, borrow on behalf of university, enter into contracts, purchase and dispose of property
- Establish policies for the organization, administration and development of the university
- Delegate its powers and authorities
- Determine Board committees and focus of their work

Protocols for Working with the Board

- Oregon Tech hiring a Board Secretary to oversee organization of board meetings, communication with board, organization and work of board committees, etc.
- Communication with board members will be directed through Board Secretary.
- Faculty, Staff and Student members are full voting members of board, with a voice on all issues (except collective bargaining), not just representing one constituency.



Proposed Board Calendar

Meeting Type	Proposed Dates
Board Orientation	November 17-18 in Klamath Falls
First Special Board Meeting	January 20-22, 2015
Second Special Board Meeting	April 6-7, 2015
Board Committees and Full Board Meeting	July 9 – 19, 2015
Board Retreat	September 2015
Board Committees and Full Board Meeting	October 8 – 9, 2015

Questions, Concerns, Hopes and Fears?

- What are the opportunities we didn't have before?
- How you want to be informed and engaged?
- How will this change our daily work?

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