



The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University

Regular Meeting of the Academic Strategies Committee
July 17, 2014

Willamette Room, CH2M HILL Alumni Center
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Ron Adams (ex officio), Michele Longo Eder, Orcilia Forbes (Vice Chair), Paul Kelly (Chair), Brenda McComb, Sabah Randhawa (ex officio), Pat Reser

Other Trustees Present: Rani Borkar, Ed Ray

University Staff Present: Mark Huey, Meg Reeves, Marcia Stuart, Becky Warner

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Paul Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He requested the assistant board secretary to call the roll and noted a quorum.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 29, 2014 Meeting

Upon a motion made and seconded, the committee approved the minutes of the May 29, 2014 committee meeting.

3. Action Items

a. Proposed Resolution Concerning Authority for Academic Program Approval

Provost Sabah Randhawa summarized the background for the proposed resolution, noting that the committee had agreed in concept at its May 29, 2014, meeting to recommend to the Board that the Board delegate to the committee the authority to review and approve new academic programs.

During discussion of the proposed resolution, Trustee McComb noted that Attachment 1 of the proposed resolution, "Flow Chart for Full Category I Proposals for New Academic Programs and Extension of New Programs to OSU-Cascades Campus Review and Approval Process," showed reviews by the Faculty Senate's Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee, the Graduate Council (if the proposed program is a graduate program), and the Faculty Senate's Curriculum Council to be sequential. Trustee McComb noted that these three reviews take place concurrently and requested Senior Vice Provost Becky Warner to revise the chart.

Also during discussion of the resolution, Chair Kelly called the committee's attention to the proposed revision to area of responsibility #3 of the committee charter and advised the committee that the Provost had recommended an additional revision to clarify the scope of the committee's role in this area so that it would comport with current practice. The committee agreed to the following revisions for area of responsibility #3:

reviewing and approving major changes to the academic programs of the University, such as creation of new programs or extension of existing programs to new locations;

Following discussion, on a motion made by Trustee Michele Longo Eder and seconded by Trustee Orcilia Forbes, the committee approved the proposed resolution and recommended that it, along with the revised committee charter, be forwarded to the Board for its review and approval.

b. Approval of New Academic Program – M.S., M.Eng., and Ph.D. in Robotics

Provost Randhawa asked Senior Vice Provost Warner to summarize the program and its approval process to date. Dr. Warner reminded the committee that it had reviewed materials related to the program at the committee's May 29, 2014 meeting, and she asked Rob Stone, head of the School of Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, to speak briefly about the new program and to respond to questions from the committee. Following this, on a motion made by Trustee Pat Reser and seconded by Trustee Brenda McComb, the committee voted to recommend the proposed program to the Board for its review and approval.

c. Approval of New Academic Program – B.A., B.S. in Religious Studies

Provost Randhawa asked Senior Vice Provost Warner to summarize the program and its approval process to date. Dr. Warner summarized the program's history and asked Courtney Campbell, Hunderer Professor in Religion and Culture, School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, to speak briefly about the new program and to respond to questions from the committee. Following this, on a motion made by Trustee Pat Reser and seconded by Trustee Brenda McComb, the committee voted to recommend the proposed program to the Board for its review and approval.

4. Information Item

a. Renaming of Academic Program – B.S. in General Science to B.S. in BioHealth Sciences

Dr. Warner summarized the re-naming and re-branding of the B.S. in General Science program to the B.S. in BioHealth Sciences program and responded to questions from the committee.

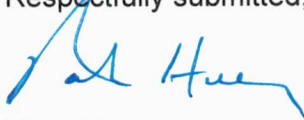
5. Topics for Future Meetings

The committee discussed its scope of responsibilities and noted the importance of becoming better educated in those areas through educational sessions at future committee meetings. Provost Randhawa informed the committee that new Vice Provost for Student Affairs Susie Brubaker-Cole would make a presentation on student life policies at the October 16, 2014, meeting of the committee. Interim Vice President for Research Ron Adams informed the committee that he and his staff would make a presentation on the University's research portfolio and directions during the two-day October meeting. Provost Randhawa also informed the committee that he and his staff would make a presentation on the topic, "Fulfilling the University's Mission: Achievement Compacts and Strategic Plan Metrics," at the January 15, 2015, meeting of the committee.

6. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Huey
Assistant Board Secretary