



The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University

Regular Meeting of the Academic Strategies Committee

October 16, 2014

Robert Family Event Room, Austin Hall
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

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

Other Trustees Present: Rani Borkar, Darry Callahan, Laura Naumes, and Kirk Schueler

University Faculty and Staff Present: Susie Brubaker-Cole, Angelo Gomez, Mark Huey, Meg Reeves, Marcia Stuart, and Becky Warner

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Paul Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. He requested the assistant board secretary to call the roll and noted a quorum.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the July 17, 2014

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 committee meeting. Motion carried.

3. Discussion Items

a. Committee Charge

Chair Kelly called upon Provost Randhawa to lead a discussion of the scope of the committee's charter and how the committee will execute its responsibility. Following discussion, the committee determined that it will develop a list of topics for the committee to cover over the next 12 to 18 months. The committee's work will include educational sessions about the topics and identification of appropriate action items for the committee and the Board. Chair Kelly requested Dr. Randhawa to take the lead in developing a proposed committee work plan.

b. Mission Alignment and the HECC

Provost Randhawa advised that he made a presentation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission pertaining to the University's mission alignment in order to determine if the University is on-track with the expectations of the HECC. He noted that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities looks at three specific metrics: undergraduate education, graduate education, and outreach. In preparation for a meeting between HECC Executive Director Ben Cannon and Dr. Randhawa on November 3 for further review of the metrics, the President's Council has been discussing achievement compacts. Chair Kelly recommended that the committee

determine whether an additional meeting to discuss the “rules of engagement” subsequent to the November 3 meeting would be advisable.

4. Information Items

a. Student Life Policies

Vice Provost for Student Affairs Susie Brubaker-Cole provided an overview of student life at Oregon State and how the Office of Student Affairs works to enhance each student’s educational experience while attending college. She likened the journey as a river with tributaries, with orientation, belonging to a community, advising and mentoring, academic success, career exploration, financial stability, wellness, tutoring, experiential learning, and capstone integration all culminating with graduation. She described three categories of policies: student conduct, student housing and living in community, and others student life policies to address complex student issues. After taking questions, she concluded her presentation by noting that the greatest protective factors for student health and care issues are student involvement and community connection.

b. Strategic Talent Council/Engineering Technology Investment Council (STC/ETIC)

Interim Vice President for Research Ron Adams provided an update on the activities of the Strategic Talent Council (STC; now called the Oregon Talent Council) and the Engineering Technology Investment Council (ETIC). Currently, STC membership includes the technology, healthcare, and energy industries. Dr. Adams explained that the STC was established by industry leaders; the ETIC, on the other hand, was established as a collaborative industry/educational effort. Dr. Adams said that discussions are underway proposing to decrease funding to ETIC in order to fund STC and that he would keep the committee informed of the status of the proposal and what its effect might be, particularly on ETIC support to the College of Engineering.

5. Adjournment

With no further business proposed, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Huey
Assistant Board Secretary