

Meeting of the Academic Strategies Committee

January 28, 2016

Horizon Room, Memorial Union, OSU
Corvallis, Oregon

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Committee Members Present: Paul Kelly (*chair*), Michele Longo Eder (*vice chair*), Brenda McComb, Preston Pulliams, Pat Reser, and Cynthia Sagers (*ex officio*)

Other Trustees Present: Mark Baldwin, Patty Bedient, Rani Borkar, Darry Callahan, Brett Morgan, Laura Naumes, Ed Ray

University Staff Present: Ron Adams, Debbie Colbert, Becca Gose, Mark Huey, Susana Rivera-Mills, Clay Simmons, Patti Snopkowski, and Marcia Stuart

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum

Committee Chair Paul Kelly called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. He requested the assistant board secretary call the roll and noted a quorum.

2. Consent Item

a. Minutes of the December 4, 2015 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2015 Committee meeting. The motion carried.

3. Provost's Report

Due to a family emergency, Provost and Executive Vice President Sabah Randhawa was out of the country. With that absence, Kelly asked Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Trustee Brenda McComb to give the Provost's Report. McComb reported on efforts to increase the diversity of our faculty. She noted that the Faculty Senate had approved including faculty activities related to equity, inclusion and diversity as part of faculty dossiers and that under the Provost's hiring initiative about 60% of the new faculty hires are women and 56% are people of color. It was mentioned that although it is vital that the hiring practices support diversity efforts on the campus, retaining a diverse faculty is essential as well. McComb also reported on the searches underway for the dean of the College of Public Health and Human Sciences, the dean of the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, the executive director of the Marine Studies Initiative, and the dean of the Graduate School. McComb also shared a hard copy of the revised Academic Strategies Committee work plan that was approved at the December 4, 2015 meeting.

4. Education/Discussion Items

a. Undergraduate Learning & Educational Experience

Susana Rivera-Mills, vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies, made a presentation to the Committee entitled, "Blueprint for Undergraduate Student Success." She discussed the plan's assumptions, including its alignment with Strategic Plan 3.0

and with the University's learning goals for its graduates, adapting to the changing demographics of higher education, developing practices that benefit all students, evidence-based decision-making, and full campus participation. Rivera-Mills explained that there are three major student populations on campus—incoming freshmen, transfer students, and non-traditional. She described the differing needs for each population. Trustees inquired about how core requirements are applied across all first-year students and how the needs of non-traditional students are met given the additional demands on their time.

Following the presentation, trustees discussed with Rivera-Mills the role of the OSU Foundation in these efforts, collaboration with community colleges, pathway to degree “maps,” and improvements in advising tools. A request was made for Rivera-Mills to make a presentation at a future Committee meeting about the University Innovation Alliance (UIA) and OSU's involvement in UIA projects aimed at improving student success and student retention.

b. Processes for Review of New and Existing Academic Programs

McComb made a presentation on the processes for review of new and existing academic programs. Her presentation provided overviews of the process used to develop and approve new degree programs and certificates and the process used to ensure continual program improvement through program review and assessment, noting that all reviews are conducted within the context of the University's strategic plan and unit plans. There was discussion of the timeline for a new program to make it through the entire process and typical delays that occur over the cycle. As follow up, trustees requested regular reports of new programs under development.

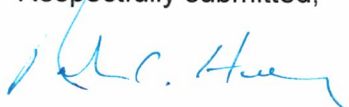
c. Higher Education Coordinating Commission 2015 University Evaluation: Institutional Focus Area

Given time constraints, Kelly requested to carry this item over to another meeting, possibly a future Provost's Report.

5. Adjournment

With no further discussion or business proposed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark C. Huey
Assistant Board Secretary