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The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University

Meeting of the OSU Board of Trustees

March 14, 2025

9:30 am – 3:20 pm

Memorial Union Horizon Rm.

MINUTES

Trustees present: Kasaundra (Kassy) Bonanno, Julia Brim-Edwards, Stephanie Bulger, Kate Carter-Cram, Maria Chávez-Haroldson, Susan Clark, Lisa Hale, Román Hernández (*chair*), Grant Kitamura, Toby Luther, Greg Macpherson, Julie Manning, Elise McClure, Marlina (MJ) Mirho (*nonvoting member*), Jayathi Murthy (*ex officio*), Camille Palmer

Trustees absent: Karla Chambers

University staff: Jackie Bangs, Jessica Brubaker, Bruce Daley, Tom DeLuca, Kevin Dougherty, Ed Feser, Alix Gitelman, Becca Gose, Brent Gustafson, Carla Ho‘ā, Jen Humphreys, Stacy Jeffries, Stephen Jenkins, Deb Mott, Shannon Murray, Nicole Neuschwander, Vincent Nguyen, Paul Odenthal, Melanie Rose, Patti Snopkowski, Mark Swanson, Irem Tumer, Scott Vignos

Invited guests: Penny Atkins (OSUF), Ben Cannon (HECC), Madison Jones (ASOSU), Whitney McFarlane (ASCC), Sophia Nowers (ASOSU), Audrey Schlotter (ASOSU), Andrew Valls (Faculty Senate)

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

Board Chair Román Hernández called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board Secretary Jackie Bangs called the roll and verified a quorum.

Chair Hernández read the university's land acknowledgment statement.

2. Opening comments and reports

a. Chair's comments

Board Chair Román Hernández thanked Dean Tom Deluca and the College of Forestry for hosting the board and providing an informative program the previous evening and an opportunity for trustees to interact with forestry students over breakfast before the board meeting.

The chair recognized Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) leadership and Student Fee Committee members for their efforts in recommending student fee levels for the upcoming academic year. Hernández commended the open deliberation and decision-making process, which uphold the values of shared governance. He noted that the president had accepted the recommendation for a modest increase in student fees, which was included in the 2025-2026 tuition proposal to the board.

Hernández clarified that trustees would evaluate tuition options and make a decision for the next year in their roles as fiduciaries of the university. He emphasized they would consider the educational success and well-being of students along with the needs of the institution and acknowledged the sensitivity around raising costs, which affect many students and their families. He noted that the tuition proposal would also help fund increased financial aid and student support services.

Chair Hernández expressed hope for mitigating the impact of a cost increase for students.

b. President's report

President Murthy began her report by sharing good news on the enrollment front, noting a 3% increase in enrollments over last year for the spring quarter and positive indications for fall enrollment numbers. She emphasized the university's commitment to offering pathways to an OSU degree for every Oregon student, including support for transfer students through partnerships with community colleges and other public universities.

She provided updates on leadership changes, noting that Ed Feser's last day as provost and executive vice president was March 31, with Belinda Batten stepping in as interim provost starting April 1. She reported that recruitment efforts for Feser's successor were progressing well, with finalist visits scheduled for late April and an announcement expected in May.

President Murthy commented on the university's advocacy for OSU students during the 2025 legislative session. She reported she had traveled to Salem to meet with lawmakers and emphasize the importance of greater investment in higher education and OSU. She cited concerns over potential reductions in federal funding for state programs, but stressed she would continue to advocate for higher education in tough times. She mentioned an op-ed she co-authored in *The Oregonian* highlighting the state's major research universities as drivers of economic growth.

The president reaffirmed the university's commitment to its mission and values in the face of potential negative consequences of proposed federal funding cuts and shifting priorities for OSU. She emphasized the importance of inclusive excellence and ensuring that OSU campuses are welcoming places that maintain academic freedom and freedom of speech.

Murthy provided an update on ASOSU, addressing concerns about the work environment within student government and efforts to support student leaders. She noted a temporary pause in ASOSU activities to allow for a comprehensive review and action plan.

The president provided an update on *Prosperity Widely Shared*, highlighting the university's momentum in implementing the strategic plan and announcing two university-wide summits to exchange ideas and measure progress. The first summit, scheduled for April 22, will focus on the plan's goal that every student graduates, and the second summit, scheduled for October 20, will focus on big discoveries and big solutions.

She reported on her recent trip to Asia, where she visited alumni, incoming students and their families and made connections with leaders and students. She said the trip highlighted OSU's global connections and commitment to creating opportunities for all students.

Chair Hernández thanked President Murthy for her leadership during challenging times and her efforts to raise OSU's profile abroad.

c. Associated Students of Oregon State University Report

ASOSU President Audrey Schlotter introduced her colleagues Madison Jones and Sophia Nowers, the Judicial Council chair and Student Fee Committee chair. She congratulated Andrew Valls – a former professor of hers – for taking on the role of faculty senate president in January and expressed gratitude for the support from OSU faculty leadership.

Schlotter announced that ASOSU Vice President Zach Kowash had resigned on February 25. She thanked Zach for his service and said she had decided not to appoint a new vice president, believing it would be a disservice to anyone stepping into the role given current challenges within student government.

She noted the temporary pause in ASOSU activities until May 2 to restructure the organization and create a positive work environment and expressed hope that the pause would help course correct and regain the ability for students to learn while representing their peers.

Schlotter announced the launch of a free at-home STI testing program for students and thanked the student health team and the Center for Advocacy Prevention and Education (CAPE) for their support of this ASOSU initiative.

She encouraged board members to join OSU students in Salem on April 3 to lobby for state funding and lessen the financial burden on students. She announced plans for legislative action in Washington, D.C., with representatives from the Corvallis and Cascades campuses and also mentioned collaboration with student body presidents from other public universities at a collective lobbying day in Salem on May 7.

Chair Hernández thanked Schlotter and her colleagues for their leadership and advocacy.

In response to a question from Trustee Bonanno regarding effects of the pause in ASOSU activities, Schlotter clarified that this year's student fee recommendations were submitted to the president before the pause was announced.

Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson inquired about the activities on April 3 at the Capitol, and Schlotter explained that groups of students and possibly President Murthy would be meeting with legislators to advocate for higher education funding. She invited board members to join the lobbying efforts and emphasized the importance of their perspective.

d. Associated Students of Cascades Campus report

ASCC President Whitney McFarlane provided updates on recent changes in student government structure and processes at the Cascades campus. She announced the introduction of a Judicial Affairs Committee (JAC) on a trial basis to archive documents, update the constitution and bylaws and strengthen checks and balances.

McFarlane reported that the Student Fee Committee was able to keep the fee increase at OSU-Cascades below 4% and that the ASCC is working to revise the process and document revisions with clear deadlines.

She provided updates on various subsidies and initiatives, including the composting initiative, food pantry improvements, housing subsidy and Student Professional Development Fund. She noted that \$6,850 had been allocated for housing subsidies and \$3,025 had been allocated through the development fund.

McFarlane mentioned the ongoing ASCC elections and the goal of 10% voter turnout. As the only candidate running for president, she expressed optimism about working closely with the board for another year.

She provided updates on the Student Success Center, which has been fully operational for about a month with significant student support. She noted that the ASCC has moved to its own dedicated space in the center, making it more visible to students.

McFarlane concluded her report with an overview of upcoming lobbying efforts, noting that four members of the ASCC would join members of the ASOSU in Washington, D.C. to advocate for a variety of higher education issues. She reported the ASCC would also bring students to Salem for OSU-Cascades Day on May 5 and would join the ASOSU and other Oregon universities in Salem on May 7.

Trustee Mirho asked about projects and aspirations for next year, and McFarlane mentioned ongoing lobbying efforts for the OSU-Cascades phase 3 land remediation and the Student Health and Recreation Center.

Chair Hernández asked about the food pantry initiative and how the idea of taking leftovers from the dining hall came about. McFarlane explained that the idea came from a student who was vocal about their struggles. She added that she worked with the dining hall to implement the process and get food handler certification for ASCC staff.

Trustee Chávez-Haroldson asked about the composting initiative. McFarlane explained that each floor of the residence hall has a composting bin, and the ASCC director of sustainable initiatives – who proposed the project – collects the bags twice a week and works with the dining hall to compost them. She expressed hope for expanding the initiative as the campus grows.

Trustee Mirho asked a follow-up question about where the compost goes, and McFarlane said that it is processed along with compost from the dining hall.

e. Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senate President Andrew Valls began by acknowledging the importance of student government and offering support to the ASOSU and President Audrey Schlotter.

He then addressed the topic of core education, providing historical background and emphasizing the significance of shared governance in the development of the core education curriculum.

Valls explained that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee formed a work group to examine the baccalaureate core in 2018, noting the general education curriculum had been in place for about 30 years and had grown to include nearly 1,000 courses. He highlighted the need for reform due to changes like an increased focus on career preparation and the onboarding of first-generation and transfer students, with the Faculty Senate passed a proposal to reconstitute the baccalaureate core in 2023.

Valls emphasized the collaboration between the Faculty Senate and university administrators – particularly in Academic Affairs – in creating the core education curriculum. He reported that the new core education curriculum will be rolled out in the summer and fall and expressed excitement about its potential to promote student success and retention and improve graduation rates.

Valls concluded by emphasizing the importance of faculty control over the curriculum and the need for collaboration with administrators and staff who have knowledge about market needs,

assessment, alignment with other colleges and other matters required to offer the curriculum and serve students. He expressed gratitude for the university's commitment to shared governance.

Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson asked about the criteria for determining which courses were canceled and which were continued. Valls explained the lengthy process, which involved designing the curriculum, laying out learning outcomes and criteria for each component and proposing new or revised courses.

f. OSU Foundation report

Penny Atkins, chair of the OSU Foundation Board, joined the meeting by Zoom to provide an update on foundation activities.

Atkins expressing gratitude for the collaboration and partnership between the OSU Foundation and the OSU governing board and gave an overview of the mission of the OSU Foundation, which includes engaging the community, inspiring investment in Oregon State and stewarding resources to support the university's activities.

She provided a fundraising update, noting that, as of Dec. 31, donors have given \$102.2M toward the baseline goal of \$147M for the year ending June 30, with a stretch goal of \$180M. She reported that this represents a \$20M increase compared to the same time last year and the five-year average.

Atkins emphasized the importance of engaging the global community, particularly in Asia, and mentioned President Murthy and OSU Foundation President and CEO Shawn Scoville's successful trip to Bangkok, Taipei and Seoul, noting meetings with alumni, donors, accepted students, partner universities, high schools, prospective students and the press.

She provided information on the university's endowment, which closed the 2024 calendar year with a market value of \$940.1M, down slightly from \$952.82M in November, which was the highest point in OSU's history. She expressed optimism about reaching the goal of \$1B.

Atkins discussed the OSU Foundation's support for the university's strategic goals. She noted the 2026 opening the Jen-Hsun Huang and Lori Mills Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex, which is supported by lead gifts from the Huangs and the Valley Foundation. She also cited the foundation's partnership with the Office of the Provost on a faculty match program to incentivize new endowed faculty positions.

She announced the launch of a new Student Success Donor Society for donors who have given \$50K or more to support OSU students and noted the overall goal of increasing six-year graduation rates to 80%.

Atkins highlighted the work of Rebecca Robinson, associate vice president for Economic Development and Industry Relations, especially with the university's priority sectors like the food and beverage industry. She also announced the appointment of Marlys Amundson as the new senior director of development for corporate relations for the foundation.

Trustee Macpherson mentioned the work of the foundation through the Beaver Caucus and encouraged trustees to join this year's Lobby Day in Salem on April 3.

g. Higher Education Coordinating Commission report

Ben Cannon, executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), joined the meeting by Zoom to deliver his standing report.

He addressed the federal landscape, noting that HECC is observing and assessing changes made by the administration and their implications for Oregon higher education institutions. He noted that the HECC has established a webpage reaffirming the state's commitment to equity, inclusion and belonging and stressed that the HECC remains committed to complying with state and federal law.

Cannon expressed appreciation for OSU's response to the U.S. Department of Education letter issued on February 14, which had potentially profound implications for enforcement action against colleges and universities. He shared OSU's response – which emphasized the university's commitment to inclusive excellence – with other Oregon higher education institutions and colleagues around the country.

He recognized the board's upcoming action on tuition and fee setting and confirmed the proposal being considered did not trigger the need for HECC review and potential action, as it does not exceed a 5% increase for resident undergraduates. He noted that Jim Pinkard, director of the Office of Postsecondary Finance and Capital, was present along with other staff to report back to the commission on the board's process and any action taken on tuition and fees.

Cannon reported that the Ways and Means Committee would consider a bill to adjust funding for the remainder of the biennium. He expected an increase of approx. \$6M in state funding for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant and the Oregon Promise Grant and emphasized the high demand for these financial aid programs and additional funding to fulfill commitments to students.

He announced that budget hearings for HECC and higher education and workforce development in Oregon are set to begin at the end of March and welcomed participation and advocacy for investments in higher education.

Cannon reported that HECC Chair Sandy Rowe and Vice Chair Greg Hamann will soon complete their visits to all 24 public institutions in Oregon, including all seven public universities and 17 community colleges. He said Rowe and Hamann would share reflections and potential suggestions for success in post-secondary education and workforce training for all Oregonians.

Chair Hernández emphasized the need for increased support from the state in higher education, noting that Oregon lags significantly behind other states, and asked for legislative support from HECC in addressing student needs.

Trustee Bulger asked if the additional state funding Cannon had mentioned was \$6M total for the two grants. Cannon confirmed that it was approximately \$6.3M for both grants, along with authorization to spend additional funds for the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

3. Consent agenda

a. Minutes of the Jan. 17, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Trustees

b. Minutes of the Jan. 17, 2025, Executive Session of the Board of Trustees

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Brim-Edwards and seconded by Trustee Luther. The consent agenda was approved by all board members in attendance.

4. Reports of standing committees of the board

a. Academic Strategies Committee

Committee Chair Julie Manning provided a brief overview of the March 7, 2025, meeting of the Academic Strategies Committee meeting held by Zoom.

(See minutes of the March 7, 2025, Academic Strategies Committee meeting for full details.)

b. Finance and Administration Committee

Committee Chair Elise McClure provided a summary of the virtual Finance and Administration Committee meeting held March 7.

(See minutes of the March 7, 2025, Finance and Administration Committee meeting for full details.)

c. Executive, Audit and Governance Committee

Board Chair Román Hernández summarized last week's virtual meeting of the Executive, Audit and Governance Committee (EAGC).

(See minutes of the March 7, 2025, Executive, Audit and Governance Committee meeting for full details.)

5. Public comments

The following individuals provided public comments on issues affecting OSU faculty, including collective bargaining, compensation, increased cost of living, possible budget cuts, future challenges for higher education and difficult decisions regarding courseloads: Eliza Barstow, Sharyn Clough, Alicia Leytem, Jan Medlock, Joseph Orosco and Kara Ritzheimer.

Connor Chen provided comments on increasing tuition rates for non-resident students.

Matteo Paola, Dylan Perfect and Adison Rowe provided comments regarding student government, including the temporary pause in operations for the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU), the termination of organizers and the approval of student incidental fees.

Jaron Rosenau provided comments on vehicle access to the Corvallis campus core.

6. Discussion item

a. Legislative Update

Katie Fast, executive director of Government Relations, provided the board with a legislative update.

She gave an overview of the state budget, noting that the revenue forecast for the biennium predicted an additional \$350M, for a total of \$1B in available resources. Despite this positive forecast, she stressed that Oregon's economy faces challenges due to tariffs and the uncertainty of inflation trends and that the state's budget is heavily dependent on federal funds, which make up 31% of the current budget.

Fast gave an update on federal funding and budget challenges. She reported that the state is preparing for significant reductions in federal funds, with legislative leadership facing challenges in balancing the budget due to commitments to K-12 education, wildfire costs, housing shortages and homelessness. Fast encouraged trustees to engage with legislators on April 3 during OSU Day at the state Capitol.

Fast reported that the co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee will release their budget framework next week, with the final revenue forecast used to set the state budget for the next two years expected May 14.

Trustee Manning asked about the process for establishing the legislative agenda and funding priorities. Fast explained the need to strike a balance between staying at the table if the situation stabilizes while accepting certain realities. She noted OSU continues to work for increased funding for the Public University Support Fund and Oregon Opportunity Grant. She said the university needs balance from the state in the face of federal uncertainty and stressed the need to continue repeating that point.

Trustee McClure asked how to balance support for higher education without taking funding away from K-12 education. Fast said the university's strategy has been to focus on education as a continuum that requires funding for everything from primary schools through community colleges and four-year institutions.

7. Action Items

a. FY2026 Tuition Rates, Mandatory Fees and Student Incidental Fees

Finance and Administration Committee Chair Elise McClure introduced the tuition and fees agenda item. She noted the committee had engaged in extensive discussion at its meeting last week and recommended that the board approve the proposed tuition rates, mandatory fees and student incidental fees.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Carla Ho'ā and Associate Vice President for Budget and Resource Planning Brent Gustafson repeated the presentation given at the March 7 FAC meeting.

Ho'ā emphasized the importance of balancing the university's operational needs, strategic investments and financial health while keeping tuition as low as possible, noting that tuition and fees represent a significant portion of the university's budget given the low level of state funding and increasing uncertainty about the federal landscape.

Gustafson provided a detailed breakdown of the university's revenue sources. In response to a question from Chair Hernández, Gustafson clarified that tuition and fees constitute about 55% of the E&G (Education and General Fund) budget.

Gustafson also provided background information on the tuition and fee setting process, which relies on shared governance through engagement with students, academic faculty and professional faculty on the University Budget Committee (UBC).

Ho'ā and Gustafson addressed the following topics in conversation with trustees:

In response to questions from Chair Hernández and Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson about the building services fee, Gustafson explained that the fee has a long history at OSU going back to the Oregon University System. He clarified that the students paying the building fee are those physically present on campus, which is why the fee is not lumped in with tuition. Gustafson further explained that buildings like the Memorial Union and Dixon Recreation Center have multiple funding sources in addition to the building fee, including rental fees for MU space.

Trustee Bonanno asked how many years in a row OSU has approved a tuition and fee increase, and Provost Feser confirmed Gustafson's response that those increases are a year-on-year practice. In

response to a follow-up question from Trustee Bonanno about what other funding sources the university considers, Gustafson noted state appropriations, interest income and sales and services. Ho'ā added that, ideally, OSU could increase revenue by increasing enrollment but noted the challenge of space constraints related to housing and classrooms.

Trustee Hale asked about sticker price and if there were analytics that show the growth of tuition and scholarships relative to tuition. Gustafson explained that institutional support was about \$114M in the aggregate for the current year, and Trustee Hale asked for this information to be provided in the future.

Trustee Clark asked about the rationale for differential tuition in the College of Business, and Gustafson explained that the higher cost reflected the pay structure within those disciplines.

Trustee Mirho asked how the university would offset costs for students receiving financial aid if funding sources disappear. Ho'ā explained that OSU is focusing time and attention on the potential scale of impact to think through an appropriate response.

The board welcomed public comment from Sophia Nowers, fourth-year OSU student in the College of Agricultural Sciences, who expressed concerns about the high cost of tuition, especially on out-of-state students. She urged the university to lobby for higher education funding.

Chair Hernández sought a motion to approve the academic year 2025-2026 and summer 2025 tuition and mandatory fees at the rates documented in Attachment 1, Exhibit A, noting that the principal recommendations are for a 4.8% increase for continuing undergraduates at Corvallis and OSU-Cascades; a 5.3% increase for new undergraduate students at Corvallis and OSU-Cascades; and a 4.8% increase for Ecampus students continuing and new.

A motion was made by Trustee McClure and seconded by Trustee Macpherson. Trustee Brim-Edwards, Trustee Bulger, Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson, Trustee Clark, Trustee Hale, Chair Hernández, Trustee Kitamura, Trustee Luther, Trustee Macpherson, Trustee Manning, Trustee McClure and Trustee Palmer voted yea, and Trustee Bonanno and Trustee Carter-Cram voted nay. The motion carried.

b. Tualatin Mountain Forest Acquisition

Senior Associate Vice President for Administration Paul Odenthal, Director of Leasing and Strategic Real Property Management Nicole Neuschwander and Dean of the College of Forestry Tom DeLuca presented the details of the proposed Tualatin Mountain Forest acquisition.

Chair Hernández noted that the vote on this item would be held after the board returns from its executive session on the topic, and that members of the public would have an opportunity to provide comments before the vote was taken.

Odenthal explained that acquisition discussions began in 2022 when the Trust for Public Lands approached Dean DeLuca with the idea of transferring the property as a gift to OSU. He noted that the full acquisition cost is covered by grants and other funds, with no cost to OSU, and that approval of the acquisition was contingent on the receipt of those funds.

DeLuca noted that, if acquired, the forest would join an existing network of nine OSU research forests across the state. He said the forest, located just north of Portland, would be valuable for education and outreach, especially for the K-12 Portland community. DeLuca added that public access to the forest would be retained, with hiking trails added to existing mountain bike trails.

DeLuca said research priorities for the 3,000-acre forest include thriving communities and economies; sustainable forest management; wildfire resilience; water quality; forest resilience to exotic pests and drought stress; and fish and wildlife habitat. He stressed that engagement with tribes, state, and federal agencies is crucial.

DeLuca clarified that \$23.5M in funding will come from the Forest Legacy Program and \$3.5M will come from Portland Metro funds. He repeated that no OSU funds would be used for the acquisition. He added that revenue for maintenance and research activities would come from forest management and timber harvest, with philanthropy and research grant proposals included as additional funding sources.

Neuschwander provided an overview of acquisition due diligence, including an appraisal, environmental site assessment, title review, deed restrictions and ongoing funding.

Chair Hernández sought clarification that OSU would be acquiring the forest at no cost, and Odenthal confirmed that was the case. The chair asked a follow-up question regarding how the forest would be used for urban youth outreach. DeLuca noted several possibilities, including field trips, educational programs and immersive experiences in the forest.

Trustee Luther asked if an environmental site assessment was done and if there were concerns OSU needed to be aware of. DeLuca confirmed the assessment had been done and there are no known endangered species on the property. Luther asked a follow-up question about the level of harvest relative to growth, and DeLuca confirmed that productivity is high.

Trustee Mirho asked how OSU was partnering with tribes and how Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous people themselves were being integrated into the management of the forest. DeLuca noted OSU had requested a meeting with the Grand Ronde Tribal Council to talk about the property, which is on their ancestral lands, adding that they are already working with OSU on management concepts for the McDonald-Dunn Forest. DeLuca added the university is also working with the Warm Springs and Siletz Tribal Councils to build trust and promote opportunities for collaboration. He also mentioned a tribal symposium held in January for all nine Oregon tribes to inform the university of their needs related to forest management.

Trustee Bulger asked about current staff capacity to manage the forest. DeLuca said the plan was to add an additional one FTE to augment existing forest management staff. He added that position would also take responsibility for oversight of the Blodgett Forest and that existing staff and extension foresters would assist in management and outreach efforts.

Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson asked about specific bird species in the Tualatin Mountain Forest. Mark Swanson, interim director of the research forests, confirmed there were red-breasted sapsuckers, a species emblematic of forest avifauna OSU would like to restore. He added the project would dovetail well with K-12 educational opportunities.

Trustee McClure asked about challenges related to urban proximity. DeLuca cited fire management and managing logging operations alongside active recreation. He noted that higher human density usually equals more fire starts.

The board moved into back-to-back executive sessions.

The first was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from public disclosure on the basis that they are protected by attorney-client privilege, and ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

The second was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of Oregon State University with regard to current litigation and litigation likely to be filed, and ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information that is exempt from public disclosure on the basis that it is protected attorney by attorney-client privilege.

Chair Hernández stressed that no decisions would be made in either executive session.

There was no further discussion and no public comment on the Tualatin Mountain Forest acquisition after trustees returned to the public session. Chair Hernández sought a motion to approve the acquisition of the Tualatin Mountain Forest, consistent with the details outlined in the presentation and the written materials and contingent on the receipt of funding from non-OSU sources that is sufficient to cover the full cost of acquisition. A motion was made by Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson, seconded by Trustee Hale and approved by all board members in attendance. The motion carried.

8. Action Item

a. Resolution of Appreciation

The board recognized the exceptional leadership and wise counsel of outgoing Provost and Executive Vice President Ed Feser. Academic Strategies Committee Chair Julie Manning delivered the resolution of appreciation for Feser, who will soon begin his tenure as the 34th president of St. Louis University after eight years at OSU.

The chair sought a motion to approve the board's resolution of appreciation for Provost Feser. A motion was made by Vice Chair Chávez-Haroldson, seconded by Trustee Manning and approved by all board members in attendance. The motion carried.

9. Adjournment

With no further discussion or business before the board, Chair Hernández adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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