



Regular Meeting of the Committee
May 29, 2014
President's Conference Room, Kerr Administration Building
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon

MINUTES

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

Other Trustees Present: Ed Ray

University Staff Present: Mike Bailey (Faculty Senate), Dan Edge (Faculty Senate), Mark Huey, Becky Warner, Meg Reeves, and Marcia Stuart

1. Welcome

Committee Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed Committee members.

2. Discussion Items

a. Committee Charter

Chair Kelly invited President Ray and Provost Randhawa to explain the eight areas of committee responsibility listed in the committee charter.

Committee members discussed the areas of responsibility. Regarding area #3, "reviewing and recommending to the Board major changes to the academic programs of the University," committee members recommended that the committee charter be amended to grant the committee authority to review and approve major changes to the University's academic programs.

ACTION: Following discussion, Dr. Forbes made a motion that Ms. Longo Eder seconded that the Academic Strategies Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that the committee's charter be amended to grant the committee authority to review and approve major changes to the University's academic programs. The motion carried.

Regarding area #4, oversight of the University's athletic programs, President Ray advised the committee that the Finance and Administration Committee will annually review the athletics department's financial performance and will share the information with the Academic Strategies Committee. In addition, the Provost will provide the

Committee a report on the academic performance of student-athletes and will provide the Board with a similar report annually.

Regarding area #5, oversight of University policies regarding student life and conduct, faculty, and academic affairs, Chair Kelly requested University administration to provide the Committee with an overview of university policies related to student life.

b. Academic Programs

Drs. Randhawa, Warner, and Edge provided an overview of the academic program approval process, both current and proposed. The process is designed to ensure that new academic programs meet accreditation standards.

Provost Randhawa advised the Committee that he and his staff will provide the Committee with a list of programs and where they stand in the approval process. Dr. Randhawa advised that a proposal for a new academic program in robotics has completed the approval process with the exception of the external review, which will not be completed by June 30, 2014, and will require either the Committee's or the OSU Board of Trustees' approval as well as review by the Provosts Council and approval by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Provost Randhawa advised that the Oregon University System provosts and presidents councils will disband as of June 30; however, the HECC is charging the eight universities' presidents and provosts to provide similar functions for the Commission as they had for OUS.

c. Future Committee Meetings

Chair Kelly asked committee members to review the provided list of potential discussion and educational topics and make additional recommendations to either him or Vice Chair Forbes, who will then discuss them with President Ray and Provost Randhawa.

At present, Committee meetings are scheduled to be held in conjunction with full Board meetings. For 2014-15, Chair Kelly proposed that additional telephonic meetings be scheduled as the committee continues its learning period and to consider other in-person meetings that would occur as part of educational sessions on specific aspects of the university's operations.

3. Adjournment

With no further business proposed, Chair Kelly thanked the committee and staff for their time and adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Huey
Assistant Board Secretary