



The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University

Meeting of the Academic Strategies Committee

December 4, 2015

President's Conference Room, 650 Kerr Administration Building
Corvallis, Oregon

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Committee Members Present: Paul Kelly (*chair*), Michele Longo Eder (*vice chair*), Preston Pulliams, Sabah Randhawa (*ex officio*), Pat Reser, and Cynthia Sagars (*ex officio*)

Other Trustees Present: Ed Ray

University Staff Present: Debbie Colbert, Becca Gose, Mark Huey, Clay Simmons, and Marcia Stuart

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

Committee Chair Paul Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He requested the board secretary call the roll and noted a quorum.

2. Consent Item

a. Minutes of the October 15, 2015 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 Committee meeting. The motion carried.

3. Action Item

a. 2016 Committee Work Plan

Chair Kelly called upon Provost Randhawa to provide background on the proposed committee work plan. Randhawa said that five key considerations were applied in developing the plan. The work plan should: 1) support the Strategic Plan; 2) be consistent with the Committee charter; 3) advance major goals of the University (undergraduate and graduate success, research, engagement, etc.); 4) advance equity and inclusion; and 5) support the academic success of student athletes. He also said the materials accompanying the work plan contain links to key policies that apply to areas of Committee oversight. A review is underway to ensure that policies and standards are accurate, complete and continue to be relevant.

Randhawa invited Chief Compliance Officer Clay Simmons to provide an overview of the policy modernization efforts that are currently underway. Simmons described the extensive clean-up and modernization of policies that are needed, especially given the number of policies carried over from the Oregon University System. Each policy will be assigned an owner to engage in a discussion of prioritization, vet requested revisions with stakeholders as needed, begin policy amendments, and submit changes to the general counsel and faculty senate, if pertinent, for review prior to submission to the Executive Policy and Standards Committee. In response to Vice Chair Eder's query as to the highest priority area for the Committee to address, Randhawa noted that policies

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pertaining to Title IX sexual harassment and research lab safety are being prioritized and reviewed during the next 12 to 18 months.

Kelly thanked Simmons and asked Randhawa to provide brief updates during Committee meetings to inform the Committee on the progress of the policy modernization program. Reser suggested that the Board needs to be informed of the policy review and asked that short progress reports be included for the Board as part of the President's comments.

In returning to the discussion on the 2016 work plan, Kelly described the elements of the work plan, confirming that many items are tied to outcomes of the October retreat. Kelly also remarked on the new section of the work plan providing for regular reports to the Committee. After some discussion of the work plan topics, Eder inquired about how the Committee will work through the plan since specific dates for each topic were not included in the plan. Colbert proposed that, once the work plan is approved by the Committee, she could work with the Provost, Chair, Vice Chair, and presenters to develop a schedule that can be incorporated into the work plan. Kelly concluded the discussion, noting that the work plan is ambitious and items not addressed during the year could be carried over. He also noted that a number of the topics are inter-related and might be covered over several meetings.

Following the discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2016 Academic Strategies Committee Work Plan, noting that the timing for future agenda items will be refined. The motion carried.

4. Adjournment

With no further discussion or business proposed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Huey
Assistant Board Secretary