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Regular Meeting of the Governance Committee

Board of Trustees

April 7, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Inlow Hall, Room 201

Eastern Oregon University

La Grande, Oregon

Minutes

Trustees Present: Ray Brown, Holly Kerfoot, Bill Johnson, Jer Pratton, and Tom Insko (10:20 a.m.).

University Staff: Chris Burford and Heidi Tilicki.

Call to Order and Announcements

At 9:32 a.m. Chair Bill Johnson called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he asked if there were any announcements.

The Board Secretary mentioned that the Governance Committee will go into executive session at the end of the agenda.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the March 10th meeting were passed unanimously.

Review Board Self-Evaluation Process and Drafts.

Chair Johnson asked the committee for feedback and asked if they are comfortable moving forward with this document. Secretary Burford discussed the draft he sent out to the committee.

Secretary Burford will draft a Board Statement Number 8 on Board Self Evaluations for review at the next meeting. Trustee Kerfoot noted that we do not want anything to come from these evaluations. It is important that we actually do these evaluations.

Trustee Pratton noted that this board does not yet have any defined goals. He hopes the board can build informal conversations to set goals. It seems superfluous for the board to do this first.

Trustee Pratton recommended that the board have an opportunity to formulate their goals prior to the retreat.

Trustee Kerfoot said that the board needs a clear statement from the President on what his goals are. The President is expected to give an update on his goals at the board retreat in August.

[President Insko joined the meeting]

The draft board evaluation will be consolidated and the committee will email Secretary Burford with any additional edits to the board self-evaluation process. This evaluation and statement will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Review Amendments to Board Bylaws and Statements.

Secretary Burford will come back with additional changes at the May 12th meeting. He noted that the board does not have a well-defined policy on the process for adopting internal policies. This might be something the Governance Committee addresses.

A draft work plan for the 2016-17 year will be presented at the May 12th meeting.

Response to Public Disruption During Meetings.

The committee discussed possible responses to a disruption or riot during a board meeting. The committee mentioned that it is important to be proactive and have good communication with the campus and students to prevent a disruption from happening in the first place.

Executive Session. Chair Johnson read the below script:

The Governance Committee will now temporarily recess the public portion of our meeting in order to meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), which allows the committee to meet in executive session “to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.”

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. The designated staff are Chris Burford and Heidi Tilicki. In addition, board members who are not members of the committee, but who are present, may attend. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

The executive session ended.

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heidi Tilicki.