

Meeting of the
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees

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8:00am – 9:45am

Academic Quality and Student Success Committee
MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Jeremy Brown
person)

Instructional Design
person)

Trustee Mason moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting. Trustee
Minty Morris seconded the motion.

3. Action Items

Trustee Minty Morris volunteered to report on the committee meeting at the Board meeting.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Provost Update

Provost Mott gave a PowerPoint presentation identifying the challenges and opportunities facing academic affairs, including the pandemic and CARES Act funding, furloughs, union bargaining, implementation of the Strategic Plan, academic master plan creation, an update on key positions, an update on the DPT program, a review of the recently approved programs, potential new programs, scheduling improvements, faculty hiring, facility renovations, and an update on each college. Chair Brown requested two sets of data be shared with the committee prior to the January meeting: a comparison of proposed and actual enrollment figures for the new programs in January; and identification of the previous majors/programs of the students who moved into Cybersecurity - as total enrollment has not increased but the number of students in that major has.

4.2 Student Affairs Update

Vice President Erin Foley reviewed the written report included in the agenda. She noted there are a record number of students in on-campus housing but auxiliary revenues were down in spring and summer due to reduced fees charged to students spring term, no outside groups using campus facilities and the cancellation of all summer camps; the integrated student health center continues to serve students with remote tele-counseling and tele-medicine as well as serving as a key member of the COVID response team; there is an increase in the number of students qualified to use disability services (the n Tc 0.01c 0.01c 07cITj0 T

faculty are ready. She noted it was more difficult to teach this fall with some students remote and some in-person; she is behind schedule because extra time is required to make sure the students on Zoom are at the same place as the students in class. She complimented the students for adhering to the mask, social distancing, and cleaning protocols. **Associate Professor Severs** stated fall term is a bit smoother with some courses being taught in person as teaching labs remotely is not that easy, advising is modified, video recording is time consuming but the cameras in the classrooms are appreciated.

Chair Brown asked if we've noticed changes in student behavior from being in a restricted environment, such as the uptick in services at ISHC. **VP Foley** explained the results of a survey sent to students in early October show the top concerns of students were financial, mental health, and work issues. She acknowledged that the pandemic is taking its toll on students, staff, and faculty; students in isolation need to keep connected not only to academics but socially. **Trustee McClure** shared frustrations knowing it could be a better experience with improved support for students. She noted increased cheating on exams and the lack of study groups was difficult for students. **Chair Brown** requested information prior to the January meeting on student success, specifically any differences in grades, the number of students on academic probation, students who were asked to leave the institution, etc., between years/terms. He thanked everyone for the amount of effort put in to guarantee the quality of education and student experience we are committed to.

Trustee Hastys shared his experience of spring term being stressful but fall term becoming more stressful as the

5. Other Business/New Business- none

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Fox
Board Secretary