



Meeting of the
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees
Academic Quality and Student Success Committee
Sunset Room, Klamath Falls Campus
And virtually via Microsoft Teams
May 27, 2021
9:40am – 11:30am

Academic Quality and Student Success Committee Minutes

Trustees Present:

Jeremy Brown, Chair (virtual)
Tim Hasty

Kathleen Hill (phone)
Rose McClure

Kelley Minty Morris
Nagi Naganathan, President

Trustees Unable to Attend:

Jill Mason

Other Trustees Present:

Michele Vitali (virtual)

University Staff and Faculty Present in person:

Abdy Afjeh, Vice Provost Research and Academic Affairs
Holly Anderson, Associate Student Involvement and Success Associate Director
Erin Foley, VP of Student Affairs/Dean of Students
Dave Groff, General Counsel
John Harman, VP of Finance and Administration
Shaundrea Hirengen, Student Success Center Assistant Director
Tom Keyser, Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Management
Travis Miller, Information Technology Consultant
Joanna Mott, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs and SEM
Dan Peterson, Dean of the College of Health, Arts and Sciences
Christopher Syrnyk, Associate Professor Communication

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

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:40am. The Board Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approve Minutes from April 8, 2021 Meeting

Trustee Minty Morris moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting. Trustee McClure seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

3.1 Academic Affairs, Admissions and Strategic Enrollment Management

Provost Mott summarized the written report included in the agenda report noting Educational Partnerships and Outreach will make a presentation at the November Academic Quality and Student Success committee meeting. She stated the university recently received COVID relief fund guidance and academic affairs is working with finance to ensure we follow regulations. She confirmed that there is a good return on investment to hire an academic retention advisor position; to cover the cost of the position the number of students required to be retained is minimal. Discussion regarding the number of courses using open education resources during remote and hybrid teaching.

3.2 Student Affairs

VP Foley summarized the written report included in the agenda report. Discussion regarding the benefits of duplicating services, similar to those offered by TOP, for all students, and the need for funding to do so. She noted there is adequate staffing and capacity for student counseling and requested faculty, staff, and students to encourage students to take advantage of the services.

4. Action Items

4.1 Recommendation to the Board to recommend to the Provost's Council approval to offer the BS in Surveying Online

Dean Keyser explained the Geomatics department is interested in increasing student enrollment by offering an online option for surveying. He reviewed the slides included in the agenda report. He explained the current trend of surveying companies hiring individuals that do not have degrees nor are licensed in surveying; the online option would allow those individuals to obtain a degree while continuing to work in the field. He clarified that there will only be one course section so no dilution of in-person courses should occur.

Trustee Hasty moved to recommend the Board recommend to the Provost's Council approval to offer the BS in Surveying in Online. Trustee McClure seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passes unanimously.

4.2 Recommendation to the Board to recommend to the Provost's Council approval to offer a Graduate Certificate in Integrated Behavioral Healthcare and Medical Family Therapy within the MS Marriage and Family Therapy Program

Dean Peterson reviewed the proposal to add a graduate certificate in Integrated Behavioral Healthcare and Medical Family Therapy. He noted the courses are currently offered within the MFT program and the focus of the certificate is on rural care. Discussion regarding the demand for graduates and the success of the program.

Trustee McClure moved to recommend the Board recommend to the Provost's Council approval to offer a graduate certificate in Integrated Behavioral Healthcare and Medical Family Therapy within the MS Marriage and Family Therapy program. Trustee Minty Morris seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Honors Program Presentation

Associate Professor Symyk reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda report. He discussed the slogan of the program: helping students become more well-rounded. He reviewed each year's focus and gave background on the students currently in the program. He noted his goal to establish a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary honors program, at Oregon Tech. He shared that his desire is to promote the program with Admissions and believes the program can be used as a recruiting tool. **Trustee McClure** shared her appreciation for the program and its positive impact on the students.

5.2 Peer Consulting and Supplemental Instruction

Assistant Director Hirengen and **Associate Director Anderson** reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda report. They explained both programs, the successes, and areas for growth. **Trustees Hasty** and **McClure** both praised the Supplemental Instruction program. Discussion regarding anticipated issues for Fall term including reacclimating to in-person interaction and spreading the word about peer consulting and supplemental instruction to new and returning students.

6. Other Business/New Business - none

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:19am.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Fox
Board Secretary