

Meeting and Retreat of the
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees
Grand Hotel at Bridgeport, Tigard
July 15, 2021
8:45am – 5:30pm

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Agenda**

(8:45am) *Chair Jessica Gomez*

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(8:50am) (5 min) *Chair Jessica Gomez*

_____ (8:55am) (10 min) *Chair Jessica Gomez*
_____ (9:05am) (15 min) *President Naganathan*
_____ (9:20am)
(10 min) *President Naganathan*

(9:30am) (10 min) *Chair Jessica Gomez*

(9:40am) (10 min)

(9:50am)

Retreat Schedule Public Institutions: Is It Time for a

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2:00pm ANNUAL ETHICS AND TITLE TRAINING *Counselor David Groff*

The Board will meet in Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 40.225 Rule 503 to consider

**Meeting of the
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees
Sunset Room, Klamath Falls Campus
And virtually via Microsoft Teams
May 27, 2021
1:15pm – 4:10pm**

– less faculty, staff, and student (12:15pm – 12:30pm)

The Board met in Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 40.225 Rule 503 to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to have confidential communication subject to attorney-client privilege.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES**

10 . 0 cT 900 Jessica Gomez, Chair < < P/ Vince Jones, Vice Chair 49 . 2 wINogic
Jeremy Brown
Lisa Graham
Tim Hasty (in person)
Kathleen Hill
Rose McClure (in person)
Kelley Minty Morris (in person)

reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda report. He stated the collective bargaining agreement with Oregon Tech's faculty union was ratified on May 17, 2021. He reviewed the purpose of the campus culture assessment: to ensure our organizational culture is aligned with stakeholders' expectations and needs and that it positions the university to meet its objectives. He explained a committee representing campus and community stakeholders is working on the procurement process. The goal is to have the assessment work, which could include surveys, focus groups, interviews, analysis of policies and procedures and review of archival data, occur during fall term with a presentation of the consultant's report to the Board during winter term, and implementation immediately following. He noted House Bill 2472 (Oregon's Polytechnic University designation) was approved by the Senate and is moving back to the House. He gave updates on student programs, Green Zone training, and facility and capital projects. He reviewed student accomplishments, faculty accomplishments, and athletic highlights.

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traveling and meeting in-person.

reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda report. He explained the Oregon Higher Education Funding model, FY 2022 higher education funding, funds not included in the FY 2022 operating budget, budget assumptions, budget development principles, budget development process, and the budget summary. He confirmed the budget was developed with the collective bargaining agreement in mind.

voiced her concern that additional funding might be needed for additional adjuncts given the workload changes in the CBA. stated two weeks ago we had 47 positions advertised but we do not have an exact count for people looking to retire this year. He noted auxiliary budgets, which are usually cost-recovered, were not reduced based on the information received from student affairs and academic affairs. There was discussion regarding the estimated dollar amount for salary recapture. A request was made to have future Discussion occurred regarding increasing revenues from sources other than tuition and looking for opportunities as a result of the pandemic.

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ACTION

Agenda Item No. 4.1

Request for Approval of the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar

Proposed Board of Trustees meeting dates for calendar year 2022:

- x January 27 (Thursday) – Wilsonville
- x April 7 (Thursday) – Klamath Falls
- x June 2 (Thursday) – Klamath Falls
- x July 21 and 22 (Thursday and Friday) – BOARD RETREAT Location TBD
- x November 17 (Thursday) - Wilsonville

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed 2022 calendar year meeting dates as outlined above or as amended.

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Agenda Item No. 4.2

Request for Approval of Peer Comparators for Accreditation

The Office of Institutional Research was tasked with conducting a study to develop an updated list of peer institutions for use in institutional benchmarking. The previous Oregon University System list was developed in 2010. A comparator list is required for purposes including NWCCU accreditation reports and other data reporting. Salary criteria were not included in this study.

The study was initiated in late 2019 and included a literature review to identify the most appropriate methodology. The method and criteria developed to identify comparator institutions and outcomes has been reviewed by numerous groups. Modifications have been made over the course of the last 14 months based on comments from each group presentation.

A threshold group of institutions was identified using iPeds data with the specific criteria. Filtering universities using threshold criteria resulted in 28 potential comparator universities. A set of variables with different weights was then used to further refine the list. Using these variables/weights the comparable institutions that were most closely related to Oregon Tech are as follows:

Fairmont State University	Fairmont	WV
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Weatherford	OK
University of South Carolina-		

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Nagi Naganathan, President

Joanna Mott, Provost

Comparator Institutions - recommendation

This memo constitutes a request for approval of a new peer institutions list as shown in the table below. It is anticipated that this list will be updated using current data every 3-5 years.

Fairmont State University	Fairmont	WV
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Weatherford	OK
University of South Carolina-Upstate	Spartanburg	SC
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	TX
Montana Tech of the University of Montana	Butte	MT
Shawnee State University	Portsmouth	OH
Bemidji State University		

Oct 20, 2020 – Accreditation Leadership

March 4, 2021 – Provost, Vice Provost and Institutional Research

March 16, 2021 – OT Bargaining Team

April 5, 2021 – Video and questions for OT and OT-AAUP Bargaining Team

June 8, 2021 – Faculty Senate

Briefly, a threshold group of institutions was identified using iPeds data with the following criteria:

- 4 yr. Public University, omitting institutions labelled as HBCU, MEDICAL, HOSPITAL, TRIBAL
- Total Degrees = 1500 or fewer
- Confer > 10 BS Degrees in CIP 51 and in CIP 14 or CIP 15 (80%+ OIT degrees) These CIP codes are engineering, engineering technology and allied health.
- BS conferred > 0
- MS conferred > 0

Filtering universities using these threshold criteria resulted in 28 potential comparator universities.

A set of variables with different weights was then used to further refine the list. These variables and weights are shown in the following table:

Characteristic Variable

% UG Awarded
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Agenda Item 4.3

Recommendation to Approve a Resolution on Bond Issuance for a New Student Residence Hall Project

At its April 2021 meeting, the Board approved a request authorizing Oregon Tech to participate in the Oregon public bonds program and to request \$55 million in Article XI-F bonds to support the construction of a student residence hall project on the Klamath Falls campus.

The need for additional campus housing has become increasingly urgent as Oregon Tech has seen significant growth in freshman enrollment in recent years and will soon experience a student housing shortage. Existing housing was constructed decades ago, and although there have been some renovations over the years, the facilities are worn and outdated. Prospective freshmen visiting our campus often remark about the age of the housing units and the lack of modern features such as climate control. These 50-year-old facilities and their sub systems are deteriorating and would be very expensive and disruptive to renovate into

In order for the state to issue Article XI-F bonds for the benefit of a university, that university must

