



Meeting and Retreat of the  
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees

Room 402, PortlandM47 TJO Tc 0 T v 86 Td (JEM

Aria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President

Don Peterson, Dean College of Health, Arts & Sciences

Justin Ringle, SOIT Officer, PortlandMetro

Terri Torres, Faculty Senate President

Bryan Wila, Consultant 2Information Technology Services

Jack Zucha, SOIT President, Portland -Metro

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

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 1:25pm

a quorum was declared.

**2. Reports**  
**2.1**

transfers., and admits. Transfer students are a challenge and are down about 20% at Klamath Falls, and 23% at Portland-Metro.

## **2.5 Faculty Senate President Terri Torres**

**President Torres** noted that there has been great progress in Faculty Senate as stated in November. Provost Mott, the Senate Executive Committee, and Faculty Senate have been able to work together to reshape Faculty Senate in a way that allows it to move forward on the tasks. President Torres addressed striving for engagement at Oregon Tech, goals presented at convocation, international recognition, attempts to connect and resolve deep scars from the strike, the need for townhalls in order ask questions of the President, the need for progress on policy changes, and for the President's Council to meet, an outdated education program, and the concerning faculty turn over rate. She said the Faculty Senate asks the board to have informal meetings with faculty and students; and that the board ask good questions that motivates action and then ask for results.

## **2.6 COVID-19 – Dr. Foley** introduced Taylor Burke as Oregon Tech's new Associate Dean of Students and Director of Career Services. She reported the Covid landscape continues to change regularly in response to new variants, and the U.S. Supreme Court recently blocked enforcement of the federal OSHA Vaccination and Temporary Emergency Standard, and Oregon OSHA will continue to monitor federal OSHA activities and

## **2.9 Finance and Facilities Committee**

**Committee Chair Jones** summarized the Vice President of Finance & Administration's reports, including updates on capital projects, the FY 2022 management report, the FY 2021-2022 internal audit update, tuition development process preview, student housing project, and the status of the FY 2021 financial report and audit. He noted VP Harman gave a report on the tuition setting process, which is beginning with the first meeting scheduled for January 21, and a recommendation to be brought to the Board by President Naganathan at the April 2022 meeting.

## **2.10 Executive Committee – did not meet**

## **3. Consent Agenda**

### **3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Meeting**

No changes voiced. Minutes approved as submitted.

## **4. Discussion Items**

**4.1 Student Housing - VP Harman** reported that the key assumptions for the approved project have changed since the April 2021 Board of Trustees meeting. Construction costs have risen by 25-30% which will require an additional \$15 million or a reduction of the number of suite style beds from 850 to 450-500. It will be necessary to reevaluate