Minutes

Board Members Present: Swati Adarkar, Erica Bestpitch, Sho Dozono, Maria Carolina Gonzalez-Prats, Maude Hines, Thomas Imeson, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Irving Levin, Rick Miller, Peter Stott (by phone), Christine Vernier, Chair Nickerson and Wim Wiewel (ex-officio).

Board Members Not Present: Gale Castillo, Fariborz Maseeh

1. Call to Order/Roll/ Declaration of Quorum

Chair Nickerson called the meeting to Order at 1:00 p.m. Roll was taken, a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

2. Open Comment

The following individuals spoke to the Board for two and one half minutes each: Kate Stubblefield, Karissa Moden, Andy Mayer, Devon MacArthur, Chad Chappelle, David Martinez, Gary Brodowicz, Danie Primmer, Monty Herron, Bianetth Valdez, Robert McElligott, and Emily Lahr. Each individual addressed tuition costs and the resolution before the Board to increase tuition. The comments were in opposition to the proposal.

3. Opening Comments and Reports

a. Comments from Bob Liebman, Presiding Officer of the Portland State Faculty Senate

Professor Liebman spoke about an article by college president Steven Bahls, written for university trustees, regarding shared governance on university campuses. (See Bahls, Steven C., How to Make Shared Governance Work: Some Best Practices, Trusteeship, AGB, March/April 2014, available at http://agb.org/trusteeship/2014/3/how-make-shared-governance-work-some-best-practices.) Professor Liebman stated that PSU faculty senators are discussing a possible resolution regarding faculty engagement with the Board.
b. **Comments from Eric Noll, President of the Associated Students of Portland State University**

Noll shared ASPSU’s opposition to the proposed tuition increase. This is the last Board meeting at which Noll and McMillan (who was not able to attend) will represent ASPSU as officers. New officers will be elected in April. Noll and McMillan intend to assist with the transition. The Board thanked Noll and McMillan for their service to ASPSU and the University.

c. **Report from the President**

Following a protest and 30 minute adjournment, the President provided the following report:

The enrollment numbers for Winter Term 2015 as of March 3, 2015 are as follows:

- Total student headcount is 27,034, down 680 or 2.5%
- Student credit hours (SCH) is down 272,995 or 0.9%
- Resident SCH is down 2.3%
- Non-resident SCH is up 4.3%

Preliminary numbers for Spring Term 2015 (as of March 10, 2015) are as follows:

- Total student headcount is 19,666, up 273 or 1.4%
- Student Credit Hours (SCH) is up 4,723 or 2.1%

John Fraire, new Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, begins March 23, 2015 and interim Vice President Dan Fortmiller will become Associate Vice Provost in Academic Affairs.

The President shared a variety of recent faculty accomplishments, including:

- Pauline Jivanjee, (School of Social Work), received a multi-year $10 million grant to assist in preparing social workers for careers in Integrated Health and Behavioral Health Care in Oregon, with a focus on services in rural Oregon, to transition-aged youth, and with Latino populations;
- Thomas Keller (School of Social Work) and Carlos Crespo (School of Community Health) were awarded a multi-year $24 million National Institutes of Health grant focused on diversifying the health care workforce;
- Corey Griffin (School of Architecture) was awarded a Keck Foundation $300,000 grant to provide research opportunities for undergraduate students, including computer simulation of designs and analysis of building performance; and
- David Peyton, Robert Strongin, and Jim Pankow (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Masseh College of Engineering and Computer Science), published research results regarding formaldehyde in e-cigarettes in a letter in the New England Journal of Medicine, which has now
been reported in more than 150 news outlets and has resulted in calls for legislative action.

Daniel J. Connolly begins his tenure as Dean of the School of Business Administration on July 1, 2015. Scott Marshall has accepted the position of Vice Provost for Academic and Fiscal Planning as of March 1, 2015. He is currently the interim Dean in the School of Business Administration and will continue in both roles until July 2015.

Karen Marrongelle has accepted appointment as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Also, after extensive outreach to the PSU community on whether to reorganize CLAS, it has been determined that the CLAS structure should remain the same.

The PSU Foundation reports that total fundraising for FY 15 is over $31 million, which represents a 17.2% increase from last year.

The Viking Pavilion/Stott Center and School of Business Administration capital projects are proceeding. The Portland City Council is expected to vote later in March regarding revisions to the City’s urban renewal plans to facilitate further development in the University District on parcels owned, or to be transferred to, the University.

Oregon’s seven public universities continue to push the Legislature to restore state funding to the universities and to approve a two-year budget, for all seven universities, of $755 million. Regarding future capital projects, PSU’s main focus is state funding for the renovation of Neuberger Hall.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission approved a proposal from the University of Oregon to establish a Masters of Science in Sports Marketing program in Portland, notwithstanding the objections of PSU. The vote was 6-2. The HECC is also engaged in a vigorous debate regarding outcomes-based funding for universities. PSU strongly supports outcomes-based funding because it appropriately recognizes PSU’s contributions to achievement of statewide goals.

The strategic planning process continues. Topic Teams have been formed and are beginning their work. Outreach has allowed us to hear 2,042 voices through one-on-one meetings, campus town halls, surveys, and consultation with various groups, such as Faculty Senate, ASPSU, alumni and others.

Our new Director of Athletics, Mark Rountree, started on January 20, 2015. There is a national search underway for the women’s basketball head coach.
PSU and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) are exploring the use of Interest Based-Bargaining (IBB) in the next round of bargaining. A joint training with AAUP will begin in early May. Bargaining is expected to begin after the training. In addition, SEIU bargaining has begun, but is conducted at the statewide universities level.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting.
ACTION: Dozono moved to approve the minutes. Vernier seconded. The vote was eleven yea, zero nays, and one abstention. Gonzalez-Prats abstained because she was not present at the December 11, 2014 meeting. The motion passed.

b. Approval of the minutes from the January 30, 2015 special meeting.
ACTION: Imeson moved to approve the minutes. Dozono seconded. The vote was eleven yea, zero nays, and one abstention. Vernier abstained because she was not present at the January 30, 2015 meeting. The motion passed.

5. Reports of Standing Committees of the Board

a. Executive and Audit Committee
Chair Nickerson reported that the Executive and Audit Committee met jointly with the Finance and Administration Committee on February 12, 2014 and received a report from Gina Bushong, a principal at CliftonAllenLarson, regarding the University’s 2013-14 audited financial statements, which the full Board will be asked to formally accept. Bushong discussed the roles and responsibilities of external financial statement auditors, the auditors’ methodology, and the findings of the report, and answered clarifying questions. The Executive and Audit Committee also discussed Board officers for 2015-16 and will present recommendations to the full Board.

b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Margaret Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met twice since the December Board meeting. On January 8, 2015 Provost Andrews introduced the reThink PSU campus initiative – a set of activities that are designed to develop solution to challenges facing PSU. The goal of reThink PSU is to deliver an education that serves more students with better outcomes, while containing costs through curricular innovation, community engagement and effective use of technology. On February 13, 2015 the Committee approved establishment of a new Master’s degree—a Professional Science Master in Environment and Management. This proposal for a new degree will now advance to the Provosts Council and the HECC.
c. **Finance and Administration Committee**  
Rick Miller, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met on February 12, 2015. The Committee received an updated on enrollment, budget-to-forecasted-actual revenue and expenditures, the second quarter financial report, and debt ratios. The Committee voted to approve and recommend to the full Board the tuition increase to be considered by the Board shortly.

6. **Reports of Special Committees of the Board**

a. **Campus Public Safety Special Committee**  
Tom Imeson, Chair of the Campus Public Safety Special Committee, asked Vice President Kevin Reynolds to provide an update regarding the preparation of the University Public Safety Department Management and Implementation Plan. Dean Steve Percy provided an update on the work of the Implementation Advisory Committee. Chief Phil Zerzan reported on the progress of training with the DPSST. Their written reports were submitted with the meeting materials.

7. **Action Items**

The Executive and Audit Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee met jointly on February 12, 2014 and received the 2014 Annual Financial Report from Gina Bushong, a principal of CliftonAllenLarson. The Executive and Audit Committee recommends acceptance of the 2014 Annual Financial Report by the Board.

ACTION: Miller moved to accept the 2014 Annual Financial Report. Imeson seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

b. **Approval of Resolution Concerning 2015-16 Tuition Rates**  
President Wiewel presented his recommendations for 2015-16 tuition and mandatory student fees. As part of the process for making these recommendations, the President noted that he has established a Student Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) to provide tuition-setting comments and advice to senior leadership. The SBAC is chaired by the Vice President of Finance and Administration and includes the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, students, a dean, and representatives of the Budget Office.

The President’s recommendation is to increase tuition and mandatory fees for the 2015-16 academic year and 2016 summer term as follows:
The student members of the SBAC have recommended no increase to any category of tuition or mandatory student fees. ASPSU endorses the recommendation of the student members of the SBAC that there be no increase to tuition or fees. These statements were also included in the meeting materials.

ACTION: Stott moved to approve the resolution. Vernier seconded. The vote was nine yea (Adarkar, Bestpitch, Hines,imeson, Levin, Miller, Stott, Vernier, Chair Nickerson), two nays (Dozono, Gonzalez-Prats), and zero abstentions. Kirkpatrick was not present for the vote. The motion passed.

c. Election of 2015-16 Board Officers
The Secretary to the Board described the poll of Board members regarding election of officers for 2015-16 and the Executive and Audit Committee’s meeting on February 12, 2015 and recommendations to the full Board. The Committee recommends the reelection of Chair Nickerson and Vice Chair Imeson. Both Nickerson and Imeson are willing to continue service as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

ACTION: Adarkar moved to elect Nickerson to a new term as Chair and Imeson to a new term as Vice-Chair, beginning July 1, 2015. Hines seconded. The vote was eleven yea, zero nays, and two abstentions. Nickerson and Imeson abstained from voting. Kirkpatrick was not present for the vote. The motion passed.

d. Approval of the 2015-16 Full Board Meeting Schedule
Chair Nickerson stated that action on this item should be stayed until consideration of the 2015-16 academic calendar and the proposed Board meeting dates could be evaluated.
8. Discussion Items

a. **Introduction to PSU Faculty Association (AFT)**
   Douglas M. Crow, adjunct professor, spoke on behalf of PSUFA President Kelly Cowan. PSUFA is the collective bargaining representative for adjunct faculty (i.e., faculty members with appointments less than 0.5 FTE) at PSU. Crow provided an introduction regarding PSUFA, the role of adjunct faculty at PSU, a description of the bargaining unit, the history of the unit, and current facts and challenges.

b. **Introduction to IATSE (International Association of Theatrical and Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists, and Allied Crafts)**
   This item was deferred to a future meeting.

c. **PSU Foundation Update and Fundraising Priorities**
   Françoise Aylmer, President of the PSU Foundation and PSU Vice President of University Advancement, made a presentation regarding the history of the Foundation, its goals, and plans for sustainable giving. Aylmer’s presentation is available on the Board’s website.

d. **Orientation Session: College of Urban and Public Affairs**
   This item was deferred to a future meeting.

9. **Adjourn**

   Chair Nickerson adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.