Meeting #9
June 11, 2015
University Place Hotel, Willamette Falls Room
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Minutes

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

Board Members Not Present: Peter Stott, Fariborz Maseeh

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of Quorum

Chair Nickerson called the meeting to Order at 12:09 p.m. Roll was taken, a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

2. Open Comment

The following individuals spoke to the Board for three minutes each: Gary Brodowicz, Ethel Timzen, Romain Bonilla, Lu Whipps, Scout Zabel, Alyssa Pagan, Leanne Serbulo, Alley Valkyrie for Brianna Holgate, and Sheena Sisk.

3. Opening Comments and Reports

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

Bob Liebman introduced Gina Greco, Faculty Senate Presiding Officer-Elect, and provided a brief overview of last year’s accomplishments.

b. Comments from Eric Noll, President of the Associated Students of Portland State University, and Rayleen McMillen, Vice President of the Associated Student of Portland State University

Eric Noll and Rayleen McMillen provided a brief overview of the last year as President and Vice-President of ASPSU. They introduced Dana Ghazi and David Martinez. The new student government asked the Board to delay the vote on the Management and Implementation Plan regarding the transition of Campus Public Safety to a bifurcated department with both sworn and unsworn officers
c. Report from the President

The President updated the Board regarding enrollment numbers. Enrollment numbers for Spring Term 2015 are as follows:

- Headcount is 25,765, down 211 or 0.8%
- Student credit hours (SCH) is 261,001, down 1,663 or 0.6%
- Non-resident SCH is up 5.2%
- Resident SCH is down 2.2%

Preliminary numbers for Summer Term 2015 are as follows:

- Headcount is 10,254, up 59 or 0.6%
- SCH: is 82,623, up 397 or 0.5%

New domestic freshman and transfer applications are up 15% from this time last year. Admitted students are up 25% from this time last year. Students who have indicated an intent to enroll is up 10% from this time last year.

New international freshman and transfer applications are up 7% from this time last year. Students who have indicated an intent to enroll is up to 34% from this time last year.

Ten students won Fulbright and Boren grants for international study and four students received the US Department of State critical lingual scholarship

PSU’s Office of Academic Innovation received the national award for Excellence in Constituent Service for the development and implementation of the web-based Adviser Portal tool.

Jennifer Allen, Public Administration, was appointed to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Julie Esparza Brown, Graduate School of Education, won a seat on the Portland Public School Board, Zone 1.

Mark Weislogel, a mechanical engineering professor, graduate student Ryan Jenson, and Ph.D candidate Andrew Wollman, with the help of NASA astronaut Don Pettit, created the Zero-G espresso cup, which was officially launched into space last month.

Four more PSU graduate programs are now ranked among the top 25 in the nation: Biology, Linguistics, Social Work, and Urban and Regional Planning.

Elex Biotech, a startup company co-founded by researchers Drs. Robert Strongin (CLAS/Chemistry) and Jonathan Abramson (CLAS/Physics), received $220,000 to support the development of novel compounds for treatment of arrhythmias.
Laurel Singer (Graduate School of Education) received $414,000 from the Oregon Department of Education in support of the Oregon Early Learning Hub, a coordinating organization that provides educational resources focused on children and families.

Wayne Wakeland (Systems Science) received $185,000 from the Brain Trauma Evidence-based Consortium to develop a clinically useful classification system for traumatic brain injury.

PSU, in collaboration with OHSU, OSU, and U of O, has launched Innovate Collaborate Oregon a searchable technology portal designed to promote interaction between industry and Oregon’s research universities.

The President updated the Board regarding recent fundraising successes. We are planning to launch the silent phase of a $300M campaign in July. The 2015 Wine and Roses was held on May 29 and set a new record with $440,000 in donations, which is $80,000 more than last year.

A construction manager has been hired for the Stott Center project and the design team continues its work. Groundbreaking is scheduled for early 2016 and completion by spring 2018.

We are anticipating design review approval for the School of Business Administration project in July. Groundbreaking is scheduled for late summer (ceremony not scheduled yet) and completion by fall 2017.

A request for proposal seeking development ideas for University Place Hotel property resulted in 2 offers to purchase the property. Upon review, a decision has been made to not sell or develop the property at this time.

The Legislative session is drawing to a close. We expect to receive an additional $15M to $35M above the co-chairs recommendation of $670M for the operations of all 7 institutions for the biennium. We are also asking the Legislature for an additional appropriation in the February 2016 session. If we are able to reach the $755M total appropriation target by the end of the February session, we have agreed to increase tuition for resident undergraduates by no more than 2% for 2016-17. Regarding capital funds, we expect that the Oregon universities will collectively benefit from a deferred maintenance pool in the range of $50M to $71.9M. We also feel very optimistic about the likelihood that the Legislature will approve $55M to $60M in state-issued bonds for Neuberger Hall.

The Annual President’s Diversity Awards ceremony was held on May 20. Seventeen students, faculty, staff, alumni and donors were honored for their leadership in promoting diversity at Portland State University. There are many multicultural graduation ceremonies scheduled to occur over the next week: Honor Day graduation (recognizing Native American, Alaska Native and Asian Pacific Islander graduates); Lavender Graduation (recognizing LGBT graduates); Multicultural Graduation
(recognizing undergraduate and graduate diverse students); and Las Mujeres Latin’s Graduation (recognizing Latino and Latina graduates).

The administration and AAUP’s collective bargaining teams have begun bargaining using an interest-based bargaining (IBB) approach. Both parties agree to continue facilitated bargaining meetings through the summer. The teams have agreed upon ground rules for the negotiations and have identified issues and articles for the initial bargaining session. We believe both teams are committed to the IBB process and also realize that we have some significant challenges ahead of us. There will be a briefing regarding this bargaining process in September. In addition, the administration and PSUFA’s collective bargaining teams have also agreed to utilize an IBB bargaining model and will begin training shortly. SEIU bargaining is continuing at a state-wide level.

Finally, the strategic planning process continue. The 8 topic teams have made considerable progress. There will a writing team that prepares a draft of the plan over the summer. We anticipate a draft plan by October and will report to the Board at the December meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting.

ACTION: Kirkpatrick moved to approve the minutes. Dozano seconded. The vote was unanimous. 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 on April 8, 2015 and May 27, 2015.

At the April 8, 2015 meeting, on behalf of the full Board, the Committee approved the Resolution Approving Internal Financing for School of Business Administration and Stott Center/Viking Pavilion Projects. The resolution is published on the Board’s website. This action was necessary to assure that the University could certify that it had set aside the matching funds necessary for the state to issue the full amount of bonds authorized for the Stott Center and School of Business projects. This was a short-term and time-sensitive need to increase the amount that the University could borrow from its own funds for a particular purpose, and was necessary so that critical capital projects could proceed as planned.

At the May 27, 2015 meeting, on behalf of the full Board, the Committee approved the Resolution Acknowledging Institutional Responsibilities Under Program Participation Agreement Related to Title IV Financial Assistance Programs. The resolution is published on the Board’s website. This action was necessary to comply with US Department of Education requirements that apply when a public university experiences a change in governance. In such a case, the new governing authority is required to acknowledge the institution’s
responsibilities to the federal government as a recipient of federal student aid funds. This was a time-sensitive necessity handled by the Executive and Audit Committee.

In addition, at the May meeting, the Committee received a status report from our Internal Auditor on the status of the annual audit plan and the completed audit of the Athletics department. The Committee finalized a new Policy on the Evaluation of the President, which is on the agenda for full Board approval. And the Committee spent considerable time discussing the President’s contract and is recommending a new three-year contract for the full Board’s approval.

b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Margaret Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met twice since the March Board meeting.

At the committee’s April 7, 2015 meeting, Vice President John Fraire for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs and Provost Sona Andrews presented information about costs and affordability at PSU. The committee also discussed PSU’s Achievement Compact with the State.

At the committee’s May 8, 2015 meeting, the committee approved the B.S. Quantitative Economics Academic Program Proposal. The committee also voted to recommend PSU’s Achievement Compact with the State, which is on the agenda for consideration by the full Board. The committee also received a budget update from an academic and student affairs perspective and was presented with an overview of the School of Public Health Initiative.

c. Finance and Administration Committee

Rick Miller, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 28, 2015. At that meeting, the committee received a briefing regarding the University’s minority, women and emerging small businesses (MWESB) contracting program and statistics and expressed its agreement that the University should continue to expand of purchasing from MWESB contractors. The committee also received a briefing from Penny Burgess, Director of Treasury Operations for the University Shared Services Enterprise (USSE), regarding investment strategies for university funds. The committee reviewed Q3 2014-15 financial reports and a comparison of budget-to-actuals. The committee then spent the remainder of its meeting reviewing the 2015-16 University budget, which is to be presented to the full Board for approval.

6. Action Items

a. Achievement Compact

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends approval by the Board of the University’s 2015-16 Achievement Compact. Provost Sona Andrews explained the purpose and elements of the compact, and the status of legislation that is likely to eliminate the compacts going forward.
ACTION: Hines moved to approve the Achievement Compact as presented. Vernier seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

b. **2015-2016 Budget**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends approval by the Board of the University’s 2015-16 budget. Vice President of Finance and Administration Kevin Reynolds and Alan Finn provided a brief overview of the recommended 2015-16 budget. The proposed budget is balanced and provides units with their current budget plus three percent. The budget forecasts one percent revenue growth, which could be the result of enrollment growth or a change in the mix of students. Revenue from such growth would fund additional student remissions, the cost of the growth itself, and strategic investments. Vice President Reynolds noted that the budget does not spend all available funds, in part because of remaining uncertainties regarding the state appropriation and enrollment.

ACTION: Levin moved to approve the resolution. Vernier seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

c. **Policy on Evaluation of the President**

The Executive and Audit Committee recommends to the Board approval of a new policy regarding presidential evaluation. Chair Nickerson explained the history and the development of the policy. At its meeting on December 11, 2014, the Board requested that the Executive and Audit Committee return to the full Board in June 2015 with a Board policy on presidential evaluation. The policy was prepared in consultation with the President. It is derived from principles and examples contained in the AGB publication Assessing Presidential Effectiveness (Morrill, 2010).

ACTION: Miller moved to approve the policy. Castillo seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

d. **Presidential Contract**

The Executive and Audit Committee recommends to the Board approval of a new three-year employment agreement with Presidential Wim Wiewel. Chair Nickerson explained that the proposed new employment agreement is based on AGB’s Model Employment Agreement for university presidents, modified to incorporate terms from the President’s current contract and Oregon law, as applicable.

ACTION: Castillo moved to approve the contract. Levin seconded.

Gonzalez-Prats moved that the Chair should seek to renegotiate the employment agreement to increase the president’s current salary and to lower the President’s salary upon his return to the faculty to be no greater than the highest paid faculty. Bestpitch seconded the motion.
The vote was two yeas (Gonzalez-Prats, Bestpitch), ten nays (Adarkar, Castillo, Dozono, Hines, Imeson, Kirkpatrick, Levin, Miller, Vernier, Nickerson) and zero abstentions. The motion did not pass.

Hines moved that the Chair should seek to renegotiate the employment agreement so that: 1) the sabbatical terms are the same as the terms generally available to members of the faculty; 2) the difference in salary during a sabbatical be added to the President’s salary during the next three years; and 3) the President’s salary upon joining the faculty after his presidency be $1,000 greater than the then-highest paid faculty member. Gonzalez-Prats seconded the motion.

The vote was three yeas (Bestpitch, Hines, Gonzalez-Prats), nine nays (Adarkar, Castillo, Dozono, Imeson, Kirkpatrick, Levin, Miller, Vernier, Nickerson) and zero abstentions. The motion did not pass.

A vote on the original motion was called for. The vote was nine yeas (Adarkar, Castillo, Dozono, Imeson, Kirkpatrick, Levin, Miller, and Vern), one nay (Gonzalez-Prats), and two abstentions (Bestpitch and Hines).

e. Campus Safety Management and Implementation Plan

The Special Committee on Campus Public Safety recommends to the Board approval of the Management and Implementation Plan regarding transition Campus Public Safety to a bifurcated department with both sworn and unsworn officers.

During the Board discussion, IAC member Marlene Howell asked to address the Board. Howell asked to have her name removed from the report.

ACTION: Castillo moved to approve the report. Levin seconded. The vote was nine yeas (Bestpitch, Castillo, Dozono, Imeson, Kirkpatrick, Levin, Miller, Vernier, Nickerson), three nays (Adarkar, Gonzalez-Prats, Hines), and zero abstentions. The motion passed.

7. Discussion Items

a. Orientation Session: College of the Urban and Public Affairs

Dean Stephen Percy provided an introduction to the College of Urban and Public Affairs.

b. Research and Strategic Partnerships Presentation and Tour

Due to the lateness of the time, Vice President Jon Fink offered to defer his presentation regarding research at PSU and to move instead immediately to a tour of the Science Research and Teaching Center (SRTC) and the laboratory of Dr. Tami Claire. The tour occurred immediately after the meeting adjourned.

8. Adjourn

Chair Nickerson adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.