Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Ben Berry, Erica Bestpitch, Gale Castillo, Sho Dozono, Greg Hinckley, Maude Hines, Tom Imeson, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Antonio Leiva, Irving Levin, Pete Nickerson, Lindsay Stewart, Peter Stott (via phone) Christine Vernier, and Acting President Stephen Percy.

**Board Members Not Present:** Christine Vernier

The meeting was webcast.

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

Chair Castillo called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Roll was taken, a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

2. **Consent Agenda**

   a. Approval of FY20 Internal Audit Plan
   b. Approval of May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes
   c. Approval of Resolution Approving Saint Helens Residence Hall Renovation Project

ACTION: Hinckley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Nickerson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Open Comment**

Sarah Chivers made comments regarding tuition rates and the cost of education at PSU.

Ariana Jacob shared information and concerns regarding adjunct faculty’s place in the PSU community.

Angeline Booth shared concerns about campus public safety.

Olivia Pace shared concerns about campus public safety.

Zia Laboff shared concerns about campus public safety.

Ella Weaver shared concerns about camps public safety.
Mark McLellan, Vice President of Research made updates from his campus units.

4. **Opening Comments and Reports**
   a. **Comments from Associate Students of Portland State University President, Violet Gibson**

   Gibson was unable to attend the meeting.

   b. **Comments from Faculty Senate Presiding Officer Thomas Luckett**

   Thomas Luckett made comments relating to his written report to the Board and an overview of the Faculty Senate’s accomplishments and challenges over the year, as well as current projects they are assessing. He thanked the Academic & Student Affairs Committee for making the faculty senate presiding officer an ex-officio member of the committee.

   c. **Report of the President**

   Acting President Percy reported that the University’s has 4,300 new alumni and that the commencement ceremonies were very successful over the weekend. Chuck Knepfle will be starting in the role of Vice President for Enrollment Management in September.

5. **Report of Standing Committees of the Board**

   a. **Executive & Audit Committee by Chair Gale Castillo**

   1) **Appointment of Interim President**

   Chair Castillo reviewed the Board’s process in selecting an interim president. Nominations, feedback, and selection criteria were solicited from the PSU community and local community. Over 340 responses were received and reviewed. The main themes from the feedback included: familiarity with the PSU community, an internal person, integrity, honesty, humility, collaborative, consensus builder, stable leadership, caretaker, diversity and equity commitment, promote healing, financial savvy, commitment to student wellness, political savvy, able to generate donations. The nominations for Stephen Percy far exceeded any other candidate.

   **ACTION:** Dozono made a motion to appoint Stephen Percy as Interim President. Hines seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

   2) **Appointment of Board Officers**

   With Chair Castillo’s departure from the Board, a recommendation was made that Hinckley take the role of Chair and Kirkpatrick take the role of Vice Chair.
ACTION: Imeson made a motion to approve the appointments. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Hinckley thanked the group for the confidence and noted he is pleased to serve in this role.

The group thanked Castillo and Hines for their service.

b. **Academic & Student Affairs Committee by Margaret Kirkpatrick**

Kirkpatrick reported that the committee met on June 6, 2019. The committee received a briefing on the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) accreditation compliance and the substantial progress made in increasing the assessment of student learning. They also heard updates from several student success areas, as well as, from Michele Toppe’s Student Affairs team. With the new organizational structure, they are in a good position to tackle barriers to student success.

c. **Finance and Administration Committee by Irving Levin**

Levin noted the committee met on June 12, 2019 to look at tuition and the FY20 Operating budget.

Percy thanked all the university advocates for their hard work in Salem. He also noted that leadership is aware of the financial challenges that our student face.

Kevin Reynolds, Vice President of Finance & Administration, reviewed the materials for the FY19-20 Operating Budget and the revised Tuition Rates for 19-20. He noted that the Public University Support Fund (PUSF) for 2019-21 will now be increased to $100 million over the 2017-19 allocation. The Board approved a resident undergraduate tuition increase of 11.11% based on an increase of $40.5 million to the PUSF. At the current HB5024 funding level, resident undergraduate tuition would increase 6.5%. The University is proposing a change to the tuition proposal that sets the resident undergraduate tuition increase at 4.97% if the PUSF increase by $100 million. The President does not recommend revision to the previously approved tuition rates for graduate or non-resident students or to the previously approved mandatory fees.

Levin noted 4.9% is a very good alternative to the 11%, but there will be a cost.

If tuition were increased over 5%, the University would need approval from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. It was determined that keeping tuition low and stabilizing the leadership of the University should be a priority at this time. Reynolds noted the University has been trying to build reserves and this will preclude us from doing that this year. There will be no funds available for mitigating an enrollment drop. Castillo commended the finance staff for their tremendous accuracy and projections.

1) **Resolution Approving Revised Tuition Rates**

ACTION: Berry made a motion to approve the revised tuition rates. Dozono seconded. Leviya voted against the motion, Berry, Bestpitch, Castillo, Dozono, Hines, Hinckly, Imeson, Kirkpatrick, Levin, Nickerson, Stweart, and Stott voted in favor.
2) Resolution Approving FY2019-20 Operating Budget

ACTION: Nickerson made a motion to approve the FY19-20 Operating Budget. Stewart seconded and it passed unanimously. Hines abstained from voting.

The Board took a break from 10:17am to 10:30am.

6. Discussion and Presentations
   a. Dreamers Presentation

Based on the feedback from the May 13, 2019 meeting, Acting President Percy asked Julie Caron, Interim Vice President of Global Diversity & Inclusion to share with the Board what is currently being done on campus to support Dreamers and undocumented students. Caron made a presentation about current services, including the Dreamers webpage. A newly formed committee of key stakeholders will learn about the students’ vision for a Center at PSU and they hope to visit the PCC Dreamers Center, as well. The committee is excited and committed to moving forward.

Oscar Fernandez, faculty in the University Studies Department, is the advisor for the Dreamers Club at PSU. He shared a letter from the students that outlined their requests.

Discussion noted that it is not possible to identify the number of Dreamer students on campus, as PSU does not collect that information and students are not inclined to provide it. Through Student Legal Services, students can connect with an immigration attorney, or other resources. While Latinx represents the largest population of undocumented people in the region, the second highest in Oregon is Chinese, and there are student from other areas of the world as well.

b. Campus Safety Update

Acting President Percy shared that, having been a member of the campus community for five years, he is aware of the depth of concern around campus public safety. Over the summer, he and his executive council will be reviewing the recommendations from committees and reports and will deliberate together. In the Fall Percy will present a plan to the Board. Percy noted that the uncertainty around the plan the additional delay is difficult and, and he recognizes the need to move forward. Due to his short tenure in the presidential role, and with the complex and sensitive nature, the additional summer months are necessary for his assessment of the situation.

7. Meeting Review and Action Items

No items at this time.

8. Adjourn

Chair Castillo adjourned the meeting at 11:09am.