Minutes

Board Members Present: Swati Adarkar, Erica Bestpitch, Gale Castillo, Sho Dozono, Maude Hines, Irving Levin, Rick Miller (by phone), Stephanie Shao, Lindsay Stewart, Peter Stott, Christine Vernier, Chair Nickerson and President Wiewel (ex-officio)

Board Members Not Present: Thomas Imeson and Margaret Kirkpatrick.

Incoming Board member Gregory Hinckley was present. His term as trustee begins July 1, 2017.

The meeting was webcast.

1. Call to Order/Roll/ Declaration of Quorum

Chair Nickerson called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. Roll was taken, a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

2. Open Comment

James Partridge signed up for open comment and was invited to speak to the Board. He expressed his support for a $15 minimum wage for all student workers on campus.

3. Opening Comments and Reports

   a. Comments from Presiding Officer of the Portland State University Faculty Senate

Professor Michael Clark made comments about the Faculty Senate's priorities concerning on-line teaching protocols and establishing quality checks; and its focus on advising and retention.

   b. Comments from the Associated Students of Portland State University

ASPSU President Brent Finkbeiner and Vice President Donald Thompson III introduced themselves and explained ASPSU’s priorities regarding affordability, accessibility and accountability. ASPSU requested an opportunity to give regular updates to the Board. Trustee Vernier invited Finkbeiner and Thompson to attend the Academic & Student Affairs Committee meetings.
4. Reports of Standing Committees of the Board

   a. Executive & Audit Committee

Pete Nickerson, Chair of the Executive and Audit Committee, reported that the committee met on June 6, 2017, reviewed and approved and now recommends the 2017-18 Internal Audit Plan and Delegation Policy for adoption by the Board. The committee also received an Internal Audit update.

   b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Provost Sona Andrews reported on the activities of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on behalf of committee chair Margaret Kirkpatrick. The committee met on June 6, 2017. The committee, acting for the Board, approved a new BA/BS degree program in Sonic Arts and Music Production, and a new BA/BS degree program in Sexuality, Gender and Queer Studies. The committee also engaged in a discussion about the amended committee charter and discussed enrollment activities and KPIs for the strategic plan to guide the committee’s work.

   c. Finance and Administration Committee

Christine Vernier, Vice Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported that the committee met on June 1, 2017. The committee approved and recommends the Resolution for Cramer Hall Building System Upgrades and the Resolution Recommending Approval of FY17-18 Budget to the full Board for adoption. The committee also reviewed the Q3 Financial Report and the Auxiliary Report on Housing.

5. Consent Agenda

   a. Approval of Minutes from the April 11, 2017 Meeting
   b. Approval of Minutes from the May 15, 2017 Meeting
   c. Approval of Minutes from the May 23, 2017 Meeting
   d. Resolution Approving Cramer Hall Building System Improvement Project
   e. Revised Academic and Student Affairs Committee Charter
   f. FY 2017-18 Internal Audit Plan

Chair Nickerson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

ACTION: Stott made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Hines seconded. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

6. Action Items

   a. Approval of FY 2017-18 University Budget

Vice President Kevin Reynolds explained how the budget was developed using the Governor’s recommended budget, tuition rates approved by the Board on April 11, 2017, and declining enrollment as noted in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning’s five year forecast.
Reynolds noted that there will be minor non-material changes to the numbers and that the balanced budget aligns with the strategic plan. The meeting materials and PowerPoint Presentation provides the details of the FY2017-18 Operation Budget. The Finance and Administration Committee unanimously recommends the Board approve the FY2017-18 University Budget.

ACTION: Dozono made a motion to approve the Resolution Concerning University FY 17-18 Operating Budget. Castillo seconded. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

b. Policy Regarding the Roles of the Board, President and Faculty, Shared Governance and Academic Freedom

Board Secretary David Reese reviewed the key elements of the policy and the process used to develop the policy. Reese thanked Trustee Maude Hines, Faculty Senate Presiding Officer Brad Hansen, and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee for their assistance with the policy. The Executive and Audit Committee unanimously recommends approval of the policy.

ACTION: Stewart made a motion to adopt the Policy Regarding the Roles of the Board, President and Faculty, Shared Governance and Academic Freedom. Vernier seconded. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

The Board took a 10 minute break.

7. Report from the President

President Wiewel highlighted certain aspects of his written report and the semi-annual report to the board regarding implementation of the December 2014 resolution regarding campus public safety and its impact on the campus and its students, faculty, and staff.

8. Discussion Item

a. Academic Innovation and Student Success Initiatives

Vice Provost Sukhwant Jhaj provided the Board with an overview of Office of Academic Affairs innovation and student success initiatives. Highlights from reThink PSU projects were discussed, particularly initiatives that reduce barriers, improve services to students, and strengthen advising. Such initiatives are critical to the retention and graduation of students and help to build strong relationships with and experiences for PSU students.

9. Recognitions

The Chair of the Board and the President recognized outgoing trustee Swati Adarkar for her dedicated service to the Board and to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Adarkar’s term of appointment ends on June 30.

President Wiewel and all trustees recognized Pete Nickerson’s service as Chair of the Board. Nickerson’s term as chair ends on June 30.
Trustees also recognized President Wiewel, for whom this is the last regular scheduled Board meeting.

10. Adjourn

Chair Nickerson adjourned the meeting at 3:39 pm.