
Executive Committee Minutes

Trustees Present:

John Davis, Chair	Kelley Minty	Vince Jones
Celia Núñez	Fred Ziari	Jeremy Brown
President Nagi Naganathan (<i>ex officio</i>)		

1. **Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** *Chair John Davis*
Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm. The Board Secretary called roll, and a quorum was declared.
2. **Action Item** *Chair John Davis*
 - 2.1 **Discussion and Recommendation to the Governor: At-Large Member Nominees to the Board of Trustees**
 - Chair Davis shared that this is a time-sensitive topic as the Governor's office has asked for applications and recommendations next week. This meeting is to discuss and review the applications that have been received. He provided the history of the appointment process. Oregon Tech has five at-large positions that will be open, and the executive committee provides recommendations to the Governor for trustees. The attributes that the Board identified are diversity, equity, inclusion, and having a Board with diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, as well as geographic diversity.
 - Trustee Minty wanted to underscore the importance of Klamath representation. She does not want us to lose sight that the Klamath Falls campus is essential to the Klamath Falls community.
 - Trustee Núñez echoed what Trustee Minty just shared. She added that we consider the diversity, perspective, and representation the applicant would bring to the Board of Trustees.
 - Trustee Jones shared the importance of diversity on the Board: including personality, background, perspective, and geographical areas. These contribute to the discussion and functionality of the Board. He also emphasized the importance of having alums from Oregon Tech on the Board.
 - Chair Davis also acknowledged that the Board is losing Trustee Kathleen Hill, who is a member of The Klamath Tribes, and that it is very important that we have representation from The Klamath Tribes.

- Chair Davis advised there are eight applications for the five open at-large positions. The board chair and president have reviewed the applications and have six they are recommending to the committee for review.
 - Chair Davis advised a current active faculty member has applied for an at-large position that needs discussion. Chair Davis advised the Board already has a current faculty member as the designated faculty position. Chair Davis asked for feedback from the executive committee.
 - Trustee Núñez said appointments are explicitly made for different representations, and the Board already has a faculty member to represent the faculty. There are other avenues in place, and if this faculty member is still interested, they will have an opportunity to submit an application for the faculty board position when it comes open.
- **Applicant Review:**
 - Chair Davis requested President Naganathan to share a brief background on each applicant.

Cecelia Amuchastegui

Cecelia ‘Cec’ Amuchastegui is an accomplished former K-12 educator and a Klamath Falls resident. She brings a valuable perspective and is actively engaged with the Klamath Falls community. She has also interacted with Oregon Tech through strategic planning processes and other modalities. Trustee Minty added that Cec Amuchastegui is well-known in Klamath Falls, is a powerhouse, has many local contacts, and would do an excellent job as a trustee for Oregon Tech. Chair Davis also recognized that Cec Amuchastegui was involved in creating Klamath Community College.

David Cauble

David Cauble is the President and CEO of Sky Lakes Medical Center, which is an integral partner with Oregon Tech. Cauble is an experienced health professional who worked in multiple states before coming to Klamath Falls. He is engaged in the community, understands the value of Oregon Tech, and wants to make a difference. He has also served as a member of the University of Missouri – Kansas City Board of Trustees. He also has considerable experience with healthcare institutions focused on children, one of Governor Kotek's priorities. Chair Davis acknowledged Cauble's leadership of Sky Lakes, which is one of the biggest employers of Oregon Tech graduates. Chair Davis also pointed out that Cauble is trained as a CFO and accountant and has served on nonprofit boards. That experience will be invaluable for the Oregon Tech Board.

Dr. Vijay Dhir

D. Vijay Dhir is the former dean of the UCLA School of Engineering and Applied Science and is still an active faculty member at UCLA. He is a first-generation immigrant from India. Dr. Dhir currently serves on a board for NASA and other prestigious national organizations such as the National Academy of Sciences. Chair Davis added that Dr. Dhir strongly desires to give back and contribute. President Naganathan added with Trustee Jeremy Brown leaving the Board, the Board is losing a very important academic voice in physical sciences, and Dr. Dhir could fill that role. Dr. Dhir is a member of the

National Academy of Engineering, which is the highest honor any engineering professional can seek. Dr. Dhir is very passionate about polytechnic education and an impressive professional with a heart for service.

Dr. Johnnie Early

Dr. Johnnie Early is the current dean of Florida A&M College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; this is his third deanship. He has a long list of accomplishments. As an African American academic professional, he brings a very important and diverse perspective, having worked in many different institutions. President Naganathan added that Dr. Early brings multi-state experience as an academic administrator and health professional. He was also recently invited to the membership of the Purdue University School of Health Sciences Advisory Board at Purdue University.

Don Gentry

Don Gentry served on The Klamath Tribes board and has been active with the tribal government for many years and recently retired as chairman. He has an impressive background, given his leadership role with The Klamath Tribes. President Naganathan shared that Don Gentry is a voice of reason and is well respected all around. Trustee Minty spoke of how respected Don Gentry is in the Klamath Basin and his ability to navigate conflict.

Marla Miller

Marla Miller is a Klamath Falls resident, former faculty member, and administrator at Oregon Tech. She has worked in health care in the Portland Metro and Klamath Falls. In addition, Miller has experience in nonprofit and local communities. Miller was also a Faculty Senate president at Oregon Tech.

- Chair Davis restated that there are five open at-large seats, and he and President Naganathan recommend forwarding the above six applicants for recommendation to the Governor's office. In addition, there will be openings for staff and student positions, which is not part of this process. A stakeholder committee will review applications and make recommendations to the university president, who will then bring his recommendation to the executive committee.
- Chair Davis and President Naganathan added that we have a new governor with new staff in her office. They are unsure how the appointment process will proceed and what kind of timeline we are looking at for a response to the recommendations.
- Chair Davis requested that the committee identify the candidates they agree on and forward those today to the Governor's office and then inquire from the Governor's office what the process for the remainder will be.
- Chair Davis summarized the discussion identifying the five candidates for recommendation to the Governor's office: Cec Amuchastegui, David Cauble, Dr. Vijay Dhir, Dr. Johnnie Early, and Don Gentry.

MOTION: The executive committee, with five positions open, would submit five candidates to the Governor's office as our formal recommendation: Cec Amuchastegui, David Cauble, Dr. Vijay Dhir, Dr. Johnnie Early, and Don Gentry.

Moved by Chair John Davis; Seconded by Trustee Minty

- Trustee Brown encouraged that when the executive committee puts names forward, the strongest possible case needs to be made so there is a logic for people to see for the recommendation.
- Chair Davis advised he needed to amend the motion to ask for authority for the president and himself to complete the paperwork on behalf of the executive committee, which includes an expression of why each person is an appropriate recommendation.

Amended MOTION for these five candidates to be forwarded and that the president and board chair be given authority to complete and direct the recommendation to the Governor's office with the cover documentation and the rationale behind each of these recommendations.

Moved by Chair John Davis; Seconded by Trustee Minty

Roll Call vote

Chair Davis - aye, Trustee Brown - aye, Trustee Jones - aye, Trustee Minty - aye, Trustee Nunez – aye. The motion passed.

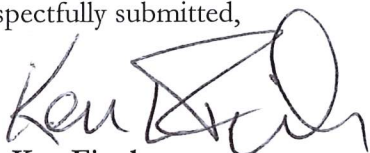
3 Other Business/New Business

- Chair Davis provided an update regarding a tour of the Portland Metro Campus with legislators who represent Oregon Tech. The legislators also participated in a roundtable panel. President Naganathan said they discussed affordability, budgetary challenges, and return on investment.
- President Naganathan and Chair Davis testified with the House Rules Committee regarding the 75th anniversary of Oregon Tech, using this as an opportunity to raise awareness of Oregon Tech.
- Trustee Jones acknowledged the importance of the efforts of President Naganathan and Chair Davis with the legislature.
- Trustees also reflected on their experiences on the Board. Trustee Jones thanked Trustee Minty for her service on the Board and Trustee Brown for his contribution and support, while Trustee Jones served as interim board chair. Trustee Brown added that he is most proud of the appointment of President Naganathan as the university president while he was on the Board.
- Chair Davis shared that there is a ribbon cutting for the new OMIC R&D additive manufacturing center.
- Trustee Brown advised moving forward, he would like the Board to reach out more internally at Oregon Tech and community engagements. He also spoke about the importance of a more holistic approach in combining the academic and financial sides while assessing the sustainability of programs.
- Chair Davis informed the Executive Committee they would receive a resolution from the faculty senate. Chair Davis provided some background regarding the resolution. The resolution expresses concern regarding the attrition of Oregon Tech faculty. The trustees discussed the resolution.

- Chair Davis also discussed his most recent trip to the Klamath Falls campus. He spent a full day visiting with stakeholders, including the Faculty Senate, ASOIT, Administrative Council, and senior leadership. Chair Davis also restated his commitment to maintaining an open relationship with faculty senate leadership. Chair Davis said in his meetings with the administrative council and ASOIT, he sensed that they were very positive about Oregon Tech's direction.

Adjournment: 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Fincher". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "K" and "F".

Dr. Ken Fincher

Vice President University Advancement & Interim Board Secretary

