

## Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** (10:00 am) (10 min) *Chair John Davis*
2. **Consent Agenda** (10:10 am) (5 min) *Chair Davis*
  - 2.1 **Approval of the Minutes from the January 2023 and March 2023 Meetings**
3. **Reports**
  - 3.1 **Government Relations Update** (10:15 am) (20 min) *AVP of Government Relations  
Kimberly Koops*
4. **Discussion**
  - 4.1 **Faculty Senate Resolution** (10:35 am) (20 min) *Chair Davis*
5. **Other Business/New Business** (10:55 am) *Chair Davis*
6. **Adjournment** (11:00 am)

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## Executive Committee Minutes

### Trustees Present:

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

### Trustees Unable to Attend:

Celia Núñez

### Other Trustees in Attendance:

Michele Vitali	Kathleen Hill	Phong Nguyen
Mason Wichmann	Jill Mason	

### University Staff and Faculty Present in person:

Abdy Afjeh, Vice Provost-Research & Academic Affairs  
Ken Fincher, Vice President University Advancement  
Craig Campbell, Executive Director OMIC R&D  
David Groff, General Counsel & Interim Board Secretary  
John Harman, Vice President Finance & Administration  
Michelle Meyer, Director of Audit & Compliance-Business Affairs  
Joanna Mott, Provost & VP of Academic Affairs  
Josephine Ness, Director of Admissions  
Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant to the President  
Bryan Wada, Information Technology Consultant 2  
Lori Garrard, Executive Assistant to VP of University Advancement  
Riley, Ambrose, Oregon Tech  
Betsy Johnson, Former Oregon State Senator  
Tom Keyser, Dean College of Engineering, Technology & Management  
Dan Peterson, Dean College of Health, Arts & Sciences  
Erin Foley, Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students  
Alan Polaski, President of Oregon Tech Foundation  
Billy Kimmel, President ASOIT

- 1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** *Chair John Davis*  
**Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The Board Secretary called roll and**

a quorum was declared.

2. **Consent Agenda** *Chair, John Davis*

2.1 **Approve Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Meeting**

No changes voiced. Minutes approved as submitted.

Senator Betsy Johnson was in attendance. A gift to honor her collaboration with Oregon Tech and OMIC was presented to her by Chair Davis and President Naganathan. Senator Johnson expressed her gratitude and stated she would continue to be a champion for Oregon Tech and OMIC.

3. **Action Items - None**

4. **Discussion Items**

4.1 **Oregon Manufacturing and Innovation Center R&D (OMIC R&D)** *Craig Campbell, Executive Director, OMIC*

- **Executive Director Craig Campbell** shared his PowerPoint presentation and thanked Betsy Johnson again for her involvement in the funding of OMIC. He gave a brief history on how OMIC began.
- Craig Campbell presented the board with a small gift created by DeArmond Fellows, who work at OMIC.
- Craig Campbell explained that there are general research projects and specific research projects.
- Craig Campbell explained intellectual property rights to members. **Trustee Ziari** asked about contracts and collaboration that include intellectual property. Craig Campbell stated that OMIC is not interested in the IP because their primary goal is to help manufacture, and IP rights adds at least six months to the contract negotiations. **Trustee Brown** asked how OMIC manages the different cost recovery rates from the various universities. Campbell advised that they have rates that get applied and contracts in place that they use as templates.
- Craig Campbell provided many examples of general research projects being conducted at OMIC.
- OMIC does not take any money from the Oregon Tech budget. Their funding is from the State of Oregon and funds from the research they do.
- In the first six years of OMIC, \$65 million has been received in direct and indirect funding for its operational and capital needs since the opening of OMIC R&D.
- Craig Campbell shared about the new OMIC additive center and expects it to be operational in the next two weeks.
- **Chair Davis** asked how we can bridge the gap between industry and research and our students/faculty. Craig Campbell said the Boeing lab in Klamath Falls is a significant step and will help with research being conducted at OMIC. OMIC finds there is a challenge that students are looking for projects that fit their classes, and at times there is not a project like that happening at OMIC. They are also looking for creative solutions on housing for students to conduct internships and project research while at OMIC. OMIC can hire students other than just the DeArmond students/fellows.
- **Trustee Brown** discussed the value of having experience for high school students at OMIC. Craig Campbell stated they have a program in place to inform teachers, including hosting camps and software. OMIC has offered to do software training, including

- possible travel to local high schools.
- **President Naganathan** asked Craig to comment about the center for excellence planning and OMIC's partnership with Kingsley Field. Campbell advised that it is focused on the additive side. They are evaluating businesses and assessing other research and development centers around the United States to see if there is anything similar to what OMIC does. That will all be included in a proposal for OMIC to be designated as a center for innovation excellence. Chair Davis asked what that designation would mean for OMIC, and Campbell advised it would bring revenue and status to OMIC.
  - **Craig Campbell** talked about the collaboration with Kingsley as they are trying to create high-wear parts for F15s, and OMIC can assist them by using additive manufacturing.

**5. Other Business/New Business**

**Chair Davis** addressed changes to the agenda for the full board meeting. Added to the consent agenda was the adoption of the academic master plan, the DICE report has been changed to a written report, and there will not be a faculty senate presentation.

**6. Adjournment: 10:22 am**

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## 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

# Government Relations Update

Kimberly Koops, JD

Assistant Vice President, Government Relations  
Board of Trustees Meeting | April 13, 2023

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*Celebrating 75 Years of Applied Learning*

# State Agenda

## Public University

### Priorities



Oregon House Higher Education Committee Meeting  
Trustee Bird and President Naganathan attending  
February 2, 2023

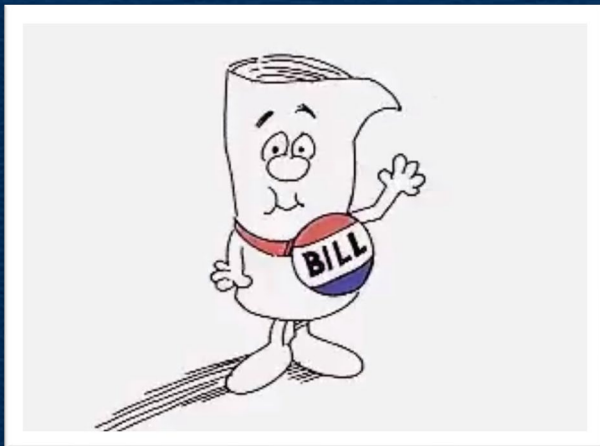
- \$1.05 billion for the Public University Support Fund
- \$400 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant
- \$5 million for Benefits Navigators
- Funding for Strong Start/Summer Bridge
- Continued funding for Tribal Student Grants
- \$5.2 million for Open Education Resources
- Semiconductor talent/workforce development investments

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# Notable (State) Bills

*Oregon's Public Universities are collectively tracking more than 2,000 bills this session.*



- SB 262 – Caps Oregon Promise
- SB 416 – Requires universities and community colleges to pay part-time faculty the same hourly rate as full-time faculty
- SB 523 – Authorizes HECC to approve BSN degrees offered by community colleges
- HB 2472 – Fan behavior at athletics events
- HB 3456 – Sexual Misconduct Survey Council
- HB 2265A – Task Force on Post-Secondary Education Funding

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# Notable (State) Bills

## SB 273: Governance

- Expands boards
- Adds graduate student, and non-voting members
- Charges boards with adopting policies from MOU
- Prohibits students from participating in collective bargaining discussions
- Read more [here](#).

- Not a new conversation
- All universities working on this together
- Trustees, Presidents, General Counsels, serving on workgroup

Passed out of Senate  
Education 4/4/23

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# State Agenda

## Oregon Tech

### Priorities



Oregon House 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Passage  
ASOIT President Kimmel and President Naganathan  
with Reps. Neron, Reschke, & McIntire  
March 16, 2023

- \$18 million Capital Project Request for Emergency Geothermal System Renovations
- \$15 million for Technical & Regional University Sustainability
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution

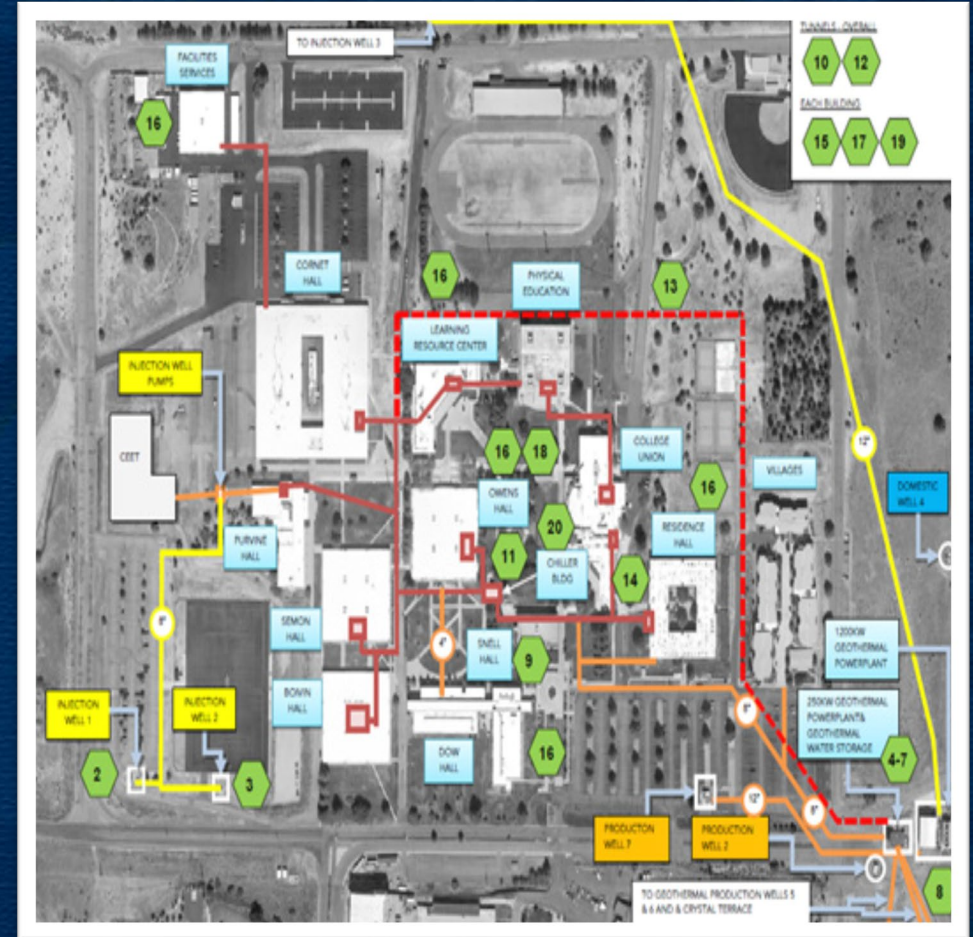
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# State Agenda

## Oregon Tech

### TAKE HOME Priority



## Emergency Geothermal Renovation Request

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Celebrating 75 Years of Applied Learning

# State Affairs Oregon Tech Engagement



Oregon Senate President Wagner  
& President Naganathan  
March 16, 2023



Rep. Emerson Levy visiting OT-KF  
with Dr. Tim Pasang, ASOIT President  
Sasha Rabich, & President Naganathan  
February 3, 2023



Senator Aaron Woods visiting OT-PM  
with Kendal Marks, Kim Faks, Veteran  
Students, & President Naganathan  
February 17, 2023



Rep. Courtney Neron, Rapid Prototyping Lab  
Student Manager Joe Martin, and  
Rep. Emily McIntire  
March 17, 2023



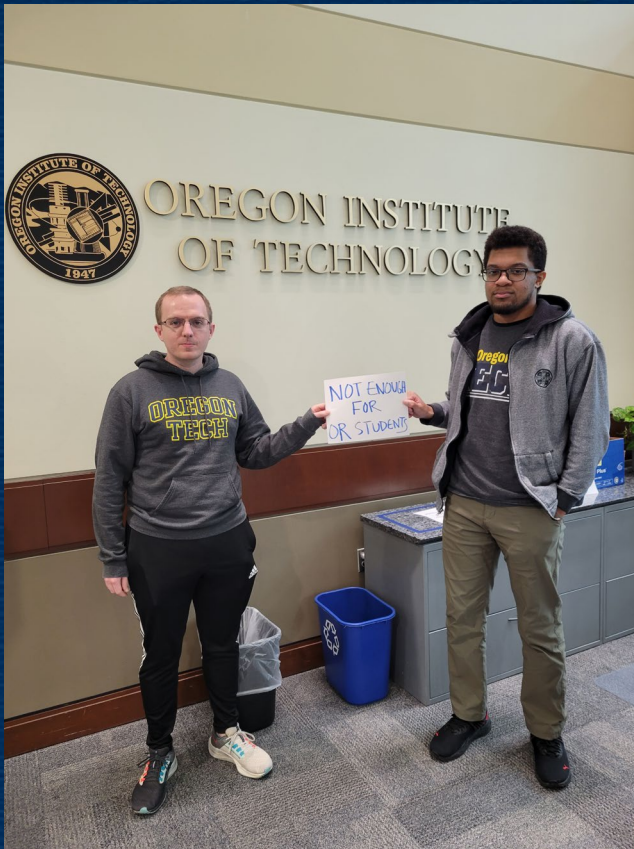
President Naganathan &  
OT-PM Librarian Kristin Whitman  
House Rules Committee - March 9, 2023

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## Budget Advocacy: Where We're At



- Governor's Requested Budget included \$933 million for the PUSF
- Co-Chairs Framework included \$947 million (2.5% cut from Current Service Level (CSL))
- It's critical that we advocate for a higher funding level.

# We Need YOU to Advocate for Oregon Tech.

Join us for a Lobby Day

- TRU Day at the Capitol: May 4, 2023
- Polytechnic Pride Day: May 23, 2023

Testify in support of Oregon Tech funding

- April 25, 26, 27 (in Salem or remotely via Microsoft Teams)



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# Federal Agenda

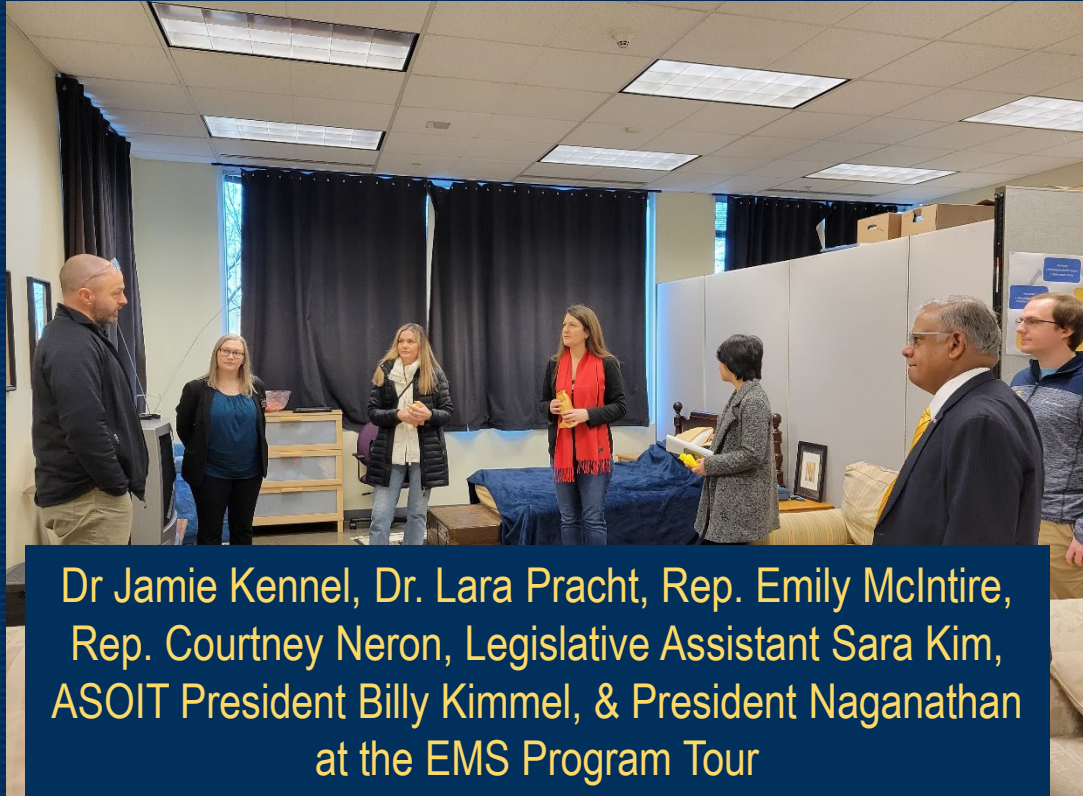
- Increased agency funding
- Doubling the Federal Pell Grant
- Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Requests



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# Congressionally Directed Spending Requests



Dr Jamie Kennel, Dr. Lara Pracht, Rep. Emily McIntire, Rep. Courtney Neron, Legislative Assistant Sara Kim, ASOIT President Billy Kimmel, & President Naganathan at the EMS Program Tour  
March 17, 2023

- Thin Films Research Center (Professors Derrick Speaks, Arief Budiman)
- Addressing care disparities in Emergency Medical Services Care (Professor Jamie Kennel)

# Program Requests & Congressional Add



With Senator Merkley  
March 23, 2023

- Monitoring Habitat Use of Endangered Lost River Sucker and Short Nose Sucker in Klamath Basin (Professor Nate Bickford)
- Air Quality Monitoring and Assessing Health Effects of Wildfires (Professor Kyle Chapman)
- Mountain Bird Research Lab (Professor Jherime Kellerman)
- Geospatial Research and Applications Center (Professors Jack Walker, Su Jin Lee)
- Wildlife Response to Post Fire Restoration Practices (Professor Nate Bickford)
- Scanning and Additive Manufacturing (Congressional add - OMIC)

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# Federal Affairs | Oregon Tech Engagement



With Senator Merkley (3/23/23)



With Congresswoman  
Bonamici (3/23/23)



With Congresswoman Salinas  
(3/23/23)



With Congresswoman  
Val Hoyle (3/22/23)



With Congressman Cliff Bentz  
(3/22/23)

***“Dr. Nagi goes to Washington”***

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# Community Relations



**Wilsonville Mayor & Councilors Tour PM Campus  
April 3, 2023**



# The Next 75 Years

- Strategic engagement plan for Government Relations
- Regular engagement with stakeholders at all levels of government
- Participation in national coalitions
- Building powerful allies in the Capitol
- Intentional mobilization of student and alumni advocates



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# Questions?

Contact Kimberly Koops at [Kimberly.koops@oit.edu](mailto:Kimberly.koops@oit.edu) if you have any questions or want to get more involved in our advocacy efforts to support students and our institution.

