

The Oregon Tech Board of Trustees held a Board meeting Friday, January 12, 2024. The Board agenda included three action items.



Soderstrom – Facilities Master Plan Report, Vice President John Harman

The Board passed a motion to approve the Facilities Master Plan.

The Facilities Master Plan establishes a framework for prescribed growth and development of capital improvements and additions and is designed to be responsive to current and future needs, while being sufficiently flexible to accommodate changes that may occur. The FMP also aligns physical, spatial and fiscal objectives in support of the University's Strategic Plan. Future expansion and improvements at Oregon Tech campuses are vital to continued academic, research and student success. The plan describes the recommended development of facilities, available land and infrastructure consistent with the mission of the University. The approval does not require action on any developments demonstrated in the plan.

Eide Bailly – Risk Assessment and Multi-Year Audit Plan, Vice President John Harman

The board passed a motion to approve the Risk Assessment and Multi-Year Audit Plan developed by Eide Bailly, LLP | CPAs and Business Advisors, a public accounting firm based in Fargo, North Dakota.

Implementing a Risk Assessment and Multi-Year Audit Plan is an essential step in effective internal audit planning is performing the risk assessment. Over the past several months, and since presenting to the Board in October 2023, Eide Bailly has engaged in discussions with the President, the Chair of the Audit Committee, the previous internal auditors, members of leadership and other staff and stakeholders in gathering information and assessing university risks. Following these inclusive discussions, Eide Bailly developed its Risk Assessment report. This document served as an important reference tool for Eide Bailly in developing the proposed Multi-Year Audit Plan and will inform both audit project prioritization and the determination of the internal audit resources necessary to perform specific audit projects.

Senate Bill 273 Policy Revisions and Updates, Chair John Davis and General Counsel Dave Groff

The board passed a motion to approve adoption of a resolution implementing Senate Bill 273 (2023), amending, and adopting certain bylaws and policies in order to adopt statutory changes related to public university governing boards.

The 2023 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed, and Governor Tina Kotek signed Senate Bill 273 (SB 273) in law. SB 273 alters the composition of governing boards at public universities and establishes processes by which undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and nonfaculty staff may be nominated for membership on the governing boards, with candidates' names provided to the Governor for consideration, and requires governing boards to formally adopt enumerated policies regarding university governance.

The next Oregon Tech Board of Trustees meeting is planned for April 2024 at the Klamath Falls campus.



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