



**MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY  
June 4, 2015 10:00-12:00 pm  
Alumni Room, Ackerman Hall 208**

**Board Members:**

*Present:* George Mendoza, Patricia Hinton, Dixie Lund, Cheryl Martin, Elsie Praeger-Goller, Jer Pratton

*Absent:* Jay Kenton

*Quorum present:* Yes

*Others Present:*

Angie Adams, Molly Burke, Bobbie Conner, Xavier Romano, Sarah Witte

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair, George Mendoza.

**Action Items:**

Minutes from the April 3, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. MOTION to accept as written; seconded and passed.

**Discussion Items:**

*Vice President Xavier Romano's Report:*

VP Romano briefly described the transitions currently underway in Student Services to include: having a new food services provider (Sodexo) beginning in August, new Director of Residence Life, Jeremy David Jones, preparing for Commencement while at the same time recruiting for fall 2015 and strategizing for fall 2016. A brief discussion ensued regarding the plans for Orientation Week.

VP Romano then introduced Matt Chatham (an EOU student working on his triple major in PPE, Economics and Mathematics) who conducted a student involvement survey during winter term 2015 of the on-campus student population. Mr. Chatham's presentation included time for discussion as the various data points were revealed. The Committee was provided an electronic copy of the entire report containing all data collected prior to this meeting. Highlights of the discussion included recognizing the untapped potential of students regarding volunteer service, identifying "best times" for successful events based upon the data collected, person-to-person (aka word of mouth) appears to be best form of communicating events, recognizing that many first-generation students may be reluctant to volunteer for leadership roles in clubs and organizations outside their classroom responsibilities and ideas for collaborating with local businesses for special activities, e.g., EOU Day at Anthony Lakes or a Ride the Rails day in Wallowa County. Provost Witte also suggested the potential for tailoring faculty development during their fall term orientation week to include using results of this survey to identify learning outcomes for the classroom.

Mr. Chatham was thanked for his presentation and complimented on the thoroughness of his research.

### **Academic Affairs**

Provost Witte presented an overview of “Where We Are” highlighting programming changes currently under consideration, the restructuring in response to the Sustainability Plan and the creation of a 2-year course rotation in a published 4-year schedule to assist in developing achievable plans for degree completion. Witte shared that the following programs were being brought to the Board for approval, Communications Studies, Politics and Economics, and the BAS in Business Administration. Following approval from the Board, programs will be approved at HECC in August before being fully approved.

Discussion ensued following a presentation of “Academic Affairs: Where We Are Going” regarding potential for development of new mission statement and revisiting new core themes, measurable objectives and indicators of success. Mrs. Witte noted HECC has asked EOU to review the mission next year. Witte reiterates that revising the mission is “no small matter”. It is important to consider how it is interconnected throughout the university and all programs.

Consideration is being given to onsite programming at regional centers due to changes in program enrollment and the exploration of new markets in Washington and Idaho.

### **Open Forum**

The Committee reviewed a handout of a proposed schedule of meetings which was developed in collaboration with the Finance Committee due to the President serving on both committees. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Angie Adams and Molly Burke