



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY
October 22, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Inlow Hall 108**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Mendoza called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Roll call was taken with the following being present: George Mendoza, Dixie Lund, Cheryl Martin, and Elsie Praeger-Goller.

Also present was: Sarah Witte (Provost), Xavier Romano (VP Student Services), guests: Dan Mielke (Interim Dean Colleges of Business and Education), James Biederbeck (guest of Elsie Praeger-Goller), and support staff Angie Adams and Molly Burke.

Action Items:

Dean Mielke gave a brief overview of the program first developed from the agency, Academic Innovation, which has a twenty year history. Mielke participated in a workshop a few years ago and that is when he became familiar with the programming. He was approached last January about EOU constructing a graduate certificate that could be used as a training program.

Students who take advantage of the certificate are recognized as a trainer for Academic Innovations. They will also be able to apply credits towards their Master degree.

EOU will be the exclusive provider in the nation providing the Certificate.

Praeger-Goller asks about the need in our region and how likely it is that the market will be saturated. Martin states that we have covered the positives but would like to know if there are negatives? Provost Witte questions the copyright rules for those who complete the certificate and use the materials for future trainings. Lund asks about the success at other locations who have implemented the program derived from Academic Innovation.

Further conversation ensued around the possibility of incorporating the structure into the First Year Experience courses for EOU students.

Martin motioned to approve. Lund seconded the motion. **By unanimous approval, the Graduate Certificate for Get Focused Stay Focused Program was approved.**