



Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

5:45 – 8:30 p.m. (or until business concludes)

DeBoer Room, Hannon Library and Schneider Museum of Art

MINUTES

Call to Order and Preliminary Business

Chair Thorndike called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

The following trustees were in attendance: Bill Thorndike, Les AuCoin, Lyn Hennion, Jeremy Nootenboom, April Sevcik, Judy Shih, Dennis Slattery, Joanna Steinman, Steve Vincent and Shea Washington.

The following trustees were absent: Filiberto Bencomo, Paul Nicholson, Teresa Sayre and Roy Saigo.

Other meeting guests included: Dr. Michael Tidwell, presidential candidate; Jason Catz, General Counsel; Ryan Brown, Head of Community and Media Relations; Sabrina Prud'homme, Board Secretary; and Kathy Park, Executive Assistant.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Candidate Interview for the Position of University President [Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a)]

After welcoming Dr. Michael Tidwell, Chair Thorndike said the board would interview Dr. Tidwell for the position of SOU President and would then move to the Schneider Museum of Art for dinner and further discussion with Dr. Tidwell. Chair Thorndike advised those in attendance that the board would enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Chair Thorndike then recited applicable statutory provisions. Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a), the governing body of a public body may hold an executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (6), no final action would be taken or final decision made in the executive session.

In addition to SOU board members, only the following persons were permitted to remain for the executive session: Michael Tidwell; General Counsel, Jason Catz; University Board Secretary, Sabrina Prud'homme; Executive Assistant to the Board Secretary and General Counsel, Kathy Park; and Head of Community and Media Relations, Ryan Brown.

Although no members of the media were present, Chair Thorndike stated, for the record, pursuant to ORS 192.660 (4), representatives of the news media shall be allowed to attend this executive session. All other members of the audience, except designated staff, were asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media were specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. In addition, members of the media were respectfully directed not to record the executive session.

The board then began its executive session. At the conclusion of the executive session, Chair Thorndike returned the meeting to open session and welcomed attendees back into the room, though none were present. Chair Thorndike then temporarily adjourned the meeting to transition to dinner.

Dinner and Discussion with Candidate

After arriving at the Schneider Museum of Art, Chair Thorndike reconvened the meeting. In addition to those present during the executive session (except for Mr. Brown), attendees included Angela Thorndike, Alex Bellen, Sandra Slattery and Treasa Sprague. After a docent-led tour of the museum, dinner was served. Discussion ensued on various social topics among the trustees, Dr. Tidwell and invited guests.

Adjourn

Chair Thorndike adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Date: June 17, 2016

Respectfully submitted by,



Sabrina Prud'homme
University Board Secretary