



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE WOU BOARD'S
EXECUTIVE, GOVERNANCE AND TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE (EGTC)**

Meeting No. 33

January 13, 2023 | 2:00pm – 3:00pm

MINUTES

I. CALL-TO-MEETING AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. The following trustees were present: Jerry Ambris, Gayle Evans, Betty Komp, Doug Morse. Others present: Lupe Diaz, Jesse Peters, Michael Reis, LouAnn Vickers

II. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Komp welcomed members of the Committee and noted that she would add an update from Dr. Peters to the meeting agenda.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) [EGTC Committee Charter \(revisions\)](#)

Interim Board Secretary LouAnn Vickers provided an overview of the edits noted in the document included in the docket. All changes in red were recommended edits, two sections in blue reflect a suggestion to strike a section and a suggestion to add a section. One paragraph was in green was a suggestion made prior to the start of the meeting.

It was noted that updates to the Charters also trigger updates to other Board Statements. Because the policies and statements intersect and cross-reference each other, it will be critical to ensure those changes are tracked and updated as we move forward.

As the Committee reviewed the recommended edits, changes were implemented into the document, acknowledging that all edits will be brought forward for approval at the January 27 meeting. Chair Komp reminded the Committee that no actions would be taken at this meeting.

When reviewing the process outlined for Board Membership, the committee discussed the language in this paragraph to ensure it clearly articulates the actual process.

It was confirmed that the section on "Advancement and Advocacy" be removed, noting that this wouldn't be the specific work of the EGTC, but rather a broader voice of the whole board.

It was determined that a statement to address "Acting on Behalf of the Full Board" wouldn't be added to the Charter at this time in an effort to find the best place for alignment, perhaps the [Board's Bylaws](#).



The Committee will have Interim General Counsel review the section on Litigation, Legal Services, and Risk Management for input.

Because the Board's governing documents are called Statements, the section header for "Policies" was updated to "Board Statements." The Committee acknowledged that the Board's Statements are overarching policies for the University but are separate from the University's policies.

As a follow up to removing "Human Resources" from this section, it was noted that the other Committee Charters and Board Statements need to also be reviewed to ensure that the crosswalk between them is accurate.

It was suggested that a note be made for when the Board Statement on Board Committees is reviewed. Language should be added to seek input from the other Trustees with regards to committee composition. (Section 1.0 Standing Committees)

Reflecting on the membership of EGTC, it was determined that the committee would be comprised of the Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair and three other trustees.

With regards to "Agenda, Minutes, and Reports," Chair Komp noted that moving forward meeting minutes will provide a broader overview of the meetings to grasp the context of conversations versus verbatim.

Chair Komp reviewed the next steps for the onboarding process.

Dr. Peters provided the following updates:

- He received an update from the College Restructure Taskforce. There is much campus support, it seems, to engage more deeply on possible creation of a third college to equalize workload. He will get a smaller implementation team in place to look at tactical moves and articulate exact strategies for implementation.
- Senator Wyden and Representative Salinas will be on campus tomorrow for the Senator's Polk County Open Forum.
- A search for a Secretary to the Board will be launched very soon, noting that this person can also help with review of the Board's Statements.
- There is still possible legislation coming relating to how BOTs function. One provision may ask for HECC to have more specific oversight of board functions. Many are against that. Another point is codifying that faculty, staff, and student trustees are always voting members. There is some pressure to have two student members.
- Council of President's met today to discuss lobbying efforts and collective responses to funding allocations, etc.
- He met with Senator Patterson today and discussed the needs of WOU and the value of what we do here in serving students who have been historically underserved, etc.
- WOU is still making efforts to hire an Executive Director of Human Resources



- Newly hired Katie Wojke (Vice President for Advancement and University Relations), Brittany Kima (Assistant Director of MarCom and Social Media Manager), Ricardo Lujan Valerio (Director of Government Relations) are all involving themselves in their respective roles and making a difference.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.