



Western Oregon University Board of Trustees:  
Academic & Student Affairs Committee  
Meeting No. 33– October 17, 2023  
1:00pm-2:00pm  
Minutes

**I. CALL-TO-MEETING AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Mitchell calls the meeting of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee to order at 1pm on Tuesday October 17, 2023 . Chair Mitchell asked Secretary Sorce to call the roll.

**Committee members present:** David Foster, Betty Komp, Cristian Mendez-Garcia, Chair Leah Mitchell, Kari Nelsestuen. Quorum is Present.

**Others Present:** President Peters, Secretary Evan Sorce

**II. COMMITTEE CHAIR’S WELCOME**

Chair Mitchell welcomes everyone to the meeting and thanks them all for being there.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

[Meeting Minutes: May 31, 2023](#)

Trustee Nelsestuen moved the approval of the May 31, 2023 meeting minutes, and Trustee Mendez-Garcia seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted in support of the motion. David Foster, Betty Komp, Cristian Mendez-Garcia, Leah Mitchell, Kari Nelsestuen. The motion passed unanimously with no changes.

**IV. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1) **Showcase & Discussion:** [Enrollment Update – Vice President of Student Affairs Tina Fuchs](#)

Vice President for Student Affairs Tina Fuchs presented the Enrollment Update. The presentation is available in the docket for review. The presentation is focused on the Enrollment Strategies Teams and the strategies we use to recruit and retain students.

Trustee Foster asked VP Fuchs about the WICHE Passport, if participating helps WOU and if WOU are still an active Passport University. VP Fuchs said we are still a WICHE Passport University, but she would have to follow up about how many students have transferred to WOU from that program. Chair Mitchell asked to get more information about the Texas tuition rate. VP Fuchs responded by informing the Committee that the Texas rate is 150 percent of in state tuition. So, it’s consistent with the WUE rate, and less than out of state tuition which is 200 percent of the in-state rate. Trustee Mendez-Garcia asked a

question about the \$150 enrollment deposit. Wanted to make sure that this was indeed a deposit that came off of the first tuition bill. VP Fuchs confirmed it did. Trustee Foster mentioned that in the docket there was mention of the struggles of having adequate staffing levels at the Student Health and Counseling Center, how does that impact retention? VP Fuchs responded that it has a huge impact on retention. If a student can't get the right support, it has a massive impact. Years ago, the health Center implemented crisis appointments to get people in if they are in crisis, if they aren't it can be a 2-3 week wait. The challenge is the Student Health and Counseling Center is a fee-based service on campus so although IFC was able to increase the fee 5% last year, there is still a gap. The team over there are looking for grants to supplement student fee allocations.

2) [Student Affairs Update](#) | *Vice President Tina Fuchs*

VP Fuchs presented the Student Affairs Update. The report is available in the docket for review.

3) [Academic Affairs Update](#) | *Provost Jose Coll*

Provost Coll presented the Academic Affairs Update. The report is available in the docket for the review. Provost Coll talked about past accomplishments from Academic Affairs and then talked about the direction he hopes Academic Affairs moves towards. Dr. Foster had a question around where Provost Coll is getting the data around grades specifically F's and W's, if it was from a specific term or a specific division. Provost Coll said that he used institutional research to gather the data and the data used was from last year and all of students across the university. There was then a robust conversation about the possibility of getting rid of F's and using an alternative method such as no credit. Trustee Nelsestuen asked Provost Coll a couple of questions around his transition. What has he learned what has surprised him.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mitchell adjourns the at 2:05pm