

## **Report to Senate—April 2016**

- Last year, our focus was internal: we met monthly to learn how to function as a board, set up processes and subcommittees, hire the new president.
- The Board is committed to shared governance (which means shared responsibility and cooperative action): it is a critical step in the success of the university, building trust among all stakeholders. This involves frank communication, open deliberation and decision-making.
- All meetings are public and materials posted prior to the meeting. Meetings follow a predictable order: president's report, subcommittee reports and recommendations, presentations.

### **October meeting**

I. President's report : Umpqua shooting; state of the university address which was delivered in September; outreach activities.

II. Subcommittee recommendations (NB: subcommittees meet prior to full board meeting to discuss issues that are up for a vote and make recommendations):

- charter and bylaws of subcommittees;

-approval of budget (Finance subcommittee), curriculum decisions as approved by Faculty senate, ratification of president Fuller's contract; presidential evaluation framework (timeline and criteria) as established by the Executive, Governance and Trusteeship committee.

III. Presentations:

Campus Climate presentation: Title IX issues/ 191 student responses received: Key findings: 97% report feeling safe at school; 85% feel that faculty are concerned about students' welfare; 76% feel administrators are concerned about students' welfare. New initiatives: mandatory education module materials; development of new promotional materials

### **January meeting**

I. President's report: Enrollment concerns (5% decrease); outreach activities

II. Public commentary regarding bargaining negotiations.

III. Provost report: faculty hires, Accreditation visit, Bargaining

IV. Subcommittee recommendations: Approval of new academic program; approval of budget reports

V. New construction: Student Health and Counseling Center Construction Project: instead of expanding current building (total 6,800 sq. feet—cost of \$2.0 million), the proposal is to build a new facility (11,000 sq. feet—cost \$3.9 million, with 1.9 mi. to be borrowed from reserves, repaid in 15 years)

### **March Meeting—Annual Planning Session**

1. Reports: President’s report on “headwinds” (minimum wage increase; paid sick leave, shared services, PERS; declining enrollment; increased competition) ; preliminary budget and tuition/accreditation visit/ headcount by academic area/degrees awarded by academic area
2. Strategic planning: The first year of the board was spent on policies; the focus now has to shift to becoming ‘strategic’ and managing the university as a whole.  
Three key questions are the focus:
  - Who are we?
  - Where are we going?
  - How do we get there?Accreditation visit and report is an opportunity to begin larger discussion about the future of the institution.
3. Discussion on membership and timeline of strategic planning committee; final draft to BOT by January 2017.