Board members present included: Chair Matthew Donegan and Directors Lynda Ciuffetti, Jill Eiland, Orcilia Forbes, Jim Francesconi (9:20 am), Farbod Ganjifard, Paul Kelly, Brittany Kenison, Jim Middleton, Emily Plec, and Kirk Schueler. Those absent included: Allyn Ford and David Yaden.


Campus staff included: presidents Bob Davies (EOU), Mary Cullinan (SOU), Mark Weiss (WOU); Mike Green (OSU), Lara Moore (EOU), Craig Morris (SOU).

Others: Bill McGee and Brian Fox.

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The chair called the special meeting of the Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

   a. **Chancellor Appointment**

Chair Donegan called upon Board member Paul Kelly to present the proposed action. He began with background on the item stating that Melody Rose was appointed as Interim Chancellor in March of 2013. She was appointed under essentially an open ended contract that had no defined terms to it and left the Board with maximum flexibility on its duration. This was done because the System was in the middle of the legislative session in 2013 and there was uncertainty about what the outcome of that session would be as it related to OUS and the Chancellor’s Office’s future, as well as uncertainty around the anticipated February 2014 session and the ultimate goals of the governance structures for the TRU universities. He continued, “We are now beyond all that uncertainty and it is clear what our future is and what the probable length of that future is and so it seemed appropriate to us to change Dr. Rose’s contract in two particulars. One would be to extend it for a fixed term through June 30, 2015 giving her the security of a contract for the length of what we anticipate will be the OUS Chancellor’s Office structure as we know it. And the second change would be to remove the interim label from her title making her simply the System’s Chancellor.” Along with the title change would be a salary increase of 3 percent effective immediately.
ACTIONS: With no discussion, Chair Donegan called for a motion to authorize that Dr. Melody Rose move from interim status to regular status as Chancellor from April 18, 2014 through June 30th, 2015 at an annual salary of $267,804, which is a 3 percent increase with $20,694 for professional expenses annually and that the Board also delegates to the Board Chair or his designee the authority to negotiate and execute the contract consistent with this motion. Directors Emily Plec and Orcilia Forbes made the motion and second, respectively. Motion carried.

b. EOU Interim President Appointment

Chair Donegan called on Chancellor Rose to present the item. Chancellor Rose recommended Dr. Jay Kenton for the interim president position at Eastern Oregon University, noting that pursuant to rules governing the appointment of interim presidents she had consulted both campus and external stakeholders regarding the appointment.

ACTION: After a brief discussion and remarks from Dr. Kenton, Chair Donegan called for a motion to accept the Chancellor’s recommendation and appoint Dr. Kenton interim president from June 15, 2014 through June 15, 2015 at a 0.6% FTE at a monthly salary of $11,458 and also for the Board to delegate to the Chancellor or her designee the authority to negotiate and execute a contract consistent with this motion and in a manner cognizant of PERS rules and Dr. Kenton’s status as a PERS retiree. Directors Jill Eiland and Kirk Schueler made the motion and second, respectively. Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. EOU and WOU Presidential Searches

Chair Donegan again called on Chancellor Rose to present the items. Chancellor Rose discussed the need to initiate a search process for a permanent replacement at Eastern Oregon University and Western Oregon University per the rules around executive searches, appointments and management. She noted that President Davies’s intent to resign effective in June established an official opening at that institution and had President Weiss’s indication of his interest in and willingness to stay for an additional year at Western Oregon University, which also would require a search process to begin on that campus.

Next Steps: Guidelines and recommendations for both searches to be brought back to the Board at its regularly scheduled June meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business discussed, Chair Donegan adjourned the special meeting of the Board at 9:30 a.m.