OREGON STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER
An Executive Session of the State Board of Higher Education was held in the Rogue Room of the Werner University Center, Western Oregon University, in accordance with requirements set forth in ORS 192.660(1)(d) and ORS 192.660(1)(b), for the purpose of deliberations with its labor negotiator and to receive legal counsel.

The session was called to order by President Imeson at 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL
On roll call, the following members of the Board answered present:

Dr. Herb Aschkenasy  Ms. Katie Van Patten
Ms. Diane Christopher  Mr. Don VanLuvian
Mr. David Koch  Mr. Jim Willis
Mr. Jim Lussier  Ms. Phyllis Wustenberg
Ms. Gail McAllister  Mr. Tom Imeson

Absent: Ms. Esther Puentes

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
Staff members participating in the meeting: Chancellor Joe Cox, Vice Chancellor Bill Anslow, Vice Chancellor/Secretary of the Board Diane Vines, OUS Legal Counsel Melinda Grier, and Associate Vice Chancellor Joe Sicotte, the staff person designated by the Board to conduct labor negotiations. Also present was Department of Justice Attorney Wendy Robinson.

Vice Chancellor Anslow indicated that the purpose of the first portion of the meeting was to receive an update from Mr. Sicotte on the status of labor negotiations with the Oregon Public Employees' Union (OPEU). Board members were briefed on the process, timeline, proposed framework, and approaches for upcoming collective bargaining sessions. Mr. Sicotte also outlined the current status of collective bargaining with faculty unions in the System. Mr. Koch indicated that he was a member of the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, and would excuse himself from any discussions related to that group.
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LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Romel Hernandez (Oregonian) and Ms. Rebecca Huntington (Register Guard) joined the meeting and agreed, as members of the media, to the stipulations of their presence as stated in ORS 192.660(1)(b).

Ms. Grier reviewed a legal matter requiring timely Board action. After outlining possible options, she solicited direction from the Board. Final recommendations will be submitted by legal counsel in a public setting, most likely the scheduled May 21, 1999, Executive Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Diane Vines
Secretary of the Board

Tom Imeson
President of the Board