

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon met in the Ford Alumni Center on the UO campus on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Below is a summary of the Board's discussion and action. A full audio recording of the meeting is available.

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. by Board Chair Chuck Lillis. The Secretary recorded attendance; all members were present, with four participating via phone.

Chair Lillis began the meeting by indicating that there was a singular purpose for the meeting today: the selection of the 18th president of the university. Chair Lillis provided a brief overview of the search process and discussed the qualities that made Michael H. Schill, Dean of the University of Chicago Law School, a standout candidate with overwhelming support by individual trustees, the search committee and the advisory group.

Trustee Connie Ballmer expressed that the search for a new president was a good learning opportunity for trustees, and shared her enthusiasm for Schill. Trustee Allyn Ford expressed the importance of the decision by the Board to hand the reins of the university over to a new president during a time of opportunity, and reminded everyone that the decision was not taken lightly. Trustee Kurt Willcox thanked Interim President Coltrane for his leadership, and expressed his enthusiasm for Schill's ability to help bring the campus together following what have been some very difficult times on campus. Trustee Andrew Colas offered his congratulations to Schill and thanked participants involved in the search. He noted that Schill brings a tremendous amount of excitement about the past, present and future of the university. Trustee Susan Gary echoed sentiments already expressed and noted that she was impressed with Schill's leadership skills, his passion, and his enthusiasm for engaging with various parts of the community. Trustee Ann Curry noted that it is a new day and a transformational time for the University of Oregon, and Schill will help bring us into that time.

The resolution was moved by Trustee Ross Kari and seconded by Trustee Mary Wilcox. A roll call vote was taken and Schill's appointment as the 18th president of the University of Oregon and the associated appointment contract were approved unanimously.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.