

**From:** [UO Senate President](#)  
**To:** [CAPPS Lindsey D \\* GOV](#)  
**Cc:** [MOLLER Mary \\* GOV](#); [MOUSSA Lindsay N \\* GOV](#); [Senate Vice President](#)  
**Subject:** Re: time sensitive on UO trustee  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:20:34 PM

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Hi Lindsey, I've now talked to David Rives, Michael Dreiling, and a friend in the UO administration. I don't think the administration is pushing as hard for McIntyre as I'd been told before, and in fact they seem quite happy with the idea of Joe Sventek - as is the Senate leadership, and the union.

So I'm not going to write another letter unless you ask me too, and I hope this helps make the decision easier.

Bill Harbaugh  
Senate President  
Economics Professor  
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On Wednesday Mar 29, 2017, at 1:45 PM, UO Senate President  
<[senatepres@uoregon.edu](mailto:senatepres@uoregon.edu)> wrote:

Hi Lindsey -

I've heard secondhand that the UO administration and perhaps some trustees are trying to spin our position as something like "McIntyre would be the compromise candidate". If true this is disappointing, as that is not what we have said.

I'll send a formal letter from myself and UO Senate VP Chris Sinclair to you and Governor Brown regarding this, but meanwhile I want to reiterate what we said in our first letter to the Governor: the Senate leadership strongly prefers Joe Sventek, would be OK with Marina Guenza, and does not support Professor McIntyre.

If Sventek or Muenza are unacceptable to the UO administration and BOT - and of so we'd like to know why - we would prefer that you restart nominations rather than appoint McIntyre.

Thanks,

Bill Harbaugh, Senate President, Professor of Economics  
Chris Sinclair, Senate Vice President, Associate Professor of Mathematics  
University of Oregon

On Friday Mar 17, 2017, at 6:11 PM, CAPPS Lindsey D \* GOV  
<[Lindsey.D.CAPPS@oregon.gov](mailto:Lindsey.D.CAPPS@oregon.gov)> wrote:

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter outlining the recommendation of the Faculty Senate for the open faculty position on the University of Oregon Board of Trustees. The Governor will give consideration to your recommendation and that of your colleagues in making her appointment decision. I have formally submitted this letter to the Governor's Director of Executive Appointments and copied her here.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or input.

Best wishes,  
Lindsey

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**From:** UO Senate President [<mailto:senatepres@uoregon.edu>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** MOUSSA Lindsay N \* GOV  
**Cc:** Senate Vice President  
**Subject:** Fwd: urgent

Hi Lindsay,

Here is our letter for the new UO Board faculty member appointment. Please let us know if you want a copy on letterhead, or have any questions.

Thanks,

Bill Harbaugh  
Senate President  
Economics Professor  
University of Oregon

Dear Governor Brown:

We are writing to you as the elected President and Vice President of the UO Senate, regarding the nomination of a new Faculty Trustee for the UO Board of Trustees. We recommend Joe Sventek, Professor

of Computer and Information Science.

The UO Senate has worked in cooperation with UO Board Secretary Angela to solicit nominees and to develop the procedures for this nomination process and for providing faculty input. We have asked the elected faculty members of our Senate to rank the five candidates that came out of this process and we have consulted with the our Senate Executive Committee as well. That said, while the process has been consultative, the conclusions are ours.

The survey results are appended below. 25 of the 37 eligible Senators responded. The survey shows Laura Lee McIntyre (who is a Senator) and Joe Sventek with the most support, some support for Guenza, and less so for Duran and Mossberg. We received supportive comments for Sventek and to a lesser extent Guenza, and none for the other candidates.

We support Professor Sventek on the basis of his breadth of experience as a professor in the US and in the UK, on the basis of his success as UO's CIS department chair in helping turn around that department, and on the basis of his experience in creating synergies with academia and business. He has worked as the faculty leader of the Information Technology governance committee to address problems with UO's IT systems. As a member of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty, he is part of the main academic section of the university. He has expressed his strong support for shared governance and the Senate, and his willingness to work with us to promote our university's best interests. We believe these abilities and positions are crucial to the success of this faculty trustee position.

To provide a little history, the first faculty member of the UO Board was a law professor who was appointed in 2013 after minimal consultation with the UO faculty, and then reappointed to a second two year term with no consultation at all. The law school is a relatively small part of the university, its concerns are often specific to it, and we think it is fair to say that as a result the perspective of the faculty at large was not always well represented on the Board - although the trustee did make an effort over the past year to get more input from non-law faculty.

Given this, our number one concern is to ensure that the new faculty trustee will be someone who can work constructively with the board - which is dominated by business people and has little direct experience with higher education - to explain how the university's teaching and research faculty view the university's challenges, and to ensure that our expertise is used to help address them. Our second concern is that the faculty trustee be able to effectively communicate back to the faculty about the board's decisions and processes, so as to help rebuild the trust which has been damaged by past years of turmoil in the UO administration.

One alternative candidate to Professor Sventek - based on the reports we have heard about administrative and board support for her - is Laura Lee McIntyre, Professor of School Psychology in the College of Education. We do not support her. We feel it is important that the next faculty trustee be from the College of Arts and Sciences. CAS includes 60% of UO's faculty, and does the bulk of UO's undergraduate teaching and research. While professional schools such as law and education are important, the interests of their faculty and their interactions with the rest of the university are often narrow. The UO Board agreed with this, and has publicly called for the next faculty member to be from CAS.

The other plausible alternative candidate is Marina Guenza, Professor of Chemistry. Professor Guenza is part of CAS, has an excellent research record, and has served on important governance committees. However she has less support in the Senate, and the comments suggest that while she is well informed about issues in her department, she is less effective in communicating about university issues.

We hope we have conveyed our enthusiasm for Professor Sventek, and the process we have used to collect information from the faculty to support our recommendation for his appointment. Please let us know if you have any questions, and thank you for considering our input in your decision.

Yours,

Bill Harbaugh, Prof of Economics and UO Senate President  
Chris Sinclair, Assoc Prof of Mathematics and Senate President Elect

| Name:              | Number of Senators (of 25 voting) giving a rank of |    |    |    |    |
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|                    | #1                                                 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 |
| Lillian Duran      | 3                                                  | 5  | 9  | 7  | 1  |
| Barbara Mossberg   | 5                                                  | 3  | 2  | 5  | 10 |
| Joe Sventek        | 6                                                  | 5  | 4  | 4  | 6  |
| Laura Lee McIntyre | 8                                                  | 4  | 2  | 4  | 6  |
| Marina Guenza      | 3                                                  | 8  | 8  | 5  | 1  |