

January 24, 2019

Governor Kate Brown
c/o Debbie Koreski, Budget Director and Interim Higher Education Policy Advisor
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Via electronic mail only

Dear Governor Brown,

Please accept our heartfelt congratulations on your reelection! We look forward to a continued partnership. As you are aware, this is an exciting and pivotal time for the University of Oregon and we remain wholly committed to serving the state as its flagship university and as a member of the overall public education coalition.

Second, we wanted to draw your attention to upcoming appointments to the UO Board of Trustees (Board).

Five at-large members of the Board as well as our student, faculty and staff trustees all have terms expiring on June 30.

First: Our student trustee, Will Paustian, will graduate this June. We will miss his voice and enthusiasm on the Board, but wish him well in his future endeavors. Thus, the student position on the Board will require an appointment this spring. We have encouraged them to apply by the January 31 deadline so that this can be included in an earlier round of appointments during the legislative session. This, in turn, will ensure more time for onboarding the new student trustee before the academic year ends. We understand that several highly-engaged students are applying for the position and our University Secretary will work with your staff as we get closer to the recommendation deadline.

Second: Our faculty and staff trustees, Laura Lee McIntyre and Jimmy Murray, respectively, will complete one term in June and are eligible for reappointment to a second term. **They wish to apply for reappointment, and we enthusiastically support this.** Both have been terrific voices on the Board, providing valuable insights and robust campus connections.

Finally: We have four at-large members whose current terms expire but who are available for reappointment to one additional full term¹. **Connie Ballmer, Ross Kari, Ginevra Ralph, and Mary Wilcox wish to seek reappointment to the Board; we wholeheartedly support this.**

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Re: Recommendations for Reappointment

We recognize that our Board has not yet seen much turnover. This will begin to change in the coming years as sitting trustees become ineligible to serve due to term limits. In the meantime, we believe there remains tremendous value in continuity for such a nascent governing body with a relatively new president and a number of key strategic initiatives currently underway. These four trustees—including our vice chair and the chairs of our two primary committees—have climbed a very steep learning curve and are well-situated to help shepherd the institution through an exciting and extraordinary time. Thus, we respectfully request that these board members be reappointed.

The required information for trustees seeking reappointment will be submitted to the Executive Appointments Office prior to the January 31 deadline provided by that office. Please let us know if you or your staff require any additional information so that you can feel confident in reappointing these individuals to the University of Oregon's governing board.

One trustee will not seek re-appointment at the end of her term—Ann Curry. New commitments in her professional life prevent her from fully committing for another term. We are grateful for her service and appreciate the thoughtful approach she took in analyzing whether she had the capacity to continue. **We are actively recruiting potential applicants for this position and will ensure any interested candidates apply by the appropriate deadline. We will send a formal recommendation of candidates we endorse by that time as well.**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Angela Wilhelms, the university secretary, at (541) 346-5561 or wilhelms@uoregon.edu.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Trustees



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Cc: Mary Moller, Director of Executive Appointments