



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE OSU FACULTY MEMBER ON THE OSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Executive Committee of the OSU Faculty Senate is soliciting nominations and applications for the Faculty Member position on the OSU Board of Trustees. This position is open to all faculty who are eligible to be elected to the Faculty Senate, i.e., administrators with an Executive Level 1, 2, or 3 position (Dean or above) are not eligible. The term of office will be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. This position consists of an initial two-year term, with the possibility of a two-year renewal. The Faculty Member may not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms. One or more candidates will be selected by the Executive Committee of the OSU Faculty Senate, and their names will be submitted to the Governor of Oregon, who will make the final selection and submit that name to the Oregon State Legislature for final confirmation.

### **The Role of the Oregon State University Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees governs the university and helps guide OSU's mission to serve the state and the needs of its citizens in a growing economy.

### **The Basic Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees**

- Ensure that the institution's mission is aligned with the vision and public purposes of higher education in Oregon, as established by the Legislature and the Governor;
- Select a chief executive to lead the institution;
- Support and periodically assess the performance of the chief executive and establish and review the chief executive's compensation;
- Charge the chief executive with the task of leading a strategic planning process, participate in that process, approve the strategic plan, and monitor its progress;
- Ensure the institution's fiscal integrity and preserve and protect its assets for posterity;
- Ensure the educational quality of the institution and its academic programs;
- Preserve, advance and protect institutional autonomy, academic freedom and the public purposes of higher education;
- Ensure that institutional policies and processes are current and properly implemented;
- In concert with senior administration, engage regularly with the institution's major constituencies; and
- Conduct the board's business in an exemplary fashion and with appropriate transparency, in compliance with applicable open-meeting and public-

records laws, and adhering to the highest ethical standards; ensure the currency of board governance policies and practices; and periodically assess the performance of the board, its committees and its members.

### **Responsibilities of the Faculty Member on the Board of Trustees**

- Devote your time and energy, as necessary, to faithfully and diligently prepare for and participate in the Board's meetings as a voting member of the Board.
- Use your unique insights into university operations that come from you being an active, engaged and attentive faculty member to express views and perspectives that represent the best interests of the university and the citizens of Oregon. (Note: this is not a faculty advocacy position.)
- Participate in constructive, informed deliberations by considering and sharing reliable information, thinking critically, asking good questions and respecting diverse points of view in order to reach decisions that are in the best interests of the institution and the citizens of Oregon.
- Avoid even the perception of a possible conflict of interest with financial, personal and family interests.
- Learn where the institution fits into the overall state higher education policy agenda.
- Participate, as appropriate, in University functions.

### **Time Commitment**

The Board meets for two full days, four times per year. It also holds a one-full-day retreat in the fall. Missing meetings is not an option. While the overall time commitment is estimated at 10%, it is not evenly distributed. In addition to the ongoing effort it takes to stay engaged across the OSU community, there are meeting materials prepared in advance of each meeting that one must digest and be prepared to discuss effectively prior to every Board meeting. It is important to note that serving as the faculty Board Member is an activity the faculty member commits to in addition to their regular duties.

### **How to Apply**

Send applications or nominations as an email Word attachment to Vickie Nunnemaker at [Faculty.Senate@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Faculty.Senate@oregonstate.edu), with a Subject line of 'BOT Faculty Member', no later than close of business on November 20, 2020. The application shall include a one-to-two-page letter explaining why you or your nominee would be a great fit for this position. Selected applicants will eventually need to fill out online forms for the Governor's Office, which then trigger a background check.

Candidates who are not selected by the Executive Committee may directly apply to the Governor's office themselves.

If you have questions, please contact OSU Faculty Senate President Dwaine Plaza at [dplaza@oregonstate.edu](mailto:dplaza@oregonstate.edu).