

## **Update on Board of Trustees for Faculty Senate Presentation (1/13/15)**

On Nov. 8 the board had a 4-hour governance orientation meeting and training workshop. At that meeting, an 'interim' president of the board was elected--Jim Baumgartner. He will be the point person for questions from board members and the public. It was also decided that through July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the board will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. These meetings are open to the public with locations announced on the board webpage.

Upcoming Agenda Items:

A) One of the most important tasks during spring will be interviewing candidates and selecting a new president. In addition to working with the university search committee, we've been assured that the State Board of Higher Education will also incorporate the board into interviews and hiring decisions.

B) Drafts of the following documents have been distributed to the board:

- (1) Bylaws of the WOU Board of Trustees;
- (2) Board Statements on the following topics:
  - (a) Conduct of Meetings;
  - (b) Delegation of Authority;
  - (c) Board Committees;
  - (d) Performance on Official Business; and
- (3) Board Resolution on the Responsibilities of Individual Trustees.

Additional documents to be drafted will include board statements on

- (1) shared governance
- (2) conflict of interest
- (3) ethics, and
- (4) board statements and policies.

During the January 28 meeting, the board will review, discuss and revise these documents which were drafted by Ryan Hagemann and Randy Geller—the former UO general counsel now at the Harrang Long law firm—with input from Jim Baumgartner (chair of the board) , and President Weiss.