

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

DATE: May 20, 2024

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of Western Oregon University subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Dana Schowalter of Monmouth

Term

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 352.054 and 352.076 \(2023\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The Governor appoints 12 to 18 members, including:

- one enrolled undergraduate student (CAMPBELL);
- one enrolled undergraduate student, nonvoting (VACANT);
- one graduate student (VACANT);
- one faculty member (**SCHOWALTER**);
- one nonfaculty staff member (JACKSON);
- eight to 12 at large members: (NELSESTUEN, KOMP, AMBRIS, KOONTZ, EVANS, MITCHELL, CASTILLO MACHU, FASANA); and
- the university president, *ex officio*, nonvoting (PETERS).

Student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff serve two-year terms; other members serve four-year terms. The Governor may remove appointed members but not more than three within four years, unless for corrupt conduct. Faculty and nonfaculty staff members may not participate in collective bargaining discussions, action, or sessions. The board selects its chair and vice chair and must meet at least four times per year.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 352.076 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

Oregon's seven public universities have governing boards that:

- provide transparency, public accountability, and support for the university;
- are close to and closely focused on the individual university;
- lead to greater access and affordability for Oregon residents and do not disadvantage Oregon students relative to out-of-state students;
- act in the best interests of the university and the State of Oregon; and
- promote academic success in support of all education beyond high school.

The governing board of each university must:

- adopt the university budget;
- in consultation with the Governor, appoint and supervise a university president;
- establish a process for determining tuition and mandatory enrollment fees;
- have custody and control of all real and personal property used;
- ensure collateral to secures funds on deposit;
- adopt standards governing employee outside employment and activities
- provide group insurance and deferred compensation plans to employees;
- adopt standards for the alcohol and drug abuse policy and implementation plan;
- exempt a student who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident, or financially dependent on such a person, from paying nonresident tuition and fees; and
- adopt standards for the administration of statutes.

The governing board of each university may:

- manage revenue derived from tuition and mandatory enrollment fees;
- regulate traffic and parking and establish a police department;
- commission special campus security officers;
- sell forest products and conduct forestland management research projects;
- undertake the construction of any building or structure for higher education;
- adopt standards governing access to certain personnel records; and
- contract with the U.S. Armed Forces for education to active members.

⁴ [ORS 352.025 and 352.313 \(2023\)](#).



Western Oregon University, Board of Trustees of

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 352.076**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **17**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Regional Solutions**

Board Admin: **Evan Sorce**

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Current Appointments

Nelsestuen, Kari At-Large Position Number: 1	Term(s): 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026 6/10/2022 - 6/30/2022
Ms Komp, Betty E At-Large Position Number: 2	Term(s): 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2021 1/10/2017 - 6/30/2019
Mr Ambris, Jerardo "Jerry" At-Large Position Number: 3	Term(s): 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027 11/25/2019 - 6/30/2023
Ms Koontz, Cecelia L At-Large Position Number: 6	Term(s): 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022 9/19/2014 - 6/30/2018
Ms Evans, Gayle M SPHR At-Large Position Number: 8	Term(s): 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022 11/17/2017 - 6/30/2018
Ms Mitchell, Leah M At-Large Position Number: 9	Term(s): 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026 10/1/2019 - 6/30/2022
Ms Castillo Machu, Susan At-Large Position Number: 10	Term(s): 10/1/2020 - 6/30/2024
Fasana, Angela At-Large Position Number: 11	Term(s): 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026

Foster, David "Dave" A PhD	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024
Faculty		7/1/2020 - 6/30/2022
Position Number: 12		
Schowalter, Dana	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026
Faculty		
Position Number: 12		
Jackson, Paige	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026
Nonfaculty Staff		2/16/2024 - 6/30/2024
Position Number: 13		
Ms Campbell, Danielle R	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024
Undergraduate Student (voting)		10/1/2020 - 6/30/2022
Position Number: 14		
Dr. Peters, Darrell "Jesse"	Term(s):	8/1/2022 -
WOU President (Ex Officio)		
Position Number: 17		

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
4	Mendez-Garcia, Cristian	Governor	9/28/2022	6/30/2026
4	Ms Herrera, Herlinda "Linda"	Governor	11/25/2019	6/30/2022
4	Ms Muniz, Lydia	Governor	7/1/2018	6/30/2022
4	Ms Muniz, Lydia	Governor	2/14/2018	6/30/2018
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	<i>No prior appointments</i>			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Wonsowicz, Cas	Governor	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
7	Mr Morse, Douglas "Doug" H	Governor	7/1/2022	6/30/2026
7	Mr Morse, Douglas "Doug" H	Governor	4/1/2019	6/30/2022
7	Gov Kulongoski, Theodore R	Governor	9/19/2014	6/30/2018
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
15	Ms Campbell, Danielle R	Governor	10/1/2020	6/30/2022
15	Ms Chan-Tuyub, Zoe Q	Governor	7/1/2018	6/30/2020
15	Ms Martin, Kelsee	Governor	9/26/2016	6/30/2018

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
16	<i>No prior appointments</i>			