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at the retreat were members of the Oregon Legislature and Goldschmidt, who discussed his plans for higher education in relation to the "Oregon Comeback" with the board, Brooks said.

"He (Goldschmidt) feels that education is the cornerstone of everything that we can build on in the state," she said.

As this point, Brooks is enjoying the early days of her two-year State Board experience but it can get a little strange at times, she said. She sometimes finds herself in a divided role: that of ASUO president and that of State Board member.

"When I meet with someone on the University campus, sometimes they want to talk to me as 'Kasey Brooks the board member' and sometimes 'Kasey Brooks the student body president' — and sometimes both.

"And sometimes as student body president I can say 'boy, I

can sympathize with you — oh let's work and fix this. But as a state board member, I have to put it in perspective of the whole state system and what the other school have. So it's kind of hard and I'm kind of finding myself putting on two different hats sometimes when I'm speaking with people because I'm not really sure where they're coming from and what kind of conversation they're trying to have with me unless I know what they want to talk to me as."

An aspect of the job Brooks enjoys revolves around how the other board members recognize her. She is introduced not as "the student board member from the University," but rather "a board member from Eugene," she said.

"They (the other members) really look on the student board members as sort of equal partners. We have equal say and

equal votes and the same responsibilities as any of the other board members," she said.

State Board Vice President Jaraes Peterson of La Grande agreed with Brooks' assessment of the student position saying he sees the student member as equal to any other member. But the two-year term for the student appointees can be limiting, he said.

"It takes at least a year for a member to get up to speed, so to speak," Peterson said. "It seems student board members hit maximum productivity and then the term ends."

The board needs to have student perspective on certain issues, Peterson said. But another important aspect of the student position lies in the fact that not only do the student members bring that perspective, but they can articulate the board's thoughts and actions back to the students at the state system schools, he said.

Crowell said he can understand how busy Brooks will be because he was just as busy his first year on the board with school and student government. He figured he spent at least one day (usually two) for meetings, 10 to 20 hours monthly reading materials for meetings in addition to any work he did for the finance committee, which Brooks also serves on.

"Time-wise, it was the busiest time of my life," he said.

Crowell said he experienced the same "dual role" as Brooks will as student body president and State Board member. He always held his position as an advocate for all state system students rather than OSU students, he said.

"I was always tougher on OSU issues. As OSU site proposals came up, I always had more questions because I was trying to represent students of the state system and not just OSU," he said.

Brooks has already experienced the time crunch, she said. She has planned ahead and arranged to have her classes taped when she is gone for board meetings, but still, her mail has quadrupled since joining and she still gets behind.

Governor Goldschmidt said, "Well, do you think you'll have the time to do this?" It's something I want to make the time to do because I think the benefits in the long run kind of outweigh the negative aspects," she said.

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