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Kulongoski chosen to lead Board of Higher Ed



Ted Kulongoski
Oregon Governor

A new leader will later be elected to replace Goldschmidt, who resigned this past week

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Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski announced Friday that he will temporarily take over as State Board of Higher Education president in the wake of former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's resignation from the board Thursday.

Goldschmidt's resignation as the

board's president and his subsequent admission to a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl nearly 30 years ago left the board without its top leader, prompting the governor to take action.

"Because this is one of my most important initiatives, I will take over the leadership of the Board of Higher Education," Kulongoski said in a statement.

Goldschmidt, the former mayor of Portland and a University graduate, was appointed to the board in January with the hope that he would spearhead Kulongoski's plan to overhaul Oregon's higher

education system.

Kulongoski will lead the board as a non-voting, ex officio member during the search for a new president over coming weeks.

"As I said when I reformed the Board of Higher Education last year, the board must reconnect postsecondary education to its statewide mission: access, excellence, targeted investments and reinvestment by the state," he said in the statement. "That is my mission and I intend to lead the Board in that direction."

Kulongoski spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said the governor is looking for

potential candidates from both inside and outside the board, but most importantly the candidate should be somebody who can handle the time commitment and will "see it through."

"We'll look at a whole bunch of prominent people," she said.

In the meantime, the board continued with its regular meeting at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande last week, which included a discussion about the impacts of Measure 30's failure on the Oregon University System.

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Diamond in the rough

Community members brought their odds and ends to the Natural History Museum's Identification Day

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Sure, it would be exciting to be on Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Antiques Roadshow" and find out that the Amish-constructed armoire you bought at a flea market is actually worth \$5,000.

But at the University's Museum of Natural History's Identification Day on Saturday, one person was found to be the owner of shoulder blade bone from a mastodon or mammoth.

Museum Director Mel Aiken said several hundred students and community members attended the three-hour event, which has been an annual event for about the past 15 years, and the patrons brought in a wide variety of objects for identification. No appraisals were given, however.

This year the event even topped its OPB counterpart with a platoon of specialists, including a paleontologist, a geologist, an osteologist (someone who studies bones), archaeologists, local historians and antiques specialists, who were all on hand to help collectors identify their bones, rocks and other odds and ends.

Eugene resident Sandra Austin brought in a small kimono-clad figurine with a rotating face that she bought at a San Francisco junk store some years ago. She also brought a small hand-painted dish she inherited from her mother.

Lori Dotson, the antiques specialist who examined the pieces, identified the figurine as a netsuke, a device used to tie the belt of a kimono. She identified the dish as a pre-World War II piece from Japan.

While Austin was excited to learn of the objects' history, she said it wasn't their monetary value she was interested in finding out.

"Oh, I just liked (the figurine). I thought it was really quaint," she said. "I



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Rhody expert Galen Baxter (far left) converses with statue owner Lynn Reddich, while Coburg Antiques owner Bert Dotson examines Mrs. Reddich's statues Saturday in front of the University's Museum of Natural History.

just pick up things because I like them, not for any investment purposes."

Dotson said she identifies pieces by looking at their style and workmanship.

"We can give approximate age and the country they're from and how to take care of it," she said.

Eugene resident Randy Mohoff, who described himself as a collector of "everything," brought in a number of items, including a crude stone hammer and a pair of small bronze statues.

"I bought a bunch of stuff at an estate sale," he said of the objects. "I just buy odd things."

He consulted Aiken about the objects, but Aiken could only provide vague information because of his lack of knowledge about the era from which the objects came. However, he directed Mohoff to other sources that could help him find out more, such as local appraisers and campus specialists.

"I basically have been confessing that I don't know ... I'm just looking at the style," Aiken said. He added that one of the statues has Egyptian attributes, while

the other one wears 15th- or 16th-century European-style clothing.

After having the objects examined, Mohoff said he planned to get them appraised.

Cinimint Harper, who lives with Mohoff, said she was entirely unaware of the statues' potential value.

"My daughter was playing with them," she said. "I didn't think they'd be worth anything at all."

Antiques and artifacts weren't the only things brought in for identification. Some attendees brought in bones they found in their yard or elsewhere. Zooarchaeologist Pat O'Grady was at the event to help attendees identify where their bones came from. He spoke of the importance of bones in learning about an ancient culture.

"A lot of what we deal with as archaeologists is the material cultures of past peoples," he said. "One of the primary findings at archaeology sites are animal bones."

However, the bones people brought in didn't give

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University's vice provost creates plan for diversity

Gregory Vincent seeks to create a "critical mass" of students and faculty of color on campus

By Chelsea Duncan
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Gregory Vincent, the University's Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity, said he's ready to begin the process of addressing the "chilly climate" on the University campus.

Vincent was hired at the beginning of winter term, and during his transition from Louisiana State University he has met with students, staff, faculty and administrators to get a sense of the issues

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