

WOU's new board of trustees, confirmed by state senate, includes Ingle

The Oregon State Senate voted unanimously Sept. 17 to confirm members of Western Oregon University's inaugural board of trustees.

Gov. John Kitzhaber nominated 14 individuals, including Siletz Tribal Council member Gloria Ingle, to WOU's new board in late August.

WOU becomes an independent public university on July 1, 2015, which is when this newly confirmed board gains governance authority.

Between now and July 1, the new board members will prepare for their leadership roles through orientation to WOU, training on best practices for university board governance, adoption of board by-laws and formation of board structure.

Board members also will be involved in the search for a new university president who will begin July 1. Current university president Mark Weiss will retire June 30.

"A board of trustees dedicated to the university's success will position Western to continue doing what we do best – educating Oregonians – while maintaining WOU as a fiscally healthy institution. Our size enables individualized attention, excellent faculty and support services, and mentoring for student success," said Weiss.

"Yet we also envision continued expansion of innovative programs, facilities and ways in which courses are delivered. Fundamentally, WOU will play a critical role in helping Oregon achieve its goals for a competitive, educated workforce."

A board of trustees to govern WOU was authorized by Senate Bill 270 during the 2013 regular session of the Oregon State Legislature.

The inaugural board members represent the diverse cultural, economic and professional backgrounds found within the Western Oregon University community. They work in education, the private sector and public service.

The 15-member board includes 11 public members, three members representing WOU (a faculty member, staff member and student) and WOU's president as a non-voting ex-officio member.

Board members include:

- **Jaime Arredondo**, secretary-treasurer for Pineros Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (Oregon's Farmworker Union)
- **James M. Baumgartner**, partner at Black Helterline LLP law firm in Portland and current trustee on the WOU Foundation Board

- **Major General Daniel R. Hokanson**, the adjutant general of Oregon
- **Ivan Hurtado**, underwriter for Farmers Insurance
- **Gloria Ingle**, retired K-12 educator and council member/Elder for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- **Cecelia 'Cec' Koontz**, business manager for the Central School District and Monmouth city councilor
- **Gov. Theodore "Ted" R. Kulongoski**, Oregon's governor from 2003-2011
- **Dr. John Minahan**, former WOU president
- **Dr. Jeanette Mladenovic**, executive vice-president and provost at Oregon Health & Science University
- **Lane Shetterly**, partner in the law firm Shetterly Irick and Ozias and a former legislator
- **Louis C. Taylor**, senior financial advisor at Taylor Wealth Management and co-founder/chief operations officer for Zon Compounding, LLC
- **Dr. Cornelia Paraskevas**, professor of English at WOU
- **Marshall Guthrie**, director of WOU's Student Enrichment Program and Monmouth city councilor



File photo

Gloria Ingle

- **Sofia Llamas**, current student at WOU (education major)
- **Mark Weiss**, president of WOU

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Windy Hill, Ajane' Jordan, Josh Leckie, Daniel Regan, Frankie Rilatos, Britany Robertson, Kateri Whitehead, William Whitehead and Tehya Woodruff.

The Tribe also was represented by Rusty Butler (Tribal prevention coordinator); Crystal McGuire (Indian education specialist at Newport); and UO alumni Ada and Amber Ball, Carson and Jerome Viles, Daniel Espino, and myself. Many UO alumni who are Siletz Tribal members could not attend but were excited to see this happen for Indian Country.

Before the flags were raised in front of the student union, the only place on campus that represented American Indian people was the long house. Now at the center of campus, Tribal students can see their Tribal flag as they go to class.

The Oregon Indian Education Association Youth Conference was held the same day.

Students and chaperons (Rusty, Crystal and myself) were able to tour campus, learn about the requirements of and information about the school, meet current American Indian students at UO, sit in classrooms for workshops, give feedback on current legislation, reflect on the trip, listen to Hattie Kauffman (news reporter and Nez Perce Tribal member), and attend the UO vs. Arizona football game. We even gathered acorns from campus to make acorn mush for the upcoming feather dance during winter solstice.

Thank you to the Siletz Tribe for providing the van for transportation and utilizing Rusty Butler. Thank you to Siletz Valley Schools for housing the students and chaperons for one night. Thank you to the Lincoln County School District for paying registration costs and allowing Crystal and myself to help chaperon and teach students about higher education.

The students and chaperons represented the Siletz people with pride, honor and respect. I would like to thank our students for going.

My education at UO came full circle that day. I once was the student and now I was teaching my students about a place of learning and opportunities for their lives.

Chinook Winds Fitness Center offers massage therapy

Chinook Winds Fitness Center now has massage therapy by Theresa Long LMT (#17057). A Tribal discount of \$10 off any session is available.

Hours of operation

Tuesday-Thursday – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday-Sunday – Noon to 6 p.m.
Closed Monday

Please call the fitness center at 541-994-4474 to schedule an appointment. The fitness center is located at 3245 NE 50th St. in Lincoln City.

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Tribal offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene now are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, the Salem office did the same in 2006 and the Portland office moved to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in April 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has made the Siletz Tribe the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$11.3 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources.

Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fundraising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fundraisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.



File photo

Jocelyn Hernandez holds her brother, Vinnie, while dancing with Teonna Johnston at the 2013 Siletz Tribal Restoration Pow-Wow.