

EOU Board of Trustees name interim co-presidents

Board considered several options for interim leadership

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Richard Chaves and Lara Moore will take over as interim co-presidents of Eastern Oregon University on Sept. 1, the university announced in a release Friday, Aug. 19.

The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees made the decision after convening for a special session on Aug. 19. The move was made necessary by the announcement earlier this month that current president, Tom Insko, would be leaving his post at the end of September. Insko has been named president and chief executive officer at Collins, a wood products

company based in Wilsonville.

“We don’t make this choice lightly,” said Cheryl Martin, vice chair of the board of trustees. “We want to provide the university, and most important, our students, with stability, continuity and momentum as they come into the new year.”

After discussing the options for interim president, the board voted to adopt resolution 22-07 appointing Moore, the vice president for finance and administration, and Chaves, the current board chair, as interim co-presidents. Chaves will resign from the board to



Insko



Chaves



Moore

assume his new duties. The resolution also encourages the extension of interim provost Matt Seimears’ appointment until June 30, 2024.

The board began discussions of interim leadership at its retreat earlier this month. During its special session, the board held a lengthy review about its options for appointing interim leadership following President Insko’s resignation in early August.

The board discussed the options of appointing co-presidents, naming an external interim president who has experience work-

ing with the university, elevating an internal individual, or conducting a search for an interim appointment.

Over the past two weeks, the board engaged with

the university’s alumni board and foundation board to understand the impact the decision may have on each organization.

“After having listened to the discussion and read-

are passionate about and committed to the university. I believe Lara and Richard are those people.”

Martin also stressed the importance of new leadership working with the academic side of the university and engaging with deans and Seimears. Trustee and professor Anna Cavinato strongly encouraged open communication to seek feedback from the faculty.

“I believe in EOU’s community,” Moore said. “We have gone through a number of leadership transitions in the past, and I have confidence that we will come out of this transition with a great leader for EOU. In the meantime, I’m ready for a fantastic year.”

The board will meet in the next few weeks to determine how to proceed with the search process.

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EOU’s shared governance bodies to gain feedback from faculty, students and staff to inform its decision. They also reached out to employee labor groups and connected with the universi-

ing public comments, we (decided we) need to take the time to find the next great leader of EOU,” trustee Cedric Riel said. “For the interim, I think we should go with people who

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Noxious weed for August is rush skeletonweed

By **JOE SIMS**
For the Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — As part of the Wallowa County Vegetation Department and Weed Board’s ongoing edu-

cation efforts, in conjunction with Wallowa Resources, the Chieftain features a noxious weed each month that is on the county’s list of noxious and invasive weeds.

This month’s noxious weed is rush skeletonweed.

What: Rush skeletonweed is a deep-rooted perennial with tough, wiry, latex-filled stems. It grows 1-4 feet tall. Bloom time occurs July to September. It is identified by coarse, downward-pointed hairs on the lower 4-6 inches of the stems. The stems have almost no leaves. The flowers are yellow, 3/4-inch in diameter with seven to 15 petals. It spreads primarily by seed, but roots scattered by cultivation can aid in dispersal.

Where: Rush skeletonweed grows in well-drained and light-textured soils. It is found in pastures, rangeland, in grain fields and near roadsides. Rush skeletonweed is most prevalent in Wallowa County’s canyons of the Grande Ronde, Imnaha, Joseph Creek and Snake River watersheds.

Dangers: Rush skeletonweed is an aggressive plant that is difficult to detect. It reduces forage for livestock and native grazers. Additionally, it is problematic in farm fields because it



Joe Sims/Contributed Photo

Rush skeletonweed is the noxious weed of the month for August.

reduces yield and has a latex sap that can cause equipment to malfunction.

Biological controls: Four biocontrol agents are approved for release. Three of these, a gall midge, a gall mite and a rust fungus, have been established in Oregon, but have only been effective in reducing seed production. A root-mining moth

is established but the long-term effects have not been fully determined.

How you can help: If you find rush skeletonweed either on your property or while out and about, take note of the location. You can contact our Wallowa Canyons Partnership Program Manager Joe Sims at 541-426-8053 ext.61.

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