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**Matthew Donegan elected Board of Higher Ed president, Jill Eiland vice president**  
*Presidents of EOU and UO also receive contract renewals at meeting*

*PORTLAND, June 15, 2011* – The State Board of Higher Education late yesterday unanimously elected Matthew Donegan, of Forest Capital Partners, as its new Board president; and elected Jill Eiland, of Intel, as its new Board vice president. Donegan, who joined the Board in June 2009 and whose term expires in 2013, is assuming the Board leadership position from Paul Kelly, whose term as board president is expiring at the end of this month. Eiland, who joined the Board in February 2010, is assuming the vice president position from Jim Francesconi, whose board term ends in 2012.

“On behalf of the entire board, we’re very pleased and grateful that Matt and Jill have taken on these leadership positions,” said Paul Kelly. “It is an important and exciting time in higher education in Oregon as we pursue governance changes, and work to ensure access and equity for Oregonians to pursue their postsecondary education goals. All of the Board is excited to work with this new leadership team, and we’ll be there to fully support them in this new endeavor.”

[Matt Donegan](#) co-founded Forest Capital Partners in 2000, which has since grown to be one of the nation’s largest sustainable forest products producers. Besides his work with the State Board of Higher Education, Donegan currently serves on Governor Kitzhaber’s Oregon Education Investment Team, the Oregon Business Council and the Oregon Innovation Council. He was previously on the Oregon Global Warming Commission, the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters and co-chair of Governor Kitzhaber’s transition team focusing on growing jobs via biomass energy. Donegan holds a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Florida and an MBA from the University of Tennessee.

[Jill Eiland](#) is Intel’s corporate affairs manager for the Northwest Region, where she heads up its education, media, and community outreach team, as well as its philanthropic efforts at the company’s largest site. Eiland is a board member of the Portland Business Alliance, the Oregon Business Association, the Oregon Idea, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, the Oregon Workforce Investment Board Manufacturing Committee, and the Oregon State University Foundation. A native Oregonian, Eiland holds a B.A. in Business from Oregon State University, and an MBA from George Washington University.

Also in yesterday’s meeting, the Board voted unanimously to renew the employment contracts of Eastern Oregon University president, Bob Davies; and for University of Oregon president Richard Lariviere.

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