

### **3 new members join SOU's Board of Trustees**

*Daily Courier*

Three new board members have joined Southern Oregon University's board of trustees as full voting members.

Appointed by Gov. Tina Kotek and confirmed by the Oregon Senate on Wednesday, the three new members were identified by SOU as Matt Stephenson, Ashley King and Rose Harwood.

The board now has 14 members, according to a list on SOU's website.

Stephenson was appointed to fill a vacant at-large position. His term expires in June 2027.

He is the president and CEO of Rogue Credit Union and has served in volunteer roles around Jackson County, including on the Central Point City Council, the Rogue Community College Budget Committee and the Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. Board, SOU said.

Stephenson's education includes a bachelor's degree in information system management and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, according to SOU.

King, whose term expires in June 2028, was appointed to fill a non-faculty staff position left vacant by Jason Mendoza, who resigned in June, according to an SOU spokesperson.

King is SOU's compliance coordinator and has served on numerous university committees, including the SOU Budget Committee and SOU Planning Committee.

King graduated from SOU with a bachelor's degree in communication.

Harwood, whose term expires June 2027, was appointed as the board's graduate student member. The position was previously held by graduate student Julissa Taitasno, SOU said.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with a bachelor of fine arts degree in acting, Harwood is working on a master of business administration at SOU with a focus on arts management.

Harwood is a freelance writer and actor and serves on the Portland local board of the SAG-AFTRA union.