



Oregon State University Presidential Assessment Policy

I. Policy

The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University (the “Board”) will review the performance of the President annually. In addition, the Board will conduct comprehensive performance assessments at intervals set forth in this policy.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the Presidential Assessment is to provide the President with regular support and feedback on performance by identifying areas of strength and opportunities for further professional development. The assessment process also provides the Board an opportunity to reflect on the health of the university and the leadership demonstrated by the President. Finally, a formal process meets the needs of the Board to ensure the public that it is meeting accountability expectations.

III. Guiding Principles

The Board will use the following principles to guide its implementation of this policy:

- A. Informing and guiding successful leadership is a core principle of the assessment.
- B. The assessment is founded on the Board’s commitment to shared governance.
- C. The assessment will be conducted in a manner that fosters a trusting relationship with the President and supports his/her development.
- D. The assessment is an integral element in a forward-looking and continuous conversation about the strategic position of the university and the work of the President.

IV. Process

The assessment process has two distinct elements:

- A. An Annual Assessment based on the President’s Self-Assessment Report and on the progress toward and achievement of goals adopted by the Board and aligned with the university’s Strategic Plan. The Annual Assessment will be completed each year when the Board Officers complete their report and no later than September 30 (see section V.C. “Board Officers’ Report”).
- B. A periodic Comprehensive Assessment based on the President’s Self-Assessment Report, all previous annual reviews since the last comprehensive assessment, and progress toward achievement of the university’s Strategic Plan. The Comprehensive Assessment will include input of individuals and groups from both within the university

community and beyond the university. It may also include the assistance of an external consultant.

The Comprehensive Assessment will be completed by September 30 at least once every five years of the President's tenure or more often, at the discretion of the Board Officers. In the year a Comprehensive Assessment is conducted, it will replace the Annual Assessment.

V. Annual Assessment

The Annual Assessment will include the following:

A. President's Self-Assessment Report

The President will complete a Self-Assessment Report that addresses the State of the University and the President's stewardship. The report will be due to the Board on the date specified by the Chair and will be based on information available at the time of the assessment.

The report will include the following:

1. Progress on meeting previously established goals, including any relevant data;
2. An assessment of the university's advancement of goals outlined in the Strategic Plan;
3. An assessment of the overall academic quality of the university;
4. An assessment of the financial status of the university;
5. An assessment of the challenges and opportunities facing the university;
6. An assessment of the President's relationships with the Board, Board Officers, university leadership, and other key stakeholders;
7. The identification of any professional development the President wishes to pursue; and
8. Goals the President proposes for him/herself over the course of the next year.

B. Review of the President's Report

The Board Officers will review and evaluate the President's Self-Assessment Report. The Board Officers will solicit input from Trustees, Associated Students of Oregon State University, Associated Students of Cascades Campus, Faculty Senate, staff, and others, as appropriate, as they conduct their evaluation. The Board Officers will meet with the President to discuss the evaluation and to agree upon goals for the next year.

C. Board Officers' Report and Criteria for Assessment

The Board Officers will prepare a Board Officers' Report that provides the results of the evaluation, any associated recommendations, and the proposed goals for the next year. Recommendations may include consideration of presidential compensation. The criteria for the evaluation will be based principally on goals mutually set by the Board and President for the year in review. The Board Officers' Report will be completed by September 30 annually and presented to the Board at the first regular meeting of the Board following completion of the report.

D. Establishment of Goals and Criteria

The Board Officers' Report, upon acceptance by the Board, will establish and memorialize in writing the President's goals for the next year. To the extent possible, these goals should be measurable and relate to the Strategic Plan.

VI. Comprehensive Assessment

The Comprehensive Assessment will include the elements outlined in Section V (Annual Assessment) of this policy. Prior to commencing a Comprehensive Assessment, the Board Officers will identify the methods by which input from individuals and groups will be gathered. They will also determine the role of, and appoint an external consultant, if utilized. The Board Officers will specify any additional elements to be included in the President's Self-Assessment Report. This work will be conducted in consultation with the Board prior to commencing the assessment.

VII. Confidentiality

Oregon law governs the confidentiality of personnel records. Evaluative information will be received and maintained in a manner that is consistent with the personnel records standards outlined in ORS 351.065, University policies, and the Oregon Public Records Law.

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