

Board Policy Review

BACKGROUND

A number of administrative rules, policies, and internal management directives of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) transferred to the university when the transition in governance occurred in 2014. These policies and directives apply to the university, until and unless the university repeals, amends, or otherwise replaces them.

In October 2017 and 2018, the Board repealed a number of these transferred policies which have been since superseded by OSU Board of Trustees policies, were outdated, or were no longer applicable. The Board Secretary was instructed to continue this review process to ensure the currency of Board policies, as required by the Board's bylaws.

Concurrently, the University Policy Program has been amending and repealing those transferred policies and standards that relate to functions that have been delegated by the Board to the university. The policy director continues to work with the President, the Executive Policy and Standards Committee, and other university leaders to modernize university policies and standards by repealing or amending those that were transferred, or adopting new policies as needed.

PROPOSED REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS

The Board Office worked with staff in the University Policy and Standards Program, Provost's Office, Office of General Counsel, and relevant units to review an additional increment of board-related policies transferred from the SBHE. The policies proposed for repeal are provided in Exhibit A of Attachment 1.

In June 2018, the Board amended its Tuition and Fee Process to implement changes in statutes adopted during the 2018 Legislative Session. At that time, to align existing practices with the new statutory requirements (House Bill 4141, Oregon Revised Statutes 352.102), the university established the Tuition Advisory Council (the body defined in HB 4141) as a subcommittee of the University Budget Committee (UBC). However, since that time the university has considered the full membership of the UBC as the Tuition Advisory Council, which is a more inclusive approach to implementing the statute. The proposed amendments in Exhibit B of Attachment 1 clarify the role of the UBC consistent with the requirements of ORS 352.102.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff propose that the Executive & Audit Committee recommend to the Board that it adopt the Resolution repealing and amending policies as provided in Attachment 1.

RESOLUTION NO. _____



**Oregon State University
Repealing and Amending Certain Policies**

BACKGROUND

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University (the "Board") is the governing body of Oregon State University pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 352.054; and

Whereas, ORS 352.087(m) grants the Board authority to establish policies for the organization, administration, and development of the university; and

Whereas, Article IV, Section 1 of the Board's bylaws require that the Board maintain the currency of its governance policies and practices; and

Whereas, Oregon State University transferred policies and directives during the transition of governance from the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) to the institutional Board of Trustees of Oregon State University in July 2014, many of which are inapplicable, superseded by state law or otherwise irrelevant; and

Whereas, a list of such policies recommended for repeal was developed by the Board Secretary and provided in the table attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the Board's Tuition and Fee Process needed to be updated to reflect the role of the University Budget Committee attached hereto as Exhibit B;

RESOLUTION

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees that the policies and directives provided in Exhibit A are repealed and the amendments to the Tuition and Fee Process are approved.

This Resolution is effective _____.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees _____

_____/ /2019
Secretary to the Board Date

Policies for Repeal by the OSU Board of Trustees

Title (from original source)	Original Source/ Item to Repeal	Rationale for Repeal
<u>University System Curricula 2.001: Board Oversight of Higher Education Curricula and Institutions</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable: No longer relevant with governance change. This policy describes system-wide oversight of curriculum.
<u>University System Curricula 2.010: Missions of System Institutions</u>	SBHE Policy	Superseded by Board action: Statute creating independent governing boards provided that universities shall adopt mission statements and forward them to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (ORS352.089). In March 2014, the OSU Board of Trustees <u>formally adopted</u> the mission, vision, and goals for the university. Authority to adopt and make changes to the university mission is retained by the OSU Board in its <u>delegation to the university</u> .
<u>Instructional Program 2.025: Academic Calendar</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable: This policy describes system-wide coordination of academic calendars and publication of a system-wide five-year rolling calendar. The university now has a committee charged with planning the OSU annual and four-year rolling academic calendar, as well as considering and recommending changes to the academic calendar. The committee is appointed by and is advisory to the Provost.
<u>Instructional Program 2.040: Accreditation Reports</u>	SBHE Policy	No longer applicable/Superseded by Board action: Requires institutions to submit the draft self-study and other accreditation-related reports to SBHE. A similar policy was repealed by the OSU Board in October 2018. Oversight of accreditation is superseded by the <u>Academic Strategies Committee charter</u> , which specifies the committee oversees engagement with accrediting bodies.

TAB E
Exhibit A

Title (from original source)	Original Source/ Item to Repeal	Rationale for Repeal
<u>Intercollegiate Athletics Policy</u>	SBHE Policy	<p>Outdated/Superseded by Board action: Relates to SBHE policy statement from 1983, which duplicates in part a separate and more comprehensive <u>Intercollegiate Athletics Policy</u> transferred from SBHE. This broader policy is <u>not</u> proposed for repeal.</p> <p>The SBHE statement proposed for repeal includes outdated references to PAC-10 and athletic funding alternatives requirements related to a 1987 SBHE meeting.</p> <p>Board oversight of athletic program financials provided under the <u>Finance & Administration Committee charter</u>. FAC oversight under the OSU Board has included review of the athletics financial sustainability plan.</p>
<u>Substance Abuse</u>	SBHE Policy	<p>Outdated: SBHE policy from 1990 encouraging individual institutions in the system to develop efforts to address substance abuse.</p> <p>OSU is committed to maintaining a <u>drug- and alcohol-free workplace</u> and offers prevention and recovery resources to <u>employees</u> and <u>students</u></p>

Oregon State University Tuition and Fee Process

The Board of Trustees resolves that tuition and fees will be established pursuant to the following process:

Tuition and mandatory enrollment fees are established annually by the Board, generally at the Board's meeting in March or April prior to the applicable academic year. When setting tuition and fees, the Board considers a number of factors, including the desire to provide access to degree programs, create a diverse student body, maintain strong degree programs at every level, and develop and maintain the human and physical infrastructure necessary to support Oregon's educational outcome goals.

The Board's commitment to maintaining the long-term quality of the university's programs for students and for the state requires a deliberate approach to managing costs, planning for inflationary increases in costs, and considering new strategic investments. The Board, based on its commitment and fiduciary duties, including managing anticipated inflationary cost increases, establishes the expectation that annual tuition rate increases will be between 2 and 5 percent. Changes outside this range will be considered when necessitated by external factors such as changes in state funding, costs of state-provided benefits, or reductions in program scope or costs.

The Board's consideration of tuition and mandatory enrollment fees will be based on the recommendation of the President. In developing recommendations to the Board, the President will consider the advice of the ~~Tuition Advisory Council of the~~ University Budget Committee, ~~serving in the role of a tuition advisory council established~~ pursuant to ORS 352.102 and will consult with the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU), the Associated Students of Cascade Campus (ASCC) and enrolled students. The President will report to the Board the nature and outcomes of consultations with students and others, including any significant disagreements, and will share all written reports and minority reports, including all recommendations, deliberations, and observations that are provided to the President by the Tuition Advisory Council. The President's recommendation will include considerations regarding historical tuition and fee trends, comparative data for peer institutions, the University's budget and projected costs, and anticipated state appropriation levels.

The Board delegates to the President the consultation with ASOSU and ASCC in their establishment of a process for requesting student incidental fees.

Document History

- Adopted by the Board of Trustees, January 16, 2015
- Amended June 1, 2018