

DRAFT 2019 Legislative Priorities

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Shared Capital Renewal Fund: \$65 million in state bonds for deferred maintenance to be distributed among all seven universities based on a yet-to-be revised Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) formula (supported by all seven universities).
- OSU-Cascades Student Success Center: \$12 million in state bonds, matched by \$5 million in student-approved fees.
- Arts & Education Complex: \$35 million in state bonds, matched by an additional \$35 million in donor funds.
- Cordley Capital Renewal: \$28 million in state bonds for Cordley Hall Renovation, matched with \$28 million in university funds (second phase).

OPERATING BUDGET

- The seven public universities have sought at least a \$130 million increase in operating funds from the current biennial appropriation of \$737 million, for a total investment of \$867 million. This request would enable tuition increases to stay below 5% per year over the next two years. In August, the HECC recommended a \$186 million increase in operating funds, for a total of \$923 million. The HECC recommendation is obviously a significant improvement and would enable meaningful investments in student success and access while keeping tuition affordable.
- Yet to be determined amount increase in funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG), supported by all seven universities. The HECC recommended a 69% increase in the OOG, from \$146 million during the current biennium to \$247 million for the 2019-21 biennium.
- \$30 million increase for the three Statewide Public Service Programs (Extension, Agricultural Experiment Station & Forest Research Laboratory). This effort was endorsed by the OSU Board of Trustees at its October meeting.
- \$17.3 million for University Innovation Research Fund (\$10 million) and Oregon Corps Program (\$7.3 million) contained in Oregon Business Development Department budget (supported by Oregon's four research universities)
- \$1.6 million in state match for the US Department of Energy marine energy grant (pending university, industry and philanthropy matches).

POLICY ISSUES

Oregon State University is not seeking any specific policy bills. We will be closely following the "Clean Energy and Jobs" bill, currently under development by the legislature's Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction. While our primary interest in this bill is to ensure that legislative decisions are informed by science, we are also mindful that state carbon legislation may affect university costs or operations.

We will work with the six other public universities and community colleges to track and respond to legislation that may affect students and our academic, research, and outreach responsibilities and programs.

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