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To: Board of Trustees
From: Pat Reser, Chair
Subject: 2016 Proposed Board Work Plan
Date: October 7, 2015

I look forward to our October 16 discussion of the Board's 2016 work plan. The enclosed work plan (or "checklist") is organized around the Board's basic responsibilities (see enclosed excerpt of the bylaws) and is intended to be combined with the work plans for our standing committees (Academic Strategies, Executive & Audit, and Finance & Administration).

As we carry out our responsibilities, I encourage us to continue to keep our mission and strategic plan front of mind. I anticipate that our upcoming retreat will help us identify strategic topics and high-level follow up to incorporate into our plans and pursue over the next year. As you noted in your responses to our recent board assessment, it will be important to set aside time for board discussion of these types of high-level, strategic topics.

Thank you for your outstanding work over the past year. Special thanks also to our committee chairs for the clearly articulated work plans they developed for the upcoming year.



Board of Trustees 2016 Work Plan

Mission & Strategic Direction

- Board: Ongoing Follow Up to Oct 14, 2015 Retreat
- Board: Endorsement of Operational Plan: Mar 31, 2016
- Board: Oct 19, 2016 Retreat

Board Accountability & Performance

- EAC: Election or Re-Election of Board Officers for terms starting Jul 1, 2016: Jan 29, 2016
- EAC: Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, & members of standing committees: Feb 28, 2016
- Board: Annual Governance Refresher: Oct 21, 2016
- Board: Annual Review of Delegation of Authority: Oct 21, 2016
- Board: Annual Board Assessment: Oct 21, 2016
- Committees/Board: Annual Committee and Board Work Plans: Oct 20-21, 2016
- Board: as necessary update board membership in Resolution Regarding Classified Information for US Department of Defense

Fiscal Integrity

- FAC: Placeholder – General Obligation Bond Sale and/or Refunding: Jan 29, 2016
- FAC: FY2017 Tuition Rates, Mandatory Fees and Student Incidental Fees: Mar 31, 2016
- FAC: 2017-19 Biennial Funding Request: Mar 31, 2016
- FAC: Placeholder – Potential Issuance of OSU Revenue Bonds: Mar 31, 2016
- FAC: FY2017 Operating Budget: Jun 3, 2016
- FAC: FY2017 Capital Plan: Jun 3, 2016

Education Quality

- ASC: New Academic Programs as forwarded from ASC

Engaging University's Major Constituencies

- Board: Each meeting, Faculty Senate, ASOSU, HECC Standing Reports
- Board: Each meeting, Student Breakfast Panels
- Board: Each meeting, Dinner and/or Presentations by Faculty

Presidential Search, Assessment, & Compensation

- EAC: Adopt Presidential Recruitment & Compensation Policy: Mar 31, 2016
- EAC: Comprehensive Presidential Assessment: Oct 21, 2016

Proposed Educational Opportunities

- Jan 28: Learning Innovation Center Tour
- Jun 2: North Willamette Research & Extension Tour, Presentations, & Committee Meetings
- Oct 20-21: OSU-Cascades Tour, Presentations, & Board/Committee Meetings
- Mar 30: Cultural Centers Tour
- Future: Strand Ag Hall Renovation Tour
- Future: Food Innovation Center and possible other locations in Portland

ARTICLE IV

Responsibilities of the Board

1. **Responsibilities of the Board.** The Board governs the University by exercising and carrying out all of the powers, rights and duties that are expressly conferred upon the Board by law, or that are implied by law or are incident to such powers, rights and duties. The Board's governance responsibilities include:
 - a. Determining the mission of the University and ensuring that the mission is kept current and aligned with the goals and mission of public higher education in Oregon.
 - b. Providing insight and guidance to the University's strategic direction.
 - c. Charging the President with the task of periodically leading a strategic planning process; participating in the strategic planning process; approving the strategic plan, and monitoring its effectiveness.
 - d. Hiring, supporting, and evaluating the President and prescribing the President's compensation.
 - e. Ensuring the University's fiscal integrity; overseeing the University's financial resources and other assets; reviewing and approving annual University budgets; and preserving and protecting the University's assets for posterity.
 - f. Ensuring and protecting, within the context of faculty shared governance, the educational quality of the University and its academic programs; and preserving and protecting the University's autonomy, academic freedom, and the public purposes of higher education.
 - g. Engaging regularly, in concert with senior administration, with the University's major constituencies.
 - h. Ensuring the currency of Board governance policies and practices.
 - i. Periodically assessing the performance of the Board and its committees, members, policies and practices.