

Students,

I hope you are enjoying spring term. Before you know it finals will be here, so study hard!

As you may know, EOU is dealing with a decline in state funding for the next several years. This is a difficult time for us all and we, the University executive leadership team, are committed to a very open and transparent process throughout. While we know we must make some hard decisions, our planning models are focused on the long-term financial sustainability of EOU and maintaining a commitment to our core values that make EOU special. This includes an educational environment that draws students and professors together, on campus and online. We are committed to providing a robust academic curriculum and co-curricular offerings that challenge the mind and prepare you for the larger world. We remain dedicated to providing services that meet your needs, our students—current and future—in a way that is exemplified by our personal approach to working and serving you.

The reason for this budget reduction is very simple: the resources from the state of Oregon dedicated to EOU are declining at a precipitous rate and if we don't change, our financial condition will deteriorate to a point of unimaginable consequences. Because nearly 50 percent of our revenues come from state funds, EOU is more directly impacted by these budget reductions than some other universities. However, all public universities in Oregon and throughout the nation are being impacted and are reducing expenditures.

We cannot continue to operate like we have in the past and must change the way we approach our work. The draft plan, "Repositioning EOU for Mission Fulfillment and Financial Sustainability" is the start of this process. The plan is available at www.eou.edu/pres with a link on the upper-right hand side of the page.

In our discussions and decisions, we have continually questioned the effect of this plan on students and have sought to minimize the impact as much as possible. This is not to say that you, as a student, will not see changes. It is impossible to experience this significant of a budget decrease without some impact, therefore some academic and administrative offerings have to be reduced or eliminated. To help answer your questions we have put together an FAQ and you can access it at www.eou.edu/pres/budget/faqs.html. Please read it and if you still have questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Good luck with the rest of the term!

Best,
Bob

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