

Resolution of the Eastern Oregon University Faculty Senate Regarding the Oregon University System Governance Proposal

Whereas, as observed in the Inter-Institutional Faculty Senate Resolution 14 January 2010, under the current higher education structure and funding model the State of Oregon is unable to meet the higher education needs of Oregon citizens today or to plan effectively to meet the needs of future Oregon students.

Whereas the Oregon University System Governance Proposal provides for greater fiscal flexibility and self-reliance.

Whereas the Proposal includes an increased emphasis on outcomes.

Whereas adoption of the Governance Proposal would result in substantial change to the Oregon University System, both fiscally and structurally.

Whereas individual institutional boards would grant the larger Oregon University System schools disproportionate lobbying power.

The Eastern Oregon University faculty resolve to endorse the Oregon University System Governance Proposal consistent with the following core principles.

- A. The implementation of the proposal must improve the education of all OUS students.
- B. The designation of required outcomes must provide for the unique strengths of each OUS school as well as the interdependent nature of the OUS system.
- C. Benefits provided to faculty and staff must remain comparable to current levels.
- D. OUS schools must remain equally represented by one board.
- E. Faculty must be involved in every step of the implementation.

Presented to the EOU Faculty Senate by M. Ruth Davenport, EOU IIFS Senator, April 7, 2011 for review, submission to constituents, and electronic vote.