

## SSCM Review Workgroup Charge

### Charge:

For the first time, Public University Support Fund dollars were allocated using the Student Success and Completion Model (SSCM) in the 2014-15 fiscal year. This outcomes-based funding allocation model was approved April 9, 2015 by the HECC and codified in Oregon Administrative Rules 715-013-0025 and 715-013-0040. The HECC specified three conditions when adopting the SSCM:

- (1) Development of a collaborative process to update cost-weighting factors embedded in the SSCM and include a report back to the Commission no later than Spring 2016;
- (2) An examination and potential re-examination of the weighting structure for underrepresented students;
- (3) An examination and report back to the Commission on how the components of the “base” of the model are to be inflation adjusted over time.

To complete this work, and in compliance with the collaborative approach specified by the HECC, the University Coordination Office, Budget and Finance unit will convene an SSCM Factor Review Technical Workgroup (Workgroup). Facilitated by HECC staff, the Workgroup will include representatives of each public university, including finance, institutional research, and academic leaders.

In addition to those work items specifically requested by the HECC, the scope of the Workgroup’s examination will be expanded to include review of other SSCM model factors. OAR 715-013-0025 (11) states, *“Weighting factors and data definitions within the SSCM will be examined by HECC staff and stakeholders as appropriate. This reexamination will occur no less than once every biennium.”*

During this first year of SSCM implementation, the need for definitional, data, and minor calculation revisions have been cataloged by HECC staff as the need for each item was identified. Staff’s recommendation is that these items are deserving of stakeholder attention and that the expansion of this Workgroup to include these items will both allow collaboration with the appropriate university representatives and capture logistical efficiencies.

### Process:

The SSCM Factor Review Technical Workgroup will be comprised of the following members:

- Representatives of each of the seven public universities selected in coordination with the VPFAs
- HECC University Coordination, Budget & Finance staff
- Representative of HECC Office of Research and Data.

The Workgroup will examine those items included in the HECC conditions cited above and also review those definitions, data elements, and calculation revisions identified by staff. This examination may include research into best practices, review of data sets, and discussion of institutional context. The Workgroup will determine the need for related amendments to the SSCM and an implementation pathway.

The Workgroup’s efforts will culminate in reports on the weighting factors of the SSCM and the “base” components of the SSCM. It is anticipated that modifications to both OAR 715-0013-0025 and 715-0013-0040 will be recommended at the conclusion of the Workgroup process.

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### **Timeline:**

A Workgroup roster will be established in April with its inaugural meeting held late in the month, if possible. The first meeting will require a review of the SSCM in its current form, including its cost-weighting structure. Subsequent meetings will include a review of common cost weighting studies and data sets, components of the “Base” or Mission Differentiation allocation of the SSCM, and the SSCM weighting structure for underrepresented students.

Once the Workgroup has completed its cost-weighting and Mission Differentiation evaluation, the additional staff-identified definitional, data, and calculation items will be examined.

A cost-weighting recommendation will be established by June. Recommendations for remaining workgroup items will be completed as soon as possible and culminate with a report and presentation to Funding & Achievement Subcommittee. Following the F&A presentation, any associated adjustments to the SSCM OARs will be formulated by HECC staff and presented for Commission consideration and approval for implementation in the 2016-17 fiscal year.