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Neil Bryant, Chair  
Oregon Higher Educating Coordinating Commission  
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Chair Bryant,

We would like to express our support for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's 2019-21 rubric and capital scoring process. We believe that it was public and transparent, and that the rubric and list from the HECC staff process prioritizes capital repair and reinvestment, which are priorities our institutions share. We look forward to working with the Commission to further refine the rubric for future biennia to ensure a fair and equitable assessment of the future capital requests.

The process used by HECC for the 2019-21 biennial requests was built upon an open, objective, and collaborative process that used a scoring rubric approved in advance by HECC Commissioners, which we all had an opportunity to address. As presidents of the four TRU universities we applaud this process. It is inclusive and transparent implementation has increased the trust between HECC staff and the campuses.

The use of the rubric, the public discussion of how each section was scored, and sharing of the completed scoring sheets creates the foundation of a capital investment process that will result in the universities and HECC working in a collaborative manner that will serve the state and its students for years to come as we care for the state's significant capital investment in its public universities.

The diligent and dedicated work of Andrew Rogers and Bruce Johnson is to be applauded. The time that they spent on each campus allowed them to gain insights and perspective regarding the status of our current capital assets as well as an understanding of our future plans. They also provided valuable feedback and guidance from the HECC staff perspective. Their collaborative efforts have created an important shared understanding between HECC and campus staff that we very much appreciate.

As presidents we understand and respect the duty and authority of the HECC Commissioners to review and make an informed final decision regarding the final order of prioritized projects. We want to continue to emphasize that capital repair and renewal of existing infrastructure remains a priority for our campuses to ensure we are supporting these critical educational assets.

We strongly urge the commissioners to also respect the objective and shared process that produced the 2019-21 prioritized Public University Capital Project Prioritized list by approving the list as it presented to the Commission on June 14, 2018 by HECC staff.

Sincerely,



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