

Docket Item:

Eastern Oregon University Mission Statement

Summary:

ORS 350.075 directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to “approve the mission statement adopted by a governing board of a public university.”

At previous meetings, the Commission has approved mission statements for OSU (June, 2015), UO (June, 2015), PSU (April, 2016), OIT (June, 2016), WOU (June, 2016), and SOU (January, 2018).

According to EOU officials, its mission was initially developed and approved in 2004 and again in 2010 under the auspices of the Oregon University System. In September 2014, EOU led a community-wide exercise that reaffirmed the university’s mission and core themes. In November 2016, the new EOU Board of Trustees adopted the EOU mission, and in November 2017, the EOU Board of Trustees adopted revised Core Themes. EOU’s Board-approved mission statement is as follows:

“EOU guides student inquiry through integrated, high-quality liberal arts and professional programs that lead to responsible and reflective action in a diverse and interconnected world.

“As an educational, cultural, and scholarly center, EOU connects the rural regions of Oregon to a wider world. Our beautiful setting and small size enhance the personal attention our students receive, while partnerships with colleges, universities, agencies, and communities add to the educational possibilities of our region and state.”

EOU will present its mission and strategic directions to the HECC, with request for Commission approval of the mission statement.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission approval of EOU’s board-approved mission statement.