
Docket Item:

Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) Mission Statement Revision

Summary:

The State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) approved a mission statement for Oregon Tech on January 7, 2011. Governance of Oregon Tech transferred from the SBHE to Oregon Tech's Board of Trustees on July 1, 2015. Certain SBHE authorities were assumed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), including review and approval of changes to public university mission statements.

ORS 350.075 directs the HECC to, "approve the mission statement adopted by the governing board of a public university." Upon Oregon Tech's recent review of the mission statement, amendments were suggested to reflect current program offerings, the University's commitment to diversity and leadership, development for faculty, staff, and students, and an explanation of how Oregon Tech fulfills its mission. The proposed amendments were shared with, and comments incorporated from, Executive Staff, Faculty Senate, Associated Students of OIT (ASOIT), and the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. At its May 2019 board meeting, Oregon Tech's Board of Directors approved a resolution amending the University's mission statement.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission approval of Oregon Tech's board-approved, revised mission statement.