

**Docket Item:**

Public University Evaluation Timeline

**Summary:**

The HECC is required to conduct annual evaluations of public universities in Oregon. The passage of SB 54 in 2017 amended the HECC’s evaluation cycle from occurring every year to occurring every two years. This change has improved the effective use of staff time for data collection, analysis, report writing, and the substantive quality of the evaluation reports.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The public university evaluations signal areas of key interest to the HECC that support the objectives of the State of Oregon: student success as measured by degree completion; access and affordability as measured by equity across socioeconomic, racial/ethnic, and regional (urban/rural) groups; academic quality and research; financial sustainability; and continued collaboration across universities in support of the State’s mission for higher education. Additionally the reports describe how Boards of Trustees have operated since their formation. The reports rely on a combination of institutional accreditation reports, self-assessments, and criteria jointly developed with the HECC.

This year four universities will be evaluated: Western Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, and Oregon Institute of Technology.

**University Evaluation Timeline:**

Date	Action
October 25, 2019	Populated templates provided to universities
November 8, 2019	Data discrepancies from templates resolved; completed templates returned to HECC
November 26, 2019	Fall 4 <sup>th</sup> week data incorporated, two-page draft summaries shared with institutions.
December 3, 2019	Feedback from institutions on two-page draft summaries due to HECC
December 10, 2019	Draft two-page summary reports submitted to Commission for review
December 20, 2019	Institutions receive full draft report
January 10, 2020	Feedback from institutions on full draft reports due to HECC
February 13, 2020	Reports submitted to Commission for adoption
February 20, 2020	Reports submitted to Legislature

**Staff Recommendation:**

Informational for discussion and feedback