

**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 (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 three universities will be evaluated: Oregon State University, Portland State University, and the University of Oregon.

**University Evaluation Timeline:**

November 16, 2020	Populated templates provided to universities
November 23, 2020	Fall 4 <sup>th</sup> week data incorporated, two-page draft summaries shared with institutions
November 30, 2020	Data discrepancies from templates resolved; completed templates returned to HECC
November 30, 2020	Feedback from institutions on two-page draft summaries due to HECC
December 10, 2020	Draft two-page summary reports submitted to Commission for review
January 18, 2020	Institutions receive full draft report—dependent on institutions’ timely submission of student record data
February 1, 2021	Feedback from institutions of full draft report due to HECC
February 13, 2021	Reports submitted to Commission for adoption
February 20, 2021	Reports submitted to the Legislature