

Dear HECC Commission,

As a Portland State University (PSU) alum, Latin American and new member of the PSU Foundation Board of Trustees, I request you consider including a third table, specific to PSU, that sets match mates between the flagship universities and the technical and regional universities. PSU should not be included with Oregon State University and University of Oregon.

In particular, PSU serves a far different population than UO and OSU, including a higher percentage of Oregonians, more PELL eligible students and more of color. Serving these students requires higher investments in student success, but generates much lower institutional revenue. As a result, PSU is less able than UO and OSU to provide institutional matching funds.

The fundraising capacity of PSU is magnitudes smaller than UO and OSU. Judged by endowment, PSU is under \$100m and UO is at nearly \$1 billion. Within those endowed funds, PSU has virtually no unrestricted dollars. As a result, it is unable to generate philanthropic match from endowment earnings.

The matching requirement must be based on a measurable metric - endowment per student, or level of research, or annual fundraising per student, or some other tangible, concrete approach. The proposed approach is arbitrary and fails to acknowledge the truly unique position of PSU among Oregon's higher education institutions.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Kind regards,
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