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Oregon Institute of Technology Institutional Evaluation
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ORS 352.061 requires the HECC to conduct annual evaluations of public universities in Oregon according to specific statutory criteria. Overall, the HECC's approach is to assess the university's contributions to statewide goals for higher education. We do not purport to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the university against its own mission. A summary of key findings follows:

1. **Accreditation**: OIT is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), and is fully on track with the 7-year NWCCU cycle for accreditation. During its last review in 2015 (Year 7 Evaluation), NWCCU recommended that OIT develop an agreement that clearly defines the relationship between OIT and its Foundation; and that OIT develop and enforce a policy for credit for prior learning assessment.
2. **Economic impact**: A 2015 ECONorthwest report estimates the economic impact of the OIT in FY15 as $75 million in Klamath County and an additional $32 million in the Portland metro region.
3. **Student access and student success:** After a decade of enrollment increases, Fall 2016 saw continued, strong enrollment growth across the board from the previous Fall: for non-residents (9.9%), residents (9.1%), and overall (9.3%). The number of underrepresented minority students enrolled at OIT also continues to increase, growing more than 84% since 2010. OIT maintains an increasing trajectory in the number of degrees awarded. While graduation rates for Pell Grant recipients match those of the overall population, underrepresented minority students lag the institutional average by 6 percentage points. UO is making year-over-year increases in the number of degrees awarded to underrepresented minority students.
4. **Affordability:** For 2016-17, OIT's resident undergraduate tuition increased by 2.99%, and the estimated total cost of attendance increased by 1.36% to $21,588. For OIT students who leave the university with debt, their average debt load is $23,000.
5. **Academic Quality and Research:** In addition to maintaining in good standing with its regional accreditor, OIT is very active in applied research in manufacturing and medical fields. For 2015-16, it reports total research expenditures of $1.2 million.
6. **Collaboration:** OIT contributes to a host of collaborative activities with other post-secondary institutions. Significant efforts include its partnership in the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center; the Rural Health Initiative and the Population Health Management Research Center. About 61.9% of OIT's Fall 2015 newly admitted undergraduates were transfer students, many of them from an Oregon community college.
7. **Shared administrative services:** OIT participates in all of the services offered by the University Shared Services Enterprise (USSE).

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8. **Financial metrics**:

Oregon Institute of Technology Ratios				
Ratio	**FY 14**	**FY 15**	**FY 16**	**Benchmark**
Viability Ratio	50.00%	57.00%	72.00%	>125%
Primary Reserve Ratio	40.00%	43.00%	42.00%	>40%
Net Operating Revenues Ratio	-6.19%	-3.06%	0.19%	>4%
Return on Net Assets Ratio	0.63%	12.21%	93.07%	>6%
Debt Burden Ratio	4.55%	5.19%	5.04%	<5%

Displayed benchmarks for public universities from NACUBO publications.

9. **Board of Trustees**: In 2016, the OIT Board of Trustees appears to have met its legal responsibilities for providing public notice, accessibility, and records. In 2016, the Board exercised many of the powers reserved for it under law, including presidential oversight, budget adoption, tuition adoption, debt issuance, and program approval (for HECC consideration).

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