Inter-institutional Faculty Senate Resolution

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Whereas the 2010 Oregon high school graduating class will be the largest in Oregon’s history.

Whereas Oregon Opportunity Grant requests have exceeded 2019-2010 allocated funds and requests for 2010-2011 already considerably outnumber those at the same time as the previous year.

Whereas enrollment in Oregon higher education institutions has increased greatly and is expected to increase further by 2025, while proportional state funding has considerably decreased.

Whereas under the current higher education structure and funding model in Oregon, *The Oregon Goal: 40-40-20* is unachievable by 2025. The State of Oregon is unable to meet the higher education needs of Oregon citizens today or plan effectively to meet the needs of future Oregon students.

Any efforts to resolve these issues must be consistent with the following core principles.

1. Any restructuring of Public Higher Education must improve the education of all Oregon Students.
2. Any restructuring of Public Higher Education must be based on a careful examination of other reorganization attempts, such as restructuring of academic programs at OHSU.
3. Any restructuring plans of Public Higher Education must strengthen the unique opportunities provided by each Oregon public university.
4. The faculty in general and the IFS in particular must be involved every step of the way.
5. Public Higher Education Institutions in Oregon should function collaboratively as a unified system for the benefit of Oregon.