

Charge of the OUS Provosts' Council

(Approved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education on September 8, 2006)

1. The Provosts' Council is responsible for making recommendations to the Chancellor of the Oregon University System (OUS) regarding proposed new undergraduate and graduate degrees, new undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, professional educator licensure programs, and all other substantive changes to undergraduate and graduate academic programming at the OUS universities. After initial input and review by appropriate councils and external constituents (e.g., OUS Research Council, external review teams), all proposed graduate programs will be brought to the Provosts' Council for consideration and recommendation to the Chancellor. (Note: The term "OUS universities" includes Oregon Health & Science University in this charge.)
2. The Provosts' Council will also review degree name changes and offering existing programs at new locations. If an institution proposes to name a school, center, or institute after a living person, Board approval is required. Such proposals will be forwarded to the Board after review and approval by the Provosts' Council.
3. The Provosts' Council is responsible for considering and, where appropriate, for making policy recommendations to the Chancellor regarding Systemwide undergraduate admission policies, K-12 and community college articulation, student retention policies, and other questions or concerns that directly affect the quality of academic programs at OUS universities.
4. Because the Provosts' Council plays a key role in recommending and implementing Board policy affecting academic programming at the OUS universities, OUS staff officers will work closely with the Council and its chairperson to ensure effective communication regarding Board policies and their implementation.
5. The Provosts' Council will seek ways to work collaboratively regarding state and federal grant opportunities, technological partnerships, and other initiatives that strengthen both the Oregon University System as a whole and the individual universities.
6. The Provosts' Council is charged with the responsibility of establishing guidelines to govern its operation.