

## **Charge of the OUS Research Council**

(Approved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education in November 2005)

The functions of the Oregon University System (OUS) Research Council include:

1. Advancing inter-campus and interdisciplinary research collaborations and resulting grants and funding;
2. Documenting “best practices” and driving continuous learning across the State; for instance, capturing best practices in establishing signature research centers such as ONAMI, or capturing best practices in implementing undergraduate research and assuring these lessons are implemented to improve results;
3. Enhancing the infrastructure within Oregon to facilitate excellence in research and technology transfer, including supporting faculty efforts in grant proposal development, scholarly communications, and entrepreneurial activities;
4. Reinforcing the important synergies between research, teaching, learning, and outreach by working with OUS presidents and chief academic officers to expand opportunities for student research experiences at all student levels;
5. Collaborating with the Chancellor’s Office to identify, develop, and report research metrics, outcomes, and goals for excellence (e.g., indicators on the recent SB853 and OUS performance measures related to research);
6. Communicating the research excellence residing within Oregon institutions that may become economic drivers for the state; and
7. Informing the Oregon State Board of Higher Education on research issues so that the Board can be a more effective advocate for university research and associated economic development efforts.

The Chair of the Research Council will be from an OUS institution, elected by Council members for a two-year term, and expected to report regularly to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and relevant advisory councils to the Governor and legislature.

Reports should include:

- Progress of Council activities and campus initiatives;
- Barriers to Oregon research, specifically technology transfer and research commercialization barriers; and
- Recommendations to legislation addressing relevant research issues.