On August 24, 2005, Dr. John Minahan was appointed as the interim president of Western Oregon University (WOU) pursuant to Oregon University System (OUS) Internal Management Directive 1.141. OUS Internal Management Directive 1.142, Selection of an Interim President as Permanent President, states, "When the Board must decide whether to conduct a national search or move an interim president to the permanent status, the procedures used in naming an interim president will be followed."

As such, in order to determine whether Dr. John Minahan be appointed as the president of Western Oregon University, the Board must follow procedures set out in IMD 1.141. Before the Board interviews and appoints Dr. John Minahan to WOU's presidency, preliminary steps outlined in the IMD must be followed. Specifically, "the Board [must] authorize the Chancellor to conduct an assessment on its behalf." This meeting is necessary to authorize the Chancellor to assess, with the assistance of three Board members appointed by the Board chair, whether Dr. John Minahan should be appointed as the next president of Western Oregon University.

Staff Recommendation to the Board:
Staff recommends the Board authorize the Chancellor to conduct an assessment of Dr. John Minahan for the WOU presidency on its behalf.

(Board action required.)