

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

RESOLUTION NO. 16-01

January 21, 2016

**Authorization for the University President to Respond to Requests for Proposals
From the Higher Education Coordinating Commission**

Background

In Senate Bill 860 (2015), the Legislative Assembly directed the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to “solicit applications from public universities listed in ORS 352.002 to participate in a pilot program”. SB 860 further required that “each pilot program . . . must be approved by the governing board of the university before it is implemented.”

On November 25, 2015 the HECC issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the pilot programs mandated by SB 860. The HECC’s RFP stated that the HECC would not consider university proposals which did not include an approval letter from the university’s governing board. This was a different standard than the one required by SB 860, which required board approval before the proposal “is implemented.”

The HECC required that responses to the RFP be received at the HECC office within 21 calendar days from the date of issuance of the RFP. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was not scheduled to occur until 57 calendar days after the issuance of the RFP. As a result, the Board of Trustees was required to convene a special meeting on short notice in order to issue the approval that would allow Eastern Oregon University to submit a timely proposal to the HECC.

The Board feels that having to convene a special meeting under these circumstances was an unnecessary and inefficient use of public resources. The Board of Trustees wants to avoid having to repeat this experience should other legislation or future HECC RFPs require similar advance approval from the Board.

Action

Now, therefore, the Board resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the President of Eastern Oregon University to submit proposals to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) in response to any HECC-issued request for proposals.
2. The Board of Trustees takes this action in full exercise of its authority under ORS 352.029(1) to exercise and carry out “all of the powers, rights and duties that are expressly conferred upon the board by law, or that are implied by law or are incident to

such powers, rights and duties,” including the Board’s authority under ORS 352.096 to “appoint and employ” a University President.

3. This delegation is supplemental to and elaborates upon the delegation the Board made to the University President in Board Statement Number 2, Delegation of Authority, June 4, 2015.
4. It is the Board of Trustees’ explicit intent that this authorization satisfy any requirement of any HECC-issued RFP that the Board approve of a university-submitted proposal.
5. This delegation shall expire on June 30, 2017.
6. This resolution is effective January 21, 2016.

Approved by the Board of Trustees January 21, 2016.

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