



## **FINAL DRAFT: OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CLOSING FAQs**

A comprehensive list of contacts is available online at [www.ous.edu](http://www.ous.edu) for each of the institutions that have assumed the authorities of the Oregon University System.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT QUESTIONS**

**1. How can parents, students, and counselors find current and comparative tuition information?**

- For the most up-to-date college costs, visit each Oregon public university's website.
- For historic comparisons, visit the [U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard](#).
- For tips on financial aid and affording college, visit [GetCollegeFunds.org](http://GetCollegeFunds.org).

**2. How can I check the approval status on my student appeal?**

Information on the appeals process can be found on each university website. Search for "Student Appeals."

**3. Whom do I contact regarding transcripts and options related to private postsecondary colleges and trade schools in Oregon?**

HECC Office of Private Postsecondary Education

[Info.PPS@state.or.us](mailto:Info.PPS@state.or.us)

[www.oregon.gov/highered](http://www.oregon.gov/highered)

Students may also contact the [Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities](#) if the university or college of interest is one of their member institutions.

### **EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS**

**4. Where can I find information on job opportunities with the universities?**

This information is available on every university website under "Human Resources."

**5. Where can university employees find information about collective bargaining agreements, tuition discount, etc.?**

This information is available on every university website under "Human Resources."

## CONTRACT SERVICE QUESTIONS

**6. How do I find out information on bid opportunities, including capital construction projects?**

This information is available on individual university websites. Visit [www.ous.edu](http://www.ous.edu) for a complete list of department links.

## DATA AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS

**7. Will the OUS website and all its content continue to be available for the public?**

No. In its place, the public now sees a list of contacts to help answer their questions. A limited number of campus and HECC staff have access to the full site archive.

**8. How should prospective and transfer students, families, and counselors find information on the public universities: admissions, financial aid, current tuition and fees, programs, etc.?**

Students, families, and counselors should go to each campus website for this information.

Students can also visit the [Office of Student Access and Completion](#) (OSAC) for resources on how to pay for college, including the state grant program and the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

**9. How should I find information on system-wide data and reports?**

The HECC has an integrated research office for postsecondary education in Oregon. They will also have access to prior OUS data and reports. Contact:

HECC Office of Research & Data  
Info.hecc@state.or.us  
[www.oregon.gov/HigherEd](http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd)

Research on Oregon higher education is also available through [IPEDS](#) and other publicly available federal databases.

**10. How can I find past comparative data on university system budgets?**

The HECC has information on recent university budget recommendations and historical data on budgets from OUS:

HECC Office of University Coordination  
Finance and Budgets  
Info.hecc@state.or.us  
[www.oregon.gov/HigherEd](http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd)

Research on Oregon higher education budgets is also available through federal and national sources.

**11. How can I make an Oregon University System public records request?**

Records Management Unit  
Oregon Secretary of State  
Phone: 503-373-0701, option 1  
Fax: 503-378-4118  
E-mail: [reference.archives@state.or.us](mailto:reference.archives@state.or.us)

**12. How can I find archived minutes and materials from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE), its subcommittees, and workgroups?**

Records Management Unit  
Oregon Secretary of State  
Phone: 503-373-0701, option 1  
Fax: 503-378-4118  
E-mail: [reference.archives@state.or.us](mailto:reference.archives@state.or.us)

**PROGRAM QUESTIONS**

**13. How is the federally funded Oregon GEAR UP program being administered now?**

Oregon State University is now responsible for the [Oregon GEAR UP](#) program.

**GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY QUESTIONS**

**14. Why did the Oregon University System (OUS), Chancellor's Office, and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE) close their doors on June 30, 2015?**

The Oregon University System, Chancellor's Office and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education closed on June 30, 2015 as the last step of significant higher education reform that created individual governing boards for each of Oregon's seven public universities and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission ("HECC").

With individual governing boards looking out for each of the public universities and the HECC responsible for coordinating the postsecondary education sector on key, specific issues, the Legislature determined that OUS, the Chancellor's Office, and the State Board of Higher Education were no longer necessary.

**15. What types of authorities did Oregon's seven public universities assume from OUS?**

Upon OUS and the State Board of Higher Education closing its doors, each public university assumed many of the governance responsibilities that had previously been vested in the State Board of Higher Education. Examples are responsibility and oversight over budget, tuition, human resources, presidential appointment and employment, contracting and procurement, risk management, legal services, and real property.

**16. What types of authorities did the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) assume from OUS?**

- Making a comprehensive biennial funding recommendation to the Governor for public postsecondary education, including Oregon's public universities and community colleges
- Allocating the appropriation that the legislature makes to these institutions
- Approving new academic programs
- Evaluating universities with institutional boards
- Approving university mission statements
- Advising the Legislature and the Governor on higher education policy
- Providing institutional research and reporting
- [Other duties of the HECC](#)

**17. Where do I find more information on the new institutional boards at each university, including current rules and policies?**

This information is available on each individual university's website under "Board of Trustees."

**OUS CLOSING WEBSITE QUESTIONS**

**18. How can I request to change or add contact information on [www.ous.edu](http://www.ous.edu)?**

Submit a help ticket online at:

<http://is.oregonstate.edu/academic-technology/cws/contact-cws>