
Docket Item: 14.1 - ACTION ITEM: Portland State University Mission Statement (ORS 350.075(h))

Summary:

ORS 350.075(h) directs the HECC to “approve the mission statement adopted by the governing board of a public university.”

In connection with Portland State University’s new strategic plan, PSU has developed a new mission statement, vision, and values. The Portland State University Board of Trustees approved these items at its September 27, 2024 meeting, forwarding the Mission Statement to HECC for final approval.

Portland State University leaders will present to HECC on the university’s new Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision, and Values.

PSU’s proposed new mission statement is as follows:

Purpose Statement (Our Mission)

Let Knowledge Serve the City

Portland State University, Oregon’s most diverse and only urban public research university, was founded in 1946 to serve veterans returning from World War II.

PSU provides access to a top-tier education as a key driver of economic and social mobility, a source of growth for the diverse communities in the region, and a catalyst for social progress. And this isn’t just what we do – it’s who we are.

Much has changed in our world since 1946, and our communities face profound challenges. With Our Future in Focus, we express our unwavering purpose: to support learners to follow their dreams and achieve their goals for a better life for their families and communities.

As we remember our institutional founding with pride, we embrace our future as an urban minority-serving research institution, inspiring each other to create new opportunities for our region and our world.

Material:

14.1a – PSU Strategic Planning Resolution

14.1b – PSU Strategic Plan Booklet – 2024

14.1c – PSU Strategic Plan presentation

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Commission approval of Portland State University's Mission Statement.