

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
and
THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES OF OREGON

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into by and between the University of Oregon ("UO") and the FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES HEADQUARTERED IN OREGON (the "Tribes"), with reference to the following facts:

WHEREAS, the UO is a public research and flagship university in the State of Oregon whose mission serves its students and the people of Oregon, the nation, and the world through the creation and transfer of knowledge in the liberal arts, the natural and social sciences, and the professions; and

WHEREAS, the UO recognizes the Federal laws under which Native American tribal nations are distinct legal and political entities, with their own powers of self-governance and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the UO and the Tribes wish to create a structure to strengthen the relationships between them, and to improve the quality of educational services and opportunities provided to Native American students at the UO;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. To establish a Native American Advisory Council to the President of the UO (the "Council").
2. The Council shall be comprised of the following members:
 - a. The President of the UO;
 - b. The Provost of the UO;
 - c. The Tribal Chairpersons of the Tribes or designee; and
 - d. A representative from the UO Native American Student Union and/or the Native American Law Student Association
3. The Council, by consensus, may add other representatives to its roster as it sees advantageous to achieving its mission.
4. The Council's mission shall be to strengthen the relationship between the UO and the Tribes. In carrying out this mission, the Council shall perform the following functions:
 - a. Serve as the main advisory body for Native American relations;
 - b. Provide advice and counsel to strengthen the partnership between the UO and Native American communities;
 - c. Promote a campus climate conducive to meeting the cultural and educational needs of Native American communities at the UO;
 - d. Review, when appropriate, relevant reports and recommendations from the President's Office and other campus administrations;
 - e. Promote Native American studies and educational programs throughout the UO, serving the needs of Native American students, other students, and the Tribes;
 - f. Provide counsel for the establishment of internal procedures and rules, where appropriate, to assist the UO in achieving its mission;
 - g. Provide active and consistent outreach to MOU Tribal Communities for the purpose of recruitment and retention of Native American students.
5. To ensure that the Council can fulfill its mission, the UO will provide staff through the Assistant Vice President and Advisor to the President for Sovereignty and Government-to-Government Relations ("Tribal Liaison"). The UO shall at all times have final control over the amount of such support and the manner in which the UO staff and/or funds are used to ensure that such resources are properly utilized as required by State and Federal law.
6. The Council's function shall be solely advisory to the President of the UO. It shall have no power to mandate any action or expenditure by the UO, which reserves its rights and privileges of academic freedom to determine its own curriculum and other educational characteristics.
7. The Council shall meet at least twice a year on campus in Eugene during the fall and spring quarters. A winter meeting will be held at a location to be identified by the Council. The Tribal Liaison shall facilitate Council meetings.
8. This Memorandum imposes no legal obligations upon any party hereto. Rather, it sets out terms for mutual cooperation to improve the UO's efforts by providing educational services to Native American populations and to promote better understanding of Native American issues. No portion of this Memorandum shall be construed to imply that any such legal obligations exist among any of the signatories and is not intended to substitute for government-to-government consultation with any individual Tribe in Oregon or in lieu of individual consultation on tribal specific issues.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Signatory Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as set forth below

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

By: Michael Schill 5/5/17
Michael Schill, President DATE

BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE

By: [Signature] 5-5-17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS

By: [Signature] 5/5/17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

By: [Signature] 5-5-17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON

By: [Signature] 5/5/17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION

By: [Signature] 5-5-17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS INDIAN RESERVATION OF OREGON

By: [Signature] 5/3/17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

By: [Signature] 5/5/17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS

By: [Signature] 5/5/17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE

THE KLAMATH TRIBES

By: [Signature] 5/5/17
CHAIR or REPRESENTATIVE DATE