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April 6, 2012

To: George Pernsteiner, Chancellor
Oregon University System

From: Tim Nesbitt, Manager
Oregon Education Investment Board

Re: OUS and University Achievement Compacts

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated today, regarding modifications to achievement compacts for the Oregon University System and its universities, and the email request from Vice Chancellor Sona Andrews, also received today, requesting an extension of the deadline for distributing your achievement compacts from April 6 to April 12, 2012.

Pursuant to OAR 705-010-0060, I approve the extension of the deadline for the distribution of your compacts to April 12, 2012.

This extension will enable the Oregon Education Investment Board to consider the modifications we have discussed.

I can recommend the changes you have proposed, which I discussed with Vice Chancellor Andrews, while noting the following.

- The use of the number of students completing internships/service learning may warrant reconsideration, depending on when and in what form the data for such a measure could become available. Our understanding is that eliminating this measure was based on the unavailability of timely data for 2012-13 and that it would be considered in future years.

- Our understanding is that the outcome measure for “the percentage of graduates unemployed in Oregon” does not lend itself to the use of data for disadvantaged student groups, since your surveys will not capture this information.

- Your point that the use of degrees in targeted workforce areas should be considered in the future is acknowledged; we should discuss this in more detail with the Board.

Thank you for your cooperation with this initiative. We look forward to finalizing the compacts for OUS and its universities at the April 10 meeting of the Oregon Education Investment Board.