

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management Update

This spring a top priority across campus is the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) seven year accreditation report

In strategic enrollment management there has been a substantial turnover in staff and searches are increasingly less successful; currently the Director for Academic Advising and Retention position is vacant and the first search for a replacement failed

A Graduate Certificate in Population Health Innovation is under review.

Dental Therapy is still at discussion stage.

Accreditation updates

ETM Programs

Completed Accreditation in Summer of 2019. No non-compliant findings ('weaknesses or deficiencies') ABET-ANSIS. Next Review Fall of 2024.

Completed Accreditation in Summer of 2021. No non-compliant findings ('weaknesses or deficiencies') ABET-ETAC. Next Review Fall of 2026.

Site visit Winter of 2021. Several non-compliant findings ('weaknesses or deficiencies') ABET-ETAC. Findings were addressed and non-compliant findings removed Fall 2022. Next Review Fall of 2026.

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Completed Accreditation in Spring of 2021. No findings discovered by International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). Next review 2027.

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HAS programs

Candidacy status is in progress with the Summary of Action response due to CAPTE in March to provide more detail, and an oral hearing to the Commissioners to be held in April. OHSU is working collaboratively with OT on this work.

New and Ongoing Initiatives

The Academic Master Plan will be presented separately. It is posted on the Provost site and an open forum was held at the end of November to discuss initial implementation steps.

The \$5.5 million funds allocated by the legislature are being used for several purposes, following the purposes stated in the bill. For the expansion of rural health initiative, funds are being expended to support the developing DPT program and infrastructure, and a camera was purchased for Medical Imaging Technology, with the understanding that this program will be planning for growth in enrollment. Funds will also be used for the relocation and likely renovations costs for the ABA clinic. The Center of Excellence in Applied Computing funds have been used to build out cybersecurity equipment on both campuses. It will also be used to fund the executive director salary and their needs once hired, to develop the center.

Industry Partnerships

The Boeing Company (Boeing Commercial Airplanes) and Oregon Tech collaboration is progressing well with the establishment of a Collaboration Lab in the CEET building at Oregon Tech's Klamath Falls campus, providing a secure environment for Oregon Tech students completing projects for Boeing. The first project is scheduled to begin this spring.

Academic Facilities

Boivin Hall renovations are on track for fall re-opening and Dean Peterson is coordinating furniture and fittings purchases with a group of stakeholders (faculty and staff).

Additional space in the basement of the Dow building is being renovated for NSF funded DPT faculty research.

The Behavior Improvement Group Applied Behavioral Analysis (BIG ABA) Clinic lease was not renewed last spring and since then, despite many efforts, a new location has not been identified. They are currently housed with the Foundation office but this space does not allow for full clinic operations. Finding an appropriate location is a high priority for OT and for the Klamath Falls community that the clinic serves.

College News

Engineering, Technology and Management

OREC entered the competition with the CRACK CATCHER AI (artificial intelligence), a system of lasers and artificial intelligence to assess mechanical stress on PV (photovoltaic) cells inside solar modules, sensing and predicting fracturing in high volume PV manufacturing.

Representing Oregon Tech are OREC Director and Assistant Professor Arief Suriadi Budiman, Ph.D., as the Main Principal Investigator (PI); Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology Instructor Derrick Speaks, Ph.D.; and Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology Professor Tim Pasang, Ph.D.

STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT – key accomplishments

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid office is operating smoothly. A new initiative to package and send financial aid information for prospective students much earlier, as a recruitment tool has been initiated; this will entail a second round of information to be sent out later in the process, significantly increasing workload, but hopefully improving enrollment for fall.