



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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Provost Janet Woodruff-Borden
University of Oregon

President Jamie Moffitt
University of Oregon

Dear Provost Woodruff-Borden and President Moffitt:

As my term as UO Senate President draws to a close, I want to express my enthusiasm for two agreements that have emerged from constructive discussions between our leadership teams in recent weeks. The first is the decision to allow graduation ceremonies in 2024 at the department, school, and college levels—a product of useful meetings that included our leadership teams as well as four Senate representatives to the administration’s Commencement Working Group. The opportunity to collect data from participants at the 2024 commencement promises to offer helpful information for future ceremonies.

The second agreement is our shared commitment to make the 2020 search procedures for UO academic administrator positions part of a routine checklist during future meetings between the University and Senate leadership. As we have previously discussed, both of our leadership teams have been inconsistent in attending to these search procedures during the past academic year. Making these search procedures part of a regular checklist for leadership meetings will keep them front and center for all of us going forward.

Both of these agreements were facilitated by our regular leadership consultations, and by a strong spirit of collaboration. I hope this partnership in shared governance continues to produce valuable agreements like these.

Best regards,

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