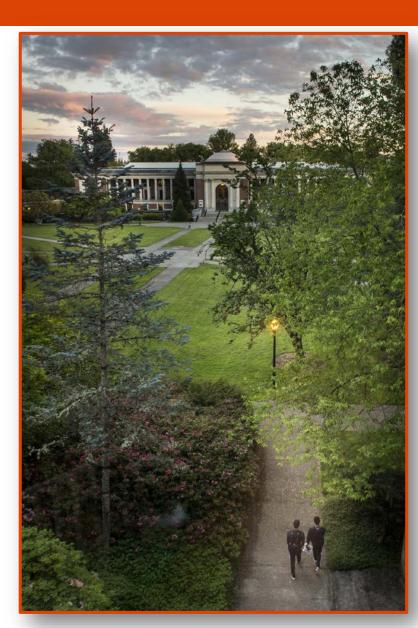


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## **Beaver Works Project**

## **Summary of Payroll Focus Groups**









- Overall perspective for the Payroll focus groups was relatively optimistic, both groups scoring above average on the scale. Central/BCs, specifically, feel that their work is important and value-added to the University.
  - Perspectives regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of the payroll processes are neutral across both groups with a
    perceived lack of good collaboration and communication among those involved.
  - Additionally, participants only mildly agreed the support and resources needed to perform payroll-related tasks was
    adequate and they had enough transparency to be successful in their roles.





## Value Added:

- Central received high praise for being supportive and timely in their responses to inquiries, their processes, and overall customer service demeanor.
  - Considered very knowledgeable and thorough in various areas
  - Provide a strong team oriented and supportive environment
- Technologies, such as Empcenter, Nolij, and Banner, have added valuable improvements to payroll processes
- □ Challenges:
  - The lack of automation and standardization provides a challenge for overall payroll processes, in addition to training and transparency and collaboration
  - Tension between HR and Central/BCs interactions and process approaches, including problem solving
- Feedback from Focus Group Recommendations:
  - Improvements to the clarity of procedures and instructions and standardization of jobs, forms, and processes
  - Better automation and improved software, investment in IT resources, and increase in the frequency of manual updates
  - Investment in training updates, cross-training/job shadowing advancements between HR and Central/BC <sup>3</sup>