State Funding Alphabet Soup

Who...

OPU  Oregon Public Universities – comprised of Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Tech, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, University of Oregon, and Western Oregon University

OCOP  Oregon Council of Presidents – a voluntary association of the OPU presidents, with a staff of three (executive director, budget and research director, and administrative assistant)

LAC  Legislative Advisory Council – the gathering of government relations staff from the seven public universities and OHSU to coordinate legislative advocacy including the state funding request

HECC  Higher Education Coordinating Commission – the state agency that coordinates the distribution of state appropriations to post-secondary education, develops and maintains the formula for distributing the Public University Support Fund, approves tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students when proposed annual increases exceed 5%, as well as other functions

DAS  Department of Administrative Services – the state agency that administers the current service level calculation for the public universities and community colleges, with a specific analyst assigned to post-secondary education/HECC

LFO  Legislative Fiscal Office – staff that support the legislature on fiscal matters, with a specific analyst assigned to post-secondary education/HECC

OEA  Office of Economic Analysis – produces quarterly revenue and economic forecasts that impact legislative appropriations as well as lottery fund distributions

SDPAC  State Debt Policy Advisory Commission – determines the state’s bonding capacity which impacts universities’ requests for authorization to use state bonds for capital projects

What...

PUSF  Public University Support Fund – the state’s primary appropriation for general operations and student support

SSCM  Student Success and Completion Model – the formula approved by the HECC to allocate the distribution of the PUSF to the public universities

CSL  Current Service Level – formulaic approach to what it would cost to continue current services in the next biennium

CFR  Consolidated Funding Request – request developed by the public universities for the upcoming biennial legislative session and subsequently submitted to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission

ARB  Agency Request Budget – the budget developed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission comprised of requests for public universities, community colleges, OHSU, workforce development, as well as its own operations
GRB  **Governor’s Recommended Budget** – the budget released by the Governor (in December of even years for continuing governor and by February for an incoming governor) that set forth budgetary priorities

LAB  Legislatively **Adopted Budget** – the final appropriations as the end of a long (odd-year) session that must balance to the state’s May economic forecast

LAB  Legislatively **Approved Budget** – the final budget for a biennium, comprised of the adopted budget plus any changes made by the Emergency Board or in the short (even-year) session (and which becomes the starting point in budget development for the next biennium

OLIS  **Oregon Legislative Information System** – online access to legislative hearings and bills under development