

Board Statement on the Performance of Official Business Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University

As fiduciaries responsible for governance of the University, it is important that trustees demonstrate their participation in University life by word and by deed. In furtherance of the duty, it is important that trustees share the responsibility to be collectively visible at campus events and in the greater community, and to represent the University and its interests to the many valued stakeholders on campus and community supporters at large.

1.0 Attendance at Events in an Official Capacity

1.1 University Events. From time to time, a trustee and one or more relatives or members of the trustee's household may be invited to attend a University event. Such persons attend such an event in an official capacity. Such an event may include artistic and musical performances, athletic competitions, speeches and other events for which there is ordinarily an attendance charge. Tickets to such an event may be provided by the University to a trustee and one or more relatives or members of the trustee's household without charge. The trustee and guests may be required to play an official role related to such an event. Any ticket or cost associated with attendance at such an event may be considered to be official compensation, reimbursement of an expense, and not a gift for purposes of the Oregon Government Ethics Law. Ordinarily, no more than four tickets for an event will be provided to a trustee at no charge.


1.2 Non-University Events. From time to time, a trustee and a guest may be invited to attend a non-university event. Such persons attend such an event in an official capacity. Such an event may include artistic and musical performances, athletic competitions, speeches, community events with the University's collaborative partners, and other events for which there is ordinarily an attendance charge. Tickets to such an event must be provided by the third party to the University. If the trustee is to attend the non-university event in an official capacity, tickets may be provided by the University to a trustee and a guest without charge. The trustee and guest may be required to play an official role related to such an event. Any ticket or cost associated with attendance at such an event is not a gift for purposes of the Oregon Government Ethics Law.

2.0 Procedure for Reimbursement

All reimbursements for costs associated with official business that are actually incurred are subject to the relevant University policy except as set forth herein. A trustee seeking reimbursement should coordinate with the Board Secretary to review current policies relating to expenditures and reimbursements. All reimbursements require the approval of the Board Secretary and the Vice President for Finance & Administration.



University Board Secretary



Chair, Board of Trustees

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