MEMORANDUM

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TO: Frances L. Dyke, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Gregg Lobisser, Chair, Campus Planning Committee

FR: Richard W. Lariviere, President

RE: Oregon Model for Sustainable Development

I enthusiastically support the adoption of the Oregon Model for Sustainable Development. It improves upon past University of Oregon efforts by instituting a new goal that ensures a net zero increase in campus energy use from new construction. It will also improve storm water management and engage people in educational and training experiences as part of each new construction project. In short, it focuses on the environmental issues that matter most on our campus: energy, water and people.

The University of Oregon has been a national leader in establishing sustainable practices since the 1970s. Ten years ago it became one of the first universities in the nation to develop and adopt a plan for sustainable development of its campus. With adoption of the bold new Oregon Model for Sustainable Development, the University of Oregon proves once again that it is uniquely positioned to lead the way in creating a sustainable environment for Oregon and beyond.

I applaud the work of the wide array of talented and committed faculty, staff, and students who developed the model, led by the Campus Planning Committee. I expect all of us to take on this challenge with the enthusiasm and skill for which we are known, and to always seek ways to improve and further our efforts.