

Chuck Lillis
Chairman, University of Oregon Board of Trustees
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August 6, 2014

Dear Chair Lillis,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today and offer my resignation as President of the University of Oregon effective August 7, 2014.

When I accepted this position two years ago, I did so with the clear objective of helping the University manage through a period of uncertainty and get to a place of stability. With the assistance of talented campus leadership, we have accomplished that objective and I am confident that the UO is on the right course.

With a new governance structure, new benchmarks for academic excellence, an expanding world-class faculty, and strategic planning underway, the UO is on track to enhanced status as a leading public institution for our nation. But my scholarly interests beckon and Karol and I would like more time to spend with our family, so I believe now is the right time to transition the leadership to a new president who can continue the legacy of this great University.

It has been an honor to serve as President of the University of Oregon for the last two years and I thank you and the campus for the opportunity to be part of this community. I know the next president will find the same welcome that I did and I look forward to ever more greatness at the UO into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gottfredson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael R. Gottfredson
President, University of Oregon

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