

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon
Resolution: Student Building Fee Recommendation

WHEREAS, University Policy III.03.03 ("Use of Student Building Fees") directs the Associated Students of the University of Oregon ("ASUO") to establish and convene a Student Planning and Construction Committee ("SPCC") to review university proposals and make recommendations on capital projects proposed to be funded, in whole or in part, from Student Building Fee income; authorizes the SPCC to request consideration of projects that it or student government identifies independently; and provides that the University shall incorporate the SPCC's recommendations into the approval process before decisions are made on such projects;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon ("Board") and the University President appreciate the role of the SPCC and ASUO in recommending capital projects funded from Student Building Fee income and intend to follow the Use of Student Building Fee policy when determining which capital projects should be funded with Student Building Fee income;

WHEREAS, the University undertook the Thermal System Transition Study to identify a pathway to decarbonize campus heating, and the Thermal System Transition Task Force recommended Option 2B — the installation of an electrode boiler of approximately eight (8) megawatts — as its recommended pathway;

WHEREAS, the SPCC, exercising its authority under Policy III.03.03, recommended that Student Building Fee income not committed to debt service on other projects be dedicated to help fund the acquisition and installation of technologies consistent with the intention underlying the electrode boiler described in Option 2B of the Thermal System Transition Study in order to reduce the financial barrier to the University's decarbonization, to advance a sustainable campus, and as an exercise of students' stewardship of the University and their membership in the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the SPCC, the University President and the Board concur that the improvement of infrastructure that heats the campus in a manner that reduces the University's carbon emissions is a beneficial service to University students;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby:

1. **Approves** the recommendation of the Student Planning and Construction Committee, the ASUO President and the University President to dedicate Student Building Fee debt capacity to help fund the acquisition and installation of an electrode boiler in furtherance of Option 2B of the Thermal System Transition Task Force recommendation;
2. **Directs** the Treasurer of the University (or their respective designees), to promptly allocate \$15 million of Student Building Fee debt capacity to be used solely to secure an Internal Bank loan whose proceeds will be used to

help fund an electrode boiler Project, which includes but is not limited to the acquisition and installation of an electrode boiler of not less than 8 megawatts, such as that identified in Option 2B by the Thermal System Transition Task Force for electrification of campus. If alternative technology options emerge and the University President and ASUO President agree that investments in such technology should be made in lieu of, or in addition to, the electrode boiler, the funds may be used for that purpose. If after 10 years, the funds have not been committed to a fully funded specific project to reduce the carbon emissions associated with the campus heating system, the allocation of \$15 million of debt capacity will be returned to the Student Building Fee fund for allocation to other Student Building Fee fund projects, following the Use of Student Building Fee policy. For the electrode boiler project, "fully funded" means dollars available to cover the entirety of the capital costs of purchasing and installing the electrode boiler, including any necessary structure to house the electrode boiler. Debt capacity will be calculated based on a loan amortized over the useful life of the project, not to exceed 30 years, and estimated future net cash inflows derived from projected student building fees and offset by committed debt service payments;

3. **Restricts** the allocation of Student Building Fee debt capacity from falling below \$15 million prior to the issuance of a loan whose proceeds are to be used as described in Paragraph 2;
4. **Provides** that the allocation of Student Building Fee debt capacity shall not be modified or removed, except by a subsequent resolution of the Board;
5. **Provides further** that, at such time as the University proceeds with the acquisition and installation of such a boiler or mutually agreeable carbon-emission-reducing technology, the debt capacity shall secure a loan whose proceeds will be applied to the boiler project's capital cost, and that the project shall remain subject to the University's standard capital review processes and Design and Construction processes and standards, including the Campus Planning Committee and the Design Review Board; and
6. **Directs** the administration to report to the Board and to the SPCC, no less than annually until the debt capacity is applied as provided herein, on the estimated debt capacity and the status of the boiler project.

Moved: **Trustee Mitrovčan Morgan**

Seconded: **Trustee Ulum**

Dated: **June 29, 2026**

Recorded by University Secretary:



Trustee	Vote	Trustee	Vote
Aaron	Absent	Moses	Yes
Abbott	Yes	Sandoval	Yes
Boyle	Absent	Seeley	Yes
Evans Jackman	Yes	Storment	Yes
Holwerda	Yes	Tykeson	Yes
Hornecker	Yes	Ulum	Yes
James	Absent	Worden	Yes
Mitrovčan Morgan	Yes		

Passed 12-0-3