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Re: *Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:*
Oregon University System Records

Dear Ms. Schwarz:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. We received your petition on May 19, 2004.

Benjamin Rawlins, General Counsel for the Oregon University System (OUS), disclosed to you electronic mail correspondence generated during the search for records responsive to your request of March 6, 2004, as requested in your subsequent request of April 27. Based on those records, your petition of May 19 questions the search conducted at the seven institutions of higher education supported by OUS. Mr. Rawlins explained to us that your March 6 request was not addressed to those institutions, and that it was sent only to employees and Board members of OUS. Because the seven institutions are public bodies distinct from OUS, Mr. Rawlins did not treat the request to OUS as encompassing records held by those other custodians. Pursuant to this understanding, Mr. Rawlins forwarded your request to the Registrars at those institutions only as a courtesy to you.

With regard to the remainder of your petition, we find no basis to reconsider our order of May 10, 2004. For these reasons, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Attorney General

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c: Benjamin Rawlins, General Counsel, OUS