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

Dear Mr. Randy:

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. Your petition, which we received on March 26, 2004, asks the Attorney General to direct the University of Oregon to disclose several categories of contracts and agreements to which two University coaches are parties, and a deferred compensation agreement and "outside income report" concerning a third coach. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public records of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. Under ORS 192.450, the Attorney General may order a state agency to disclose public records when the agency has denied any person the right to inspect or receive a copy of the records. The Attorney General does not have authority to order disclosure of public records unless the agency has denied a request for those records.

After receiving your petition we spoke with Melinda Grier, General Counsel for the University, who told us that the University had sent you all of the records it maintains that are responsive to your request, under cover of a letter dated the same day as your

petition, March 26, 2004. Because the University has disclosed the records you requested, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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c: Melinda Grier, UO General Counsel