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Re: Petition for Public Records Order
University of Oregon Records (Petition 12.5)

Dear Mr. Harbaugh:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition labeled 12.5 for disclosure for records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on August 22, 2007, asks the Attorney General to order the University of Oregon to produce a copy of General Counsel Melinda Grier's most recent position description and her employment contracts in effect from January 1, 2001 to the present.

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. If a state agency denies a request for disclosure of records, the requestor may petition the Attorney General for review of the denial. However, the Attorney General may order a state agency to disclose records only when the agency has denied a request for the records. *See* 192.450(1).

Your petition, dated August 22, 2007, states that you had not received any of the requested records from the University of Oregon. We received a copy of an email message from Brian Whalen, University of Oregon, with the attached responsive documents the University sent you on August 23, 2007. Because the University has disclosed the requested records, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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c: Melinda Grier, General Counsel, University of Oregon