

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING) RESOLUTION NO 96-2385
SUPPORT FOR PORTLAND STATE)
UNIVERSITY) Introduced by Councilor Monroe

WHEREAS, The Oregon State Board of Higher Education has been engaged in a planning process to reform public higher education; and

WHEREAS, The public higher education planning process will guide the expenditure of new investments in public higher education and have an impact on Portland State University's ability to serve the region and the state; and

WHEREAS, Portland State University is a comprehensive urban university which makes a significant contribution in shaping national policy on urban issues, serves more than 37,000 individuals annually and enrolls about one third of public higher education's graduate students; and

WHEREAS, A quality public higher education system responsive to the metropolitan region is crucial to the social, economic, and cultural well-being of local residents as well as to the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Portland State University's plans for the future are integral to the significant long-range planning efforts underway by Metro, Portland-Multnomah Progress Board, Central City 2000 and the Oregon Business Council to insure that public higher education programs offered in the region establish greater links to regional economic, cultural and community development strategies; and

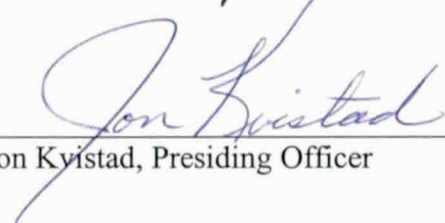
WHEREAS, The public higher education planning process has produced some proposals that would reduce the capacity of Portland State University to meet the needs of emerging

business and key industries as well as the growing population in the metropolitan region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

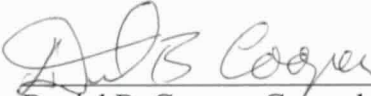
1. That the Metropolitan region be active participants in any restructuring planning process that affects Portland State University; and
2. That Metro strongly urges the State Board of Higher Education to make significant investments in Portland State University that will increase its capacity to serve the metropolitan region and the state, particularly by strengthening engineering and educational programs linked to business and Oregon's key industries.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of September 1996.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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