Statement of Investment Principles
Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

The University of Oregon's investment philosophy is anchored in the following core principle, which is fundamental and constant. Assets controlled by the University[1] must be managed in accordance with this principle, regardless of the ebbs and flows likely to arise due to markets, politics, and personalities.

The primary principle guiding the University's investments is the consideration of financial impact(s) on current and future elements of the university. This manifests itself through investment practices that generate the greatest possible return, subject to an appropriate amount of risk, to support the institution's mission of teaching, research and service. In fulfilling this vision, only advisors and investment managers with appropriate institutional sophistication and an understanding of best practices will be considered. The Board of Trustees maintains ultimate responsibility for monitoring the performance of various pools of university assets and related returns.

Within the context of this primary principle, the University must consider a holistic view of risk that accounts for various factors which could modify a return/risk objective. These include:

- Maintaining appropriate levels of liquidity for the university's operational needs;
- Mitigating downside financial risks;
- Understanding and appropriately managing reputational risk or legal liability; and,
- Protecting university assets from politically-motivated pressures.

Additionally, academic research supports the practice of incorporating environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") factors with other conventional financial analytical tools when evaluating investment opportunities as these factors may help identify potential opportunities and risks which conventional tools miss. The UO encourages its advisors and managers to include ESG factors in their analytical processes. However, ESG considerations are only one factor in analyses and should not be used as exclusionary screens to eliminate specific entities or sectors from consideration. Relevant ESG factors will vary by industry and should be applied appropriately to help assess both risk and return.

Adopted by the Executive and Audit Committee on _______.

[1] These principles do not apply to University of Oregon funds held by the Oregon State Treasury.

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