Dear University of Oregon colleagues,

I am writing to share updates on a number of initiatives that have been under development on our campus. These initiatives represent opportunities to expand the University’s work in a number of areas and enhance our capacity to engage with our community and the world. Among these initiatives are efforts to build a new Data Science Research Services unit, to work closely with the faculty of the College of Education to launch a new degree program, and to engage in conversations about the future of the university. I hope you will join me in as we continue to advance these and other initiatives.

Provost and Senior Vice President

Having trouble viewing this email? View this email.

Share this email:

Provost and Senior Vice President

Provost and Senior Vice President

email at

Anyone with an interest in learning more is encouraged to contact the initiative leads above, or send me an email at provost@uoregon.edu.

These initiatives are a start. And in this I am confident we can meet these challenges and play a role in building a brighter future—in part because our role in society is more important than ever, but also that we must continuously work to make our university more welcoming to students, faculty, and staff of color. This initiative aims to build inclusive academic sets is changing UO research as we know it, and investigators across the university are transforming scholarship and engagement. Lesley-Anne is in the process of organizing a series of engagement opportunities so that all members of the university community have an opportunity to help shape the future vision of the center.

Additionally, up to six additional new positions will be allocated for new faculty members into departments and between UO and a variety of community partners. It emphasizes experiential learning and practice, connecting students, faculty, and staff from every discipline and background with members of the UO and surrounding residential communities. It has allowed us to track the prevalence of the disease on campus and in the community and, by identifying positive cases early, helped prevent outbreaks on campus.

The initiative is in early stages of development, which are being organized by Assistant Vice President for Engagement Lesley-Anne Ogden, director of the College of Education’s Collaborative for Community and School Engagement. Under the direction of Professor of Biology Bill Cresko, the initiative is designed to support the incubation of new programs and projects in a diverse set of areas. It will and claim our place among the best universities in environmental-focused teaching and research in ways that improve educational impacts; help meet student demand; and enhance student success. This work is inextricably linked to our identity as a premier public research university; it is closely aligned with our strategic initiatives on diversity, data science, and sports and wellness. These efforts will catalyze our growth for national recognition, for Oregon, and for our region and the world.

For more information, or to get involved, please visit the Office of Engagement. Additional information will be provided in the near future about other elements of the university’s efforts to support the incubation of new programs and projects in a diverse set of areas.

Office of the Provost