Collaboration between Southern Oregon University and the University of Oregon

**Problem Statement:** UO has exceptional student demand so that there are more qualified students applying than it can handle. UO has very good draw for students from Portland. SOU has available capacity. It draws well in southern Oregon, but would like more students from Portland. UO and SOU are both liberal arts institutions with similar sensibilities and environments. How can we collaborate to serve more Oregon students?

**Concept – Dual Citizenship:** Some students applying to UO are accepted into the typical program, others into the Green Raider program. The Green Raiders are accepted into both UO and SOU. They attend SOU for some period (2 years or min. SCH, etc.). At that time if their GPA is at least 3.0 or above, they have the option (automatic) to move to Eugene for the last two years, or stay at SOU. Selection as a Green Raider can be either UO driven (out of capacity in Eugene) or student driven (likes small environment to start, gets UO brand). Initial goal, 200-250 students in Fall 2010. Those who transfer get UO degree. Those who stay get SOU degree.

**Advantages – SOU:**
1. Enrollment growth leading to fiscal stability.
2. Opportunity to show students what they have to offer.
3. Opportunity to attract students interested in majors that they may not offer, but are offered in Eugene.
4. Stronger connection to Portland through UO brand.

**Advantages –UO:**
1. Ability to accept more Oregon students without taxing gen ed capacity.
2. That capacity enables more out-of-state students leading to fiscal stability.

**Ideas.** Run buses (charging cost) from Ashland to Eugene for football games. Give Green Raiders UO email accounts and privileges, etc.