



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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President Richard Lariviere  
Johnson Hall  
University of Oregon  
Eugene OR 97403

Dear President Lariviere:

I write this letter to inform you of motion US09/10-11 passed by the University of Oregon Senate on January 13, 2010. The motion opposes the planned development of the first 4.3-acre increment of the Riverfront Research Park north of the railroad tracks on the South bank of the Willamette River until the University undergoes a student and faculty inclusive, open process for revising the Riverfront Research Park Master Plan. This motion, which closely resembles a 1999 Senate resolution on the Riverfront Research Park (US98/99-4), was approved by the Senate by a vote of 29-8 with one abstention. An anecdotal survey of Senators suggests that there were different reasons for the affirmative votes: some are opposed to any development of that property while others are concerned that the process that led to the ORI project failed to involve the Senate and ignored the 1999 Senate resolution that had been respected for a decade.

As you know, the University Senate is the formal governance body at the University of Oregon. Because we are aware of the genuine complexities facing you as you review the ORI project, we in the Senate hope you will continue to honor our governance system here at the University of Oregon by adhering to the spirit and the letter of this motion.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Tublitz", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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