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TO: OPAS Initiative Workshop Participants
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RE: Invitation to Serve on the Succeed Strategy Workgroup

During the November 2006 Oregon Pre-Engineering and Applied Sciences (OPAS) Initiative Workshop, the priority for the Succeed Strategy was identified as: *increase the enrollment and successful completion of STEM courses by young women, minorities and economically disadvantaged [underserved] students.* Succeed Strategy implementation considerations from the workshop include:

- Connect resources to the people needing them.
- Convene practitioners to share best practices.
- Develop a road show of best practices.
- Include pre-service teachers.
- Work through existing professional associations.

These considerations will serve as a starting point for the discussions and, ultimately, the prioritized work of the Succeed Strategy Workgroup. I refer you to the OPAS Workshop Report for additional information about the workshop's processes and outcomes. If you need a copy of the report, you may obtain one through: http://opas.ous.edu/WorkshopFall2006/Workshop2006_ReportG.pdf.

The charge for this workgroup is significant; its priority addresses a recalcitrant issue. However, the need for the work is very clear, and the possibility of realizing positive change is quite real. I am extending this invitation to you to become a member of the Succeed Strategy Workgroup. Please contact Jo Oshiro (jo_oshiro@ous.edu or 503-725-2910) to let her know if you accept this invitation. As chair of this workgroup, I consider it my privilege to work with you to contribute to greater inclusion and success in STEM for members of various underserved populations.



OPAS Vision for the Year 2020

All Oregonians have the opportunity to choose and successfully pursue engineering or applied science as their field of study and career, thereby helping Oregon's industries innovate and prosper in the global economy.