

TITLE: Task force on Ethical Investment, Purchasing, & Contracting

CHARGE: The purpose of this task force is to understand how the principles of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) inform investment and business decisions made by the Oregon Foundation and University of Oregon Purchasing & Contracting Services. The primary goals of the task force are:

1. Facilitate Open Communication
 - a. Create a platform for open and transparent communication among stakeholders, including meetings with representatives from the Oregon Foundation and university procurement.
 - b. Encourage ongoing discussions about ESG principles and their impact on investment and business decisions.
2. Engage Diverse Perspectives
 - a. Actively seek input from a diverse range of voices, including students, faculty, staff, to ensure comprehensive understanding of ESG factors.
3. Education & Action
 - a. Raise awareness about the importance of ESG principles among all stakeholders, including the benefits of sustainable and responsible investing and procurement.
 - b. Review the current investment and procurement practices to identify existing alignment with ESG principles and explore areas of possible ESG application.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Chair: Senator Dyana Mason, Associate Professor and Director of Master's in Nonprofit Management, School of Planning, Public Policy and Management (PPPM)
- Total number of participants will be 10 (including the chair). Membership will consist of a minimum of 5 senators, 3 at large students (undergraduate and/or graduate), and 2 at large faculty.

EXAMPLE MEETING OUTLINE: The task force invites guests from the Oregon Foundation and University of Oregon Purchasing & Contracting Services to attend meetings for discussion. Questions from the task force will be submitted in advance, and the representatives will provide materials to review before the meeting. These discussions are meant to be educative and exploratory, rather than putting anyone on the spot or trying to catch them off guard. Based on these discussions, the task force reports back to the Senate about current investment and procurement practices that align with ESG principles and with recommendations to explore possible ESG application.

- Meeting 1: Introduction and Objectives
- Meeting 2: Initial Discussion with Oregon Foundation
- Meeting 3: Initial Discussion with UO Purchasing & Contracting Services
- Meeting 4: Follow Up Discussion with Oregon Foundation
- Meeting 5: Follow Up Discussion with UO Purchasing & Contracting Services
- Meeting 6: Synthesis and Recommendation
- Meeting 7: Chair reports to the Senate Executive Committee
- Meeting 8: Chair reports to the Senate