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To: Curriculum/Degree Requirements Review Committee

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Subject: Proposal for two new options for completing AS degree

We propose that Lane Community College offer two new options for students planning to transfer to the University of Oregon (UO) or Oregon State University (OSU). These new transfer plans will enable more students who currently choose a “direct transfer” (non-degree) path to earn a degree from Lane prior to transferring to either of these two universities.

The two new plans are based on the lower division general education requirements at the UO (Option 1) and OSU (Option 2). Each plan utilizes our already existing articulation agreements with these two universities to provide a clear pathway for students who know where they plan to enroll after leaving Lane. Students completing either of these options would earn the Associate of Science (AS) degree.

These two new options for earning the AS degree would be in addition to the current AS degree plan, rather than a replacement for it.

Rationale for new degree options:

1. Provide more options for students to earn an associate’s degree, by adding two clear, efficient, and appealing pathways for students who transfer to the UO and OSU.
2. Improve efficiency of student financial aid, by allowing students to declare a more accurate degree goal.
3. Provide an opportunity for improving the number of students receiving a degree from Lane prior to transfer, which will benefit students and the college.
4. Provide an opportunity for improving seamless transfer for Lane students transferring to the UO and OSU, by integrating each university’s general education requirements into one of Lane’s associate’s degrees.