LETTER OF AGREEMENT—LOA #4: PSU and AAUP Task Force on Academic Quality

**Vision:** The University and PSU-AAUP are mutually dedicated to the vision of Portland State University as an internationally recognized urban university known for excellence in student learning and retention, path-breaking research and community engagement that contributes to the economic vitality, environmental sustainability and a high quality of life in the Portland metropolitan area and beyond.

The parties agree to jointly propose to the Faculty Senate the creation of a joint taskforce to examine academic quality at Portland State. If the Faculty Senate creates and charges such a taskforce, and requests our participation, the parties agree to participate. Other participants may include ASPSU, PSUFA and any other party determined appropriate by the Faculty Senate.

The University agrees to provide support to fund the identification and description of PSU’s aspirational comparators.

Topics to be suggested shall include:

- **The Elements of High Quality Teaching**, including student success, well qualified faculty, student interaction and appropriate class size.

- **The Components of High Quality Student Support**, including advising, financial aid, tutoring, library, and health care, among others, particularly given PSU’s access mission.