



OUS Provosts' Council

Meeting Action Notes

January 3, 2008

Members: Sabah Randhawa, Chair, OSU
Lesley Hallick, OHSU
Michael Jaeger, EOU
Roy Koch, PSU
Gary Naseth, OIT
Hilda Rosselli, WOU
Paul Steinle, SOU (for Ed Battistella)
Russ Tomlin, UO (for Linda Brady)

IFS: Mina Carson

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS

Guests: Susan Weeks, OUS
Mark Endsley, OUS
Ruth Keele, OUS
Robert Mercer, OUS
Bob Turner, OUS
Elisabeth Zinser, OUS

1. Long-Range Planning Update

Susan Weeks passed out two charts for review: the first chart was Major Board Directions for 2008, which had six major focus areas: constitutional and/or statutory changes for improved efficiency; addressing barriers to student participation and success; smaller universities' vitality; state funding for graduate education and research; Portland higher education initiatives; and Board, chancellor, and institutional roles and relationships. The second chart listed four other items, not necessarily Board priorities but ones needed attending to, that require a plan from campuses to the Board by May 2008 (possible draft papers would go to the Board in April for review). The issues are: sustainability education and research; PK-12 education as key OUS mission; academic program review process; and new approaches to learning outcomes and assessment. It was noted that this would be a good time to invite Susan Bragdon to address the sustainability issue. Susan indicated that Bob Turner will serve as lead staff person to the PK-12 education issue and that the academic program review process would need to be addressed at both the institution and System level. Discussion followed.

Update: Chair Randhawa will work with Lesley Hallick and Hilda Rosselli to put together a summary of the academic program review process. Linda Brady and Roy Koch will work on a similar document for learning outcomes and assessment (see section below on Learning Outcomes and Assessment). These documents will be reviewed at the Provosts Only portion of the February Provosts' Council meeting.

2. Performance-based Funding

Susan Weeks distributed a handout on the Performance-Based Funding: Retention, Completion, and Time to Degree. Six metrics are already defined for performance-based funding: two each (one for full-time freshmen and one for transfer students) for Student Retention, Completion, and Time to Degree. Ruth Keele led a discussion on whether the campuses need an additional institution-specific measure. If they are going to have one, the Council needs to collectively agree that they are going to define such a measure – though it does not have to be the same for all institutions. Chair Randhawa will get back to Ruth on what the Council decides within the next two weeks. In turn, Ruth will e-mail the Performance Funding Guidelines (dated October 30, 2007) that outlines the performance-based funding program.

Update: The Provosts' Council has agreed to include an institution-specific metric for performance-based funding if the process is open to letting them use an existing institution-specific measure as the institution metric for performance-based funding. Not all institutions will follow this path, but some may, and if this option is available, everyone is in agreement.

3. Learning Outcomes and Assessment

Discussion was held on learning outcomes and assessment. Elisabeth Zinser provided another copy of the Summary Report of campus reports submitted by the Provosts representatives. The summary is available for review and discussion. It follows the ten questions reviewed and approved by the Provosts' Council at its October meeting. It gives information on the present state and future plans at each campus with regard to learning outcomes assessment. It is a usual survey as the Provosts' Council moves forward in collaborative work at the System level – determining the direction of this work as well as helpful ways to take advantage of being a LEAP state in the AAC&U Initiative.

Roy Koch will work with Linda Brady to put together a summary that provides a framework that connects outcomes and assessment with the Board's long-term mission and performance benchmarks at one end and with the learning process at the other. The timeline for this goal is to provide a document for review at the February Provosts Only portion of the meeting.

Elisabeth Zinser indicated that the AAC&U Annual Conference being held in Washington D.C. is fast approaching (January 22-26, 2008) and wondered if campuses were sending representatives. Roy Koch indicated that Shawn Smallman from his office will be attending the conference. Elisabeth stated that Oregon, as a LEAP state, may be eligible for grant support and could involve collaboration with other states. Provosts should inform Elisabeth if representatives from their campuses will be attending the conference.

4. Oregon 150

Elisabeth Zinser reported on the status of Oregon 150 and shared a handout that listed the Campus Liaison Committee from the OUS institutions. She asked that the Council review it and send her contact information if they feel someone else should be added to the committee. Elisabeth also summarized the purpose of the work and goals.

5. Draft Admission Requirements for 2009-10

Robert Mercer led a discussion on the changes to the admission requirements for 2009-10. It was noted that the University of Oregon had some additional changes to incorporate into their section of the document. It was the consensus of the Council that the changes already made to the admission policy

be accepted. Helen Stampe will e-mail the University of Oregon's changes to the Council for review and approval and also send them to the ICAR group so they are aware of the changes.

Update: No concerns were made on any of the changes to the admission policy. The document will go forward to the February Board meeting for review and approval.

6. New Program Proposal

WOU – External Review on the M.A. in History

Action: It was approved to accept the external review report and move the History program forward for Board approval at the February 2008 meeting. *Deadline*: Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization need to be submitted by January 21.

7. New Program Location Proposal

UO – Educational Leadership Metro Doctoral

Action: This program is designed for delivery in the Portland metropolitan area, including Beaverton. Due to the holiday schedule, the campuses did not have time to have a thorough review of the proposal. It was the consensus of the Council to bring back the proposal for review at the February Provosts' Council meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provosts' Council will be held on February 7, 2008 in the Maple Room, Erb Memorial Union, at the University of Oregon from noon to 2:00 p.m. A joint meeting with the Presidents, Provosts, and Administrative Councils has been scheduled from 2:00-3:00 p.m. for a presentation by Lynn Rosik, Department of Justice, on the status of Oregon's laws on ethics for public officials. This meeting will be held at the Erb Memorial Union; room to be determined.