



OUS Provosts' Council

Meeting Action Notes

October 2, 2008

Members: Sabah Randhawa, OSU, Co-Chair
Susan Weeks, OUS, Co-Chair
Jim Bean, UO
Brad Burda, OIT
Michael Jaeger, EOU
Jim Klein, SOU
Roy Koch, PSU
Kent Neely, WOU
David Robinson, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick)

IFS: Mina Carson, OSU

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS

Guests: George Pernsteiner, OUS
Susan Bragdon, OUS
Ruth Keele, OUS
Patty Snopkowski, OUS
Bob Turner, OUS
Yvette Webber-Davis, OUS
Elisabeth Zinser, OUS

1. Hotline Vendor and Policy Review

Patty Snopkowski, Executive Director of OUS Internal Audit, reported on a draft policy on *Reporting of Financial Irregularities* that “sets forth standards for reporting known or suspected fraudulent acts or financial irregularities within any Oregon University System institution and the Chancellor’s Office.” She indicated that the reporting service will be contracted with an outside hotline vendor, who will report to the Internal Audit Division on notices received (the vendor is Ethics Point, an Oregon based company). Patty asked the Council to review the draft report and let her know if they have any concerns or comments within the next month. The goal is to have the vendor do a website demonstration to the January Board on the reporting features.

2. PK-12 Issues

New High School Diploma: Bob Turner provided background on the draft policy of the new high school diploma that was sent to the Council members earlier. He indicated that he needs to receive feedback from campuses so he can come forward again to the November Provosts’ Council meeting with a proposed timeline for adoption and implementation of the policy within the Oregon University System.

Dual Credit Report: Karen Sprague led a discussion on key points of the Dual Credit Study that was provided to the Council members earlier. She indicated that there was general skepticism about college courses taught in high school and provided anecdotes about subsequent performance in math, writing, and foreign language. She asked the Council review the first 12 pages of the study and analyze at least one set of the detailed data in Appendix 3 (1 set = data for 1 course sequence). The result is to have statewide standards and plan for regular analysis of data on subsequent academic performance. There was also brief discussion on three dual credit papers provided to the Council: Recommendation for Improving and Expanding Dual Credit Programs; Proposed Standards for Oregon Dual Credit/"College Now" Programs; and Proposed Timeline for Implementation of Standards for Oregon Dual Credit/"College Now" Programs. These papers, including the study, will be discussed further at the November Provosts' Council meeting.

3. Update on Sustainability

Susan Bragdon updated the Council on where she was on the Sustainability issue and asked for input on what kind of information she needs for the November Board discussion. She is to send an e-mail to the Council asking them for input on examples of collaborative programs that might be highlighted in a panel discussion at the November Board meeting. She will ask in particular for examples involving the regional universities.

4. OUS Summit and Follow-up Actions

Yvette Webber-Davis reported on discussions with campus officials and Chancellor's Office representatives on student pre-college preparation and in college retention (in connection with the Board's Student Participation and Completion Committee), campus climate issues, hiring and retention of diverse faculty and staff, and training on campus related to diverse campus environments. Yvette will lead a panel of campus representatives to discuss with the Board the need to institutionalize best practices in campus diversity in every regard and how to make this systemic; to increase capacity in pre-college preparation and on-campus retention programs for underserved students; and retention and graduate rates for some student populations that are still much lower than the average rate overall.

5. Learning Outcomes and Assessment/LEAP

Elisabeth Zinser updated the Council on the status of the Interinstitutional Learning Outcomes and Assessment Task Force and the LEAP initiative project. She noted that in collaboration with AAC&U, a central focus is sharpening student learning outcomes, improving curricula, and strengthening outcomes assessment practices for the aims of liberal education and the majors. Discussion followed.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts' Council will be held on November 6, 2008 at Portland Community College-Sylvania Campus from noon to 3:30 p.m., in conjunction with the joint meeting of the Community Colleges' Chief Academic Officers being held from 8:30-11:30 a.m.