



OUS Provosts' Council

Meeting Action Notes

December 6, 2007

Members: John Miller, Chair, EOU
Ed Battistella, SOU
Linda Brady, UO
Marilyn Lanier, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick)
Gary Naseth, OIT
Sabah Randhawa, OSU
Hilda Rosselli, WOU
Shawn Smallman, PSU (for Roy Koch)

IFS: Sarah Andrews-Collier

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS

Guest: Michael Jaeger, EOU

1. Introductions

John Miller announced that he will be leaving Eastern Oregon University to take a new position as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Pacific University starting January 1, 2008. He introduced Michael Jaeger who will be the interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern. John also indicated that his term as chair of the Provosts' Council will end with the December meeting and Sabah Randhawa will resume the role as chair for the remainder of the academic year.

2. New Program Proposal

UO – External Review on the Professional Master in Strategic Communication

Action: It was approved to accept the external review report and move the Strategic Communication program forward for Board approval at the January 2008 meeting. *Deadline:* Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization need to be submitted to Helen by December 14.

3. UEE and AAOT Update

Hilda Rosselli reported on the Unified Educational Enterprise (UEE) Working Group meeting. Discussion was held on the AAOT agreement and Hilda received feedback on the three items of concern: (a) cumulative GPA, (b) applied arts, and (c) junior standing. It was agreed that Hilda would draft a paper summarizing what the Council agreed to and the timeline and have them review it again before making recommendations to the Joint Boards Articulation Commission and others.

It was noted that Robert Mercer and Bob Turner had submitted proposed language change (*in bold*) to the AAOT current description, which Portland State University responded to with some minor changes (*as underlined*). The new language reads as follows:

Any student having the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree recognized on an official college transcript will have met the lower division general education requirements of baccalaureate degree programs of any institution in the Oregon University System. Students transferring under this agreement are guaranteed junior standing **only** for registration purposes, **but not for every degree program requirement or academic major, minor, or certificate.** Furthermore, **specific course requirements, class standing, or GPA standards for many majors, departments, or schools might not be satisfied within the AAOT.** To be aware of the role of a particular set of AAOT courses in fulfilling the requirements of a specific academic major at a particular institution, the student should consult their academic adviser for informed assistance in planning their AAOT course work, or to determine whether an alternative to the AAOT may be more advantageous to a student's goals.

It was the consensus of the Council to accept the new AAOT description as stated above.

4. Learning Outcomes

Linda Brady reported on the discussion she had with Elisabeth Zinser regarding learning outcomes and assessment. It was noted that Elisabeth sent the Council a draft summary of the seven campus reports, following the ten-point outline discussed at the October Council meeting. She would like to have it discussed at a future Council meeting. Linda indicated that she would like to talk further about how to move forward a policy package for the next legislative session that deals with the following issues: communication, critical thinking, and diversity. It was agreed that Linda would send an e-mail to the Council outlining next steps so the process can be discussed at the January Council meeting.

5. System and General Education

Discussion was held on whether a delegation should be sent to the AAC&U Annual Meeting on January 23, 2008 in Washington D.C. It was noted that this would be a good opportunity for OUS to participate as a LEAP state. Linda will ask Elisabeth to follow-up with the Council on more information. *(Update: Elisabeth sent an e-mail on 12/11/07 regarding the state systems at the AAC&U Annual Meeting, asking that the provosts respond directly to her if they are interested in attending the conference or sending someone from their campus to represent the Oregon delegation.)*

Also, a question was raised on the Curricular Change Template document that Mark Endlsey e-mailed on 11/19/07. The Council wanted to know if there was something else they needed to do with the form. *(Update: Helen talked with Mark and he indicated that no steps need to be taken at this time. OUS campuses have done their part; it is now up to the community colleges. Mark will send a follow-up e-mail explaining the details.)*

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provosts' Council will be held on January 3, 2008 in Room 307, Cramer Hall at Portland State University from noon to 3:00 p.m. It was noted that the external review report for WOU's Master of Arts in History program will be brought forward for review at this meeting.