



OUS Provosts' Council

Meeting Action Notes

March 6, 2008

Members: Sabah Randhawa, OSU, Co-Chair
Susan Weeks, OUS, Co-Chair
Ed Battistella, SOU
Linda Brady, UO
Lesley Hallick, OHSU
Michael Jaeger, EOU
Roy Koch, PSU
Gary Naseth, OIT
Hilda Rosselli, WOU

IFS: Sarah Andrews-Collier (for Mina Carson)

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS

Guests: Hannah Fisher, Board Member
George Pernsteiner, OUS
Yvette Webber-Davis, OUS
Bob Turner, OUS
Karen Sprague, OUS
Mark Endsley, OUS
Keith Ozols, Incight Program

1. Chancellor's Report

George Pernsteiner reported on the economic forecast implications and other legislative issues. He indicated that while efforts are made to track economic forecasts, OUS is working to get the message out to Oregon students that they can now afford college because of significant increases in the state's Oregon Opportunity Grant financial aid program. Discussion followed.

2. New Oregon High School Diploma

Bob Turner handed out materials on the new Oregon high school diploma requirements, adopted by the State Board of Education in January 2007 and to be phased in over the next seven years, which are designed to better prepare each student for success in college, work, and citizenship. Bob indicated that the Department of Education is now identifying support needed for implementation of the diploma to address just what it will take to bring students to a higher level of academic achievement. Discussion was held on the need for continued K-16 partnerships, including teacher preparation, curricular alignment, academic support of traditionally underserved and first-generation college students, college aspiration outreach, etc. Bob provided two draft frameworks for the Assessment of Essential Skills dated January 17, 2008 and February 25, 2008, and asked that the Council review each draft and indicate their campus support in an e-mail to him.

3. OUS Diversity Report

Yvette Webber-Davis joined the Council by phone to discuss what is needed to prepare for the Diversity report being presented to the Board in July. She indicated that the draft report will include a brief summary, campus reports, and student, faculty, and staff data (a ten-year look at trends). After discussion, it was determined that Yvette would provide a template for the campuses to fill out that would focus on four areas: student outreach and participation; workforce development (including faculty recruitment and retention); vendor issues; and efforts to enhance campus climate for all participants. She indicated that as campuses prepare their background reports, they need to take a comprehensive look at their campus diversity efforts, including issues of race/ethnicity, disability, socioeconomic status, geographic diversity, and gender. Once the background report is finalized, Yvette will work to confirm the panelists (System and campus representatives) and create an outline for panel discussion. The template is due on April 21st and a draft report will be shared with the Council prior to their May meeting.

4. New Program Proposals

OSU – Undergraduate Certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation

Action: It was approved to move the Water Conflict Management and Transformation program forward for Board approval at the April 2008 meeting. Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

WOU – Master in Management and Information Systems

Action: It was approved to move the Management and Information Systems program forward for external review. Dean Rosselli will work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review.

5. Program Termination

Sabah Randhawa reported on Oregon State University's program termination of the B.S. in Medical Technology.

6. Incight Scholarship Program

Board member Hannah Fisher reported on the Incight Scholar Match Program, which consists of a consortium of private and public colleges and universities who have agreed to partner with Incight in its goal to provide the maximum financial assistance available to students with disabilities and reduce out-of-pocket college costs. Keith Ozols, Incight program officer, indicated that member institutions agree to make every effort not to substitute Incight grant awards for other grants and scholarships the students would otherwise receive. It was noted that both Hannah and Scott Hatley, Incight founder, had met with the Presidents Council in February supporting the program. Discussion followed. Hannah will follow-up with the provosts on each campus regarding this program.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provosts' Council will be held on April 3, 2008 in Room 703, Biomedical Research Building at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.