



OUS Provosts' Council

Meeting Action Notes

April 2, 2009

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

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS

Guests: Rosemary Powers, OSBHE
Margie Lowe, Governor's Office
Joe Holliday, OUS
Ruth Keele, OUS
Bob Turner, OUS
Yvette Webber-Davis, OUS
Bob Kieran, OUS
Tom North, OUS

1. Race and Ethnicity Reporting

Bob Kieran and Yvette Webber-Davis led a discussion on recommendations for dealing with new federal requirements for collecting and reporting ethnicity and race and how to promote consistency across OUS in the way the data are collected and reported. According to the federal guidelines, educational institutions must use a two-question format to collect racial/ethnic background from students and employees. The first question asks for ethnicity; the second asks for race. Several documents were provided, including a set of recommendations from the OUS Race and Ethnicity Analysis and Policy Committee (REAPC). Bob indicated that this group would like Provosts' Council support of the following: (a) to officially inform each OUS campus of REAPC's recommendations; (b) to provide an opportunity outside of participating in REAPC for campuses to respond to the Committee's recommendations; and (c) to enlist the support of the Council in adopting and implementing the recommendations. It was noted that ethnicity and race are collected from students during the admission application process. OUS campuses must revise their paper admission applications this spring in order to meet the federal government's reporting deadline for 2010-11; therefore, it would be helpful for provosts to forward any comments or changes to the recommendations by mid-April. Discussion followed.

2. DPSST Training of Campus Public Safety Officers

Margie Lowe from the Governor's Office reported on the Governor's Task Force on Campus Safety in Oregon. This task force included representatives from campus leadership, faculty, student services, security, and students, as well as community members and police. They were drawn from private colleges, public universities, and community colleges. Discussion was held on who would represent OUS in following through on the recommended campus safety guidelines. It was decided that Kent Neely would be the representative. Margie indicated that she will have Jack Rogers from OSU contact Kent on the next steps.

3. Learning Outcomes and Assessment Update

Ruth Keele gave a brief report on what is going to be presented to the Board in May on campus-level performance. Discussion followed. Susan Weeks indicated that they would like someone from the campuses to help co-chair the OUS Task Group on Learning Outcomes and Assessment, effective August 2009. The System person would be Ruth. Roy Koch said that he would ask Shawn Smallman, vice provost for instruction and dean of undergraduate studies at PSU, and get back to Susan.

4. EOU Associate Degree Programs

Michael Jaeger provided an outline of associate of arts and undergraduate certificate needs at Eastern Oregon University to address workforce initiatives and displaced workers. He indicated that neither Blue Mountain Community College nor Treasure Valley Community College will offer associate level programs in La Grande, so Eastern is the only possible source of programs aimed directly at recently laid off workers in their area. Discussion was held on whether these programs need to go to the Board for final approval as they are associate degrees and really a modification of existing programs. It was decided that Michael will combine all the programs in one report and present it to the Provosts' Council for review/approval at the May meeting. It was also noted that Michael needs to get letters from the two community colleges presidents indicating that their institutions cannot offer these programs in La Grande and that they support EOU in doing so.

5. Joint Work with Community Colleges Chief Academic Officers

It was noted that community colleges are not interested in changing from the quarter calendar to the semester system, so the semester conversion topic has been pulled from further discussion.

6. JBAC Representation

Discussion was held on who would be the next representative for the Provosts' Council on the Joint Boards Articulation Commission (JBAC). It was decided that Michael Jaeger will replace Hilda Rosselli on the Commission, effective immediately.

7. New Program Proposals

• SOU – Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability Leadership

Action: It was approved to move the Sustainability Leadership (undergraduate) program forward for Board approval. However, due to the moratorium on programs not going forward to the Board, it

will be delayed until further notice. This also includes notification to the Office of Degree Authorization.

- **SOU – Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Leadership**

Action: It was approved to move the Sustainability Leadership (graduate) program forward for Board approval. However, due to the moratorium on programs not going forward to the Board, it will be delayed until further notice. This also includes notification to the Office of Degree Authorization.

- **SOU – Undergraduate Certificate in International Business**

Action: It was approved to move the International Business program forward for Board approval. However, due to the moratorium of programs not going forward to the Board, it will be delayed until further notice. This also includes notification to the Office of Degree Authorization.

- **UO – B.A. in Cinema Studies**

Action: It was approved to move the Cinema Studies program forward for Board approval. However, due to the moratorium of programs not going forward to the Board, it will be delayed until further notice. This also includes notification to the Office of Degree Authorization.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts' Council will be held on May 7, 2009 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. The State Board meeting will be held on May 8th at Willamette University in Salem.