



OUS Provosts' Council

Meeting Action Notes

September 4, 2008

Members: Sabah Randhawa, OSU, Co-Chair
Susan Weeks, OUS, Co-Chair
Michael Jaeger, EOU
Jim Klein, SOU
Roy Koch, PSU
Gary Naseth, OIT
Kent Neely, WOU
Russ Tomlin, UO (for Jim Bean)
Bob Vieira, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick)

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS

Guests: Susan Bragdon, OUS
Joe Holliday, OUS
Bob Turner, OUS

1. Introductions

Sabah Randhawa welcomed two new provosts to the Provosts' Council: Dr. Jim Klein from Southern Oregon University and Dr. Kent Neely from Western Oregon University. Susan Weeks introduced Joe Holliday, who is the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Success Initiatives for the Oregon University System and located in the Eugene office.

2. Sustainability Update

Susan Bragdon reported on the results of the summer program "Sustainability in the Urban Built Environment" and asked for input from provosts regarding topics for the 2009 program. That was followed by discussion of the academic programs/curriculum portion of the Board presentation on sustainability to be held in November. Discussion was held on how to best characterize the unique offerings of each campus and engage faculty. Bob Turner offered to bring this topic to the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) so that interested faculty may step forward. Bragdon shared the approach to identifying programs/curricula that she had discussed with provosts last spring, noting that the feedback she received at that time was limited. She asked provosts to identify a campus contact who can help her to further develop the inventory. Bragdon will follow up with an e-mail to provosts, and will bring further information to the October Provosts' Council meeting for discussion. Council members also suggested that it would be helpful to invite one or two Board members who have a particular interest in sustainability for an informal discussion with provosts. Susan Weeks will follow up on this request.

3. Academic Program Review/Approval Policies

Susan Weeks reported that the academic program review and approval policies are in the September Board docket. They will be reviewed and discussed by the Board and, in October, the Board will take action on them. It was noted on the undergraduate/graduate program flow charts that a new proposal being submitted forward should also be reviewed by other campuses before it comes to the Provosts' Council. Susan will add that step into the flow charts. All materials are currently on the Provosts' Council's website and once the policies are approved, the forms will be implemented for campus use.

4. New High School Diploma and UEE Request

Bob Turner reported briefly on materials that will be coming forward regarding the new high school diploma issue. Discussion on the new diploma issue will take place in the October Provosts' Council meeting. Bob also indicated that any edits on the two documents, SB 342 Progress Report and Dual Credit programs, e-mailed to the Council earlier need to be submitted to him as soon as possible. He would like them incorporated before the Joint Boards' Unified Education Enterprise (UEE) Committee meets in November. It was noted that the dual credit issue will also be discussed at the October Council meeting.

5. New Program Proposals

PSU – Graduate Certificate in Environmental and Resource Economics

Action: It was approved to move the Environmental and Resource Economics program forward for Board approval at the October 2008 meeting. Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

OHSU-PSU – External Review on the M.B.A. in Healthcare Management

Action: It was approved to accept the external review report and move the Healthcare Management program forward for Board approval at the October 2008 meeting. Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts' Council will be held on October 2, 2008 in Room 319, Stevenson Union at Southern Oregon University in Ashland.