

OUS Provosts' Council Meeting

April 7, 2005

Minutes

The OUS Provosts' Council met on April 7, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Reisling Room of Chemeketa Eola Northwest Viticulture Center in Salem.

Attendees: Lorraine Davis, Chair, UO; John Miller, EOU; John Moseley, UO; Earl Potter, SOU; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Jem Spectar, WOU; Dave Woodall, OIT; Sam Connell, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick); Michael Discroll, PSU (for Michael Reardon); Maureen Sevigny, IFS; George Pernsteiner, Neil Bryant, Susan Weeks, Ruth Keele, and Helen Stampe, OUS.

1. Academic Program Proposals

SOU – Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nonprofit Management

- Earl Potter reported that after reviewing the proposed program further, it was determined that it really should be a post-baccalaureate certificate instead of an undergraduate as originally submitted. The program will consist of 28 course credits with 16 core credits from business, political science, and writing; and 12 additional credits selected from a list of over 30 electives to address topic areas such as human resource management, marketing, and nonprofit program planning. In addition, students complete 300 hours of internship with a nonprofit organization.
- It was the consensus of the Council to approve the program to go forward to the Board in May. The program can also proceed with the ODA notification process.

OIT – B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

- Dave Woodall reported that this proposed program would prepare students with theoretical and applied engineering skills necessary to be successful in their chosen careers in industry, business, academia, and government. It would also support the interest of students who want to pursue a graduate degree in mechanical engineering. It was noted that ETIC strongly support this program as there is a demand for students in this area.
- Sabah indicated that OSU was supportive of the program but that their Mechanical Engineering Department had some questions, which he will share with Dave. In turn, Dave will confer with Lorraine on how he is responding to OSU's concerns prior to putting the program on the Board docket. Depending on the feedback, this program may be delayed until the June Board meeting.

UO – External Review for M.A./M.S. in Conflict and Dispute Resolution

- Lorraine Davis reported that the external review report was very positive and the Law School has already responded to the issues raised, which was shared with the Council.
- It was the consensus of the Council to approve the external review report and for the program to go forward to the Board in May. The program has already gone through the ODA notification process.

2. Chancellor's Report

George Pernsteiner reported on how the Phase I Ways and Means session went and the status of some of the legislative bills. He indicated that they are already gearing up for the Phase II session, scheduled for May 3-5, 2005. Neil Bryant, OUS Legislative Consultant, also highlighted some of the bills.

3. Legislative Requests Follow-up

Susan Weeks led a discussion on several issues that campuses need to address within the next two weeks in preparation for the Phase II Ways and Means session. She introduced Ruth Keele, OUS Director of Performance Measurement and Outcomes, who will be following up and developing an implementation plan, which will be brought back to the Council for review. Susan pointed out that on some of the legislative requests we will need to submit materials; however, on others, we simply need to let them know how we are approaching it – either at the institution or System level. Discussion followed. Issues needing immediate attention from campuses are: (a) description of curricular offerings on the teaching of ethical standards and practices in the workplace; (b) pass rates on professional certification and licensing exams; (c) surveys or other follow up regarding students who drop out or leave the institution before completing a degree; and (d) descriptive material related to the SB 919 report–section 1(5).

4. Minority Issues

- Faculty Diversity Initiative Funds. It was noted that all of the campuses had turned in their reports; however, OIT and WOU need to re-submit their plans to meet the requirements as approved by the Board. Guidelines specifically say that it is for minority implementation with ethnic groups that include Africa-American, American Indian, Asian-American, and Hispanic-American. Discussion followed. It was agreed that OIT and WOU will re-submit their reports to the Chancellor's Office; Helen will process the paperwork for the other institutions to receive their funding as directed.

- Minority Teacher Act of 1991. In addition to the requirements of 342.443 (which the Chancellor's Office is responding to), there are two other sections related to this Act that require a response from the institutions: 342.447 – Plans for recruitment, admission, retention, and graduation of minority teachers; and 351.077 – Implementation of minority teacher recruitment plans. Discussion followed. It was noted that the campus plans need to be submitted to the Chancellor's Office by the end of the academic year.

Update: The 2005 Minority Teacher Act report will be shared with Provosts and OUS Deans of Education by Yvette Webber-Davis in late April as background for the campus preparation of these plans.

5. UO Calendar Request

Lorraine reported that in 2009-10, UO would like to start fall term one day later due to Yom Kippur; therefore, starting it on Tuesday, September 29. She noted that it would still have the minimum number of days for classes. It was the consensus of the Council to approve UO moving their start date. The Chancellor will be informed of the Council's recommendation. Note: On the academic calendar that will be posted to the Web, there will be two start dates in fall 2009-10: Monday, September 28 and Tuesday, September 29, indicating "UO only."

6. Orbis Cascade Alliance – Regional Library Services Center

Specific questions for the Council to review were raised by the Orbis group related to the Regional Library Services Center. The OUS 2007-2009 Capital Budget currently has a placeholder item for a G-bond match totaling \$11 million. It was determined that half the amount would come from state general obligation bonds and half from non-state funds. At present, two preliminary sites have been selected: Linfield College and OHSU West Campus. Questions raised in the report were: (a) what is the level of campus support for an OUS-sponsored G-bond request; (b) if OUS pursues the G-bond option, how will the match be handled; (c) if bonds are not issued, to what extent can each campus support the allocation of construction cost; and (d) what are the potential sources of foundation support that might be acceptable to all? Discussion followed. All the campuses were supportive of the Center, although the regional universities did not have it on their top priority list in terms of funding. The larger universities are the key given the use pattern. The general consensus of the Council was to support the G-bond as proposed. The Council confirmed that there is a need for such a facility.

7. Information Technology Service Report

Lorraine reported that concerns have been raised about the *OSU: Integration of Information Technology Service Organizations* final report. Discussion followed. It was agreed that at the May 5th Council meeting one hour be set aside for the Chancellor and Curt Pederson to come and discuss the report. Sabah requested that whatever questions or concerns the campuses have should be sent to him prior to the meeting so he and/or Curt can address them appropriately.

Update: Due to scheduling conflict on May 5th, a special meeting of the Provosts' Council has been set for May 16, 2005, to discuss the IT report.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provosts' Council will be held on May 5, 2005 at Portland State University from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Helen Stampe