

OUS Provosts' Council Meeting

September 9, 2004

Minutes

The OUS Provosts' Council met on September 9, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in the Mt. Thiesen Room of the College Union at Oregon Institute of Technology.

Attendees: Lorraine Davis, Chair, UO; John Miller, EOU; John Moseley, UO; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Jem Spectar, WOU; Dave Woodall, OIT; Sam Connell, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick); Bill Feyerherm, PSU (for Michael Reardon); Paul Steinle, SOU (for Earl Potter); Maureen Sevigny, IFS (for Dan Edge); George Pernsteiner, Dave McDonald, Susan Weeks, and Helen Stampe, OUS.

1. Announcements

- George Pernsteiner, Acting Chancellor, announced that he liked the policy packages that were submitted by the Provosts' Council and appreciated the hard work put into them. If possible, he would like to have them finalized for the November Board meeting. He encouraged the provosts to meet as early as possible with Gretchen Schuette and also with the Council for Instructional Administrators (CIA).
- Lorraine Davis announced that John Minahan has resigned as consultant for the Chancellor's Office for personal reasons. Question was raised on how this will affect moving forward with the GARP search. The position announcement is ready, but the Chancellor would like to consider a different job title.

2. Program Proposals

OIT – B.S. in Renewable Energy Systems

- Dave Woodall reported that this degree prepares graduates for entry into the field of renewable energy and is to be built on a solid foundation in physics, chemistry, mathematics, and communications; adding coursework in mechanical and electrical engineering. Question was raised on how many students were expected to graduate – it is anticipated about 10-15 students within three years.
- Consensus was that it is OK to proceed for ODA notification and forward to the October Board consent agenda for approval.

WOU – Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre

- Jem Specter reported that this BFA program is for students interested in pursuing careers in the professional theatre; designed to combine intensive training with a liberal arts education. Questions about the program were raised earlier and Jem provided the answers in a memo attached to the proposal. No further questions were raised.
- Consensus was that it is OK to proceed for ODA notification and forward to the October Board consent agenda for approval.

OIT – ODS/OIT/EOU Partnership to Deliver Dental Hygiene Education in La Grande

- Dave Woodall reported this existing program, Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene, will be delivered by Eastern Oregon University at a new ODS facility being constructed in La Grande, but can also be taken at community colleges and other OUS campuses. The degree will include distance-delivered components by faculty members to Klamath Falls, as well as live delivery by faculty members in La Grande in the ODS facility.
- The Council approved the new location pending the timeframe for ODA (the proposal was sent to ODA for notification on 8/27/04). It does not need to go forward to the Board for approval.

Other Programs

- Lorraine shared a letter she prepared for the Chancellor on the EOU's MBA program to Council members for their information.
- Bill Feyerherm announced that the external review of PSU's Ph.D. in Biology will be sent to the Council soon for review.

3. Policy Package Requests / Meetings to be Scheduled

It was determined that in order to move forward with the policy package requests, three meetings need to be scheduled as soon as possible.

- Meeting with Gretchen Schuette, George Pernsteiner, and Provosts' Council within the next two weeks.
- Meeting with a subset of the CIA and a subset of the Provosts' Council early October.
- Joint meeting with the CIA members on November 4 before the regular Provosts' Council meeting in Portland. Scheduled time suggested would be a breakfast meeting with the CIA from 8:00-9:45 a.m.; Provosts' Council meeting from 10:00-noon. Location to be determined.

4. Performance Measurement

- Susan Weeks discussed performance indicators in anticipation of the DAS Links to Benchmarks report due September 30, and performance measurement reports to the Board in October and November. She distributed a revised draft of the DAS Data Summary, and provided each campus provost with his or her campus' draft targeted performance indicator report. Finally, she reviewed the issues raised by the Legislative Higher Education Work Group regarding performance outcomes.
- Ruth Keele, from the OUS Office of Planning, will provide provosts with a new draft of the DAS Data Summary, including suggested targets, during the week of September 13th, requesting provosts' review and comment by Friday, September 24. Susan indicated that she and her staff will prepare a draft of the October docket item on performance indicators and ask for provosts' review early in the week of September 20th.

5. Academic Calendar

Lorraine distributed a summary of campus responses regarding a proposal to start fall term in 2009-2010 on September 21 instead of September 28, which is Yom Kippur. This would mean that final exams would begin right after Thanksgiving. Further discussion on this topic will be held for a later meeting.

6. Other Items

- John Miller reported briefly on the Joint Boards' Articulation Commission (JBAC) meeting held on August 31 regarding AA/OT degree, also known as the Gen Ed Certificate. Lorraine shared comments from Karen Sprague, UO, and will forward them via e-mail to Council members.
- Concern was raised on low participation rates in Advanced Placement. Discussion was held about the need for a better understanding of the issues prior to embarking on any specific plan.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provosts' Council will be held Western Oregon University on October 7, 2004 from 10:00-noon; room yet to be determined. Also scheduled for the same day is the Board's Excellence in Delivery and Productivity (More, Better, Faster) Working Group from 8:00-10:00 a.m., and the Board/IFS luncheon from 12:00-1:15 p.m. Provosts are invited to attend both of these meetings.

Submitted by Helen Stampe