1. **OUS Sabbatical Policy**

Co-chair Karen Marrongelle reported that the OAR on Faculty Sabbaticals was going to go forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for discussion. Eligibility criteria: Unclassified employees having academic rank with .5 FTE or greater or continuous appointment for 18 quarters (excluding summer). She noted that the process will remain the same until the OAR ruling is changed and the institutional boards can adopt it. Discussion followed.

2. **Virtual External Review Criteria**

Co-chair Marrongelle shared a handout on the existing External Review of New Graduate Level Academic Programs policy, noting changes to reflect what it would take for a virtual review instead of an on-site review.

- **On-site visit:** Prior to 2013, the expectation for site visits was an on-site review of the proposed program. As such, the default expectation will be that site visits will occur on-site.

- **Virtual visit:** The OUS Provosts’ Council may recommend a virtual visit, as follows: (a) if the proposed program is an online program; (b) if the proposed program has minimal special facilities associated with it; (c) if the proposed program has a particularly quick timeline for needed approval; (d) if faculty establish preference for virtual visit in lieu of
on-site; and (e) if the proposed program is closely related to an existing program (i.e., not a completely new area for the proposing institution). Any recommendation for a virtual visit will need to consider the selected site visitors’ comfort in conducting a virtual visit.

- **Hybrid visit**: To ensure the timely review of programs requiring a site visit, the OUS Provosts’ Council will consider requests for hybrid visits, where one or two (but not all) reviewers participate in the visit virtually.

Discussion followed. Maude Hines, IFS rep, will take the proposal to the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate for comment and report back at the next Provosts’ Council meeting.

3. **ETIC Update**

Laura McKinney, OUS Assistant Vice Chancellor for Industry Partnership and Executive Director of ETIC, updated the Council on ETIC and the Oregon Engineering Education Investment Fund (OEEIF). She provided a powerpoint presentation, which indicated three elements: (a) the *mission focus* is meeting urgent industry needs, upgrading existing talent, and providing opportunity for new talent; (b) the *investment quality* is providing greatest benefits, avoiding duplication of existing resources, sharing resources across the institutions, and minimizing cost to the public; and (c) the *results* would be measuring performance and leveraging private investment. She noted the opportunities would be to identify this as part of the “outcomes based” funding for the universities, leverage the industry advocacy to the development efforts at your schools, and use this as a way to engage faculty. Discussion followed.

4. **OUS International Programs Update**

Krista Lane, Interim Director of the OUS International Programs (OUS IP), relayed information that she acquired during the first two months in the position. She indicated that she spoke with multiple people across Oregon, including the provosts, the directors of each international programs office, and key faculty and staff at each state institution. She confirmed that there has been a breakdown of communication with OUS IP, a lack of responsiveness to campus needs over the last decade, and a lack of revision regarding the financial and programmatic models. While there are frustrations from both sides, each institution did stress the value of OUS IP, especially with the “Legacy” programs, IE3 international internships, and some of the vibrant study abroad/faculty-led/short-term programs. This value-added has been realized at the state level as well, after the BW-Germany delegation met with Governor Kitzhaber last month and the longevity and uniqueness of the relationship was highlighted. There are programmatic and financial assessments and changes that need to occur within the unit in order to continue providing the value-added of OUS IP, as well as pursuing new services to enhance what OUS IP can do for each institution and the state. Discussion followed. **Action:** By the end of the fall term, Krista will present to the provosts the internal changes regarding staffing, programs, and finances (in particular, the financial model for the direct exchange programs). She will report back to the Provosts’ Council at their January 2014 meeting.
5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on November 7, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This meeting will be in-person at the Portland Chancellor’s Office. The Board’s Academic Strategies Committee meeting will be held the same day from 3:00-5:00 p.m.; teleconferencing is available upon request.