1. **WOU's Proposed Preamble/Mission Statement**

Provost Neely shared Western Oregon University’s preamble and mission statement, which included Core Themes as part of the review process necessitated by the new Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation standards. It was the consensus of the Council that WOU’s statement be forwarded to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for approval in their meeting being held later in the afternoon. *Update: The ASC approved the mission statement on April 28, 2011.*

2. **OUS International Programs and Recruitment Strategies**

Paul Primak, Director of OUS International Programs (IP), provided a brief history of the OUS IP, the development of the current financial model, governance model, and staffing. There are several component programs under the OUS IP umbrella: bilateral exchanges, one-way study abroad programs, IE3 Global Internships, and the newest addition – Global Expertise Oregon (GEO), a program to bring interns from our OUS international partners to Oregon-based companies, state agencies, and NGOs. Paul indicated that OUS IP works cooperatively with all OUS campuses, several private universities in Oregon, GlobalOregon-statewide, the World Affairs Council of Oregon, Mobility International USA, and several professional organizations.

Provost Randhawa proposed that OUS IP report to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Strategies in the Chancellor’s Office now that that office has been reconstructed rather than through Oregon State University since OUS IP serves the entire public university system. A proposal will be forthcoming. Grant Kirby, Inter-institutional Faculty Senate representative, requested a one-page summary of OUS IP units and their connections to GlobalOregon, Study Oregon, and Business Oregon. Paul will provide this summary. *Update: Paul sent the summary to Grant to share with the IFS members on May 16th.*
It was noted that there are two reports on recruitment strategies for provosts to review:

- Study Oregon: www.studyoregon.com/index.php
- The Chronicle of Higher Education article: State by State, Colleges Team Up to Help Recruit Students from Abroad, published April 3, 2011

3. **Update on Federal Distance Education Regulations**

Sona Andrews indicated that the implementation date in which the US Department of Education’s “program integrity” regulation on the need for institutions offering distance or correspondence education to acquire authorization from other states in which they operate in has been extended to July 1, 2014. USDOE will not initiate any action to establish repayment liabilities or limit student eligibility for distance education activities undertaken before July 1, 2014, as long as the institution is making good faith efforts to identify and obtain necessary state authorizations before that date. It was noted that the OUS campuses are in “good faith” and complying as needed. Discussion followed.

4. **Program Business Plan**

Provost Koch led a discussion on how Portland State University is encouraging their academic units to include a business model approach when they are proposing new academic programs through PSU’s pre-submittal process. Two documents were reviewed: PSU’s modified version of the OUS new program form, including seven appendices, and an example of the budget worksheet that the Business Office provides after consultations with the proposal writer and chair. The provosts agreed that this type of process would be very helpful on the campus/department level before submitting new program proposals to OUS.

5. **OUS and Common Core State Standards**

Bob Turner and Sona Andrews facilitated a discussion of the Common Core State Standards for English/Language Arts and for Math that have been adopted by the State Boards of Education of Oregon and over 40 other states. These standards describe the content that students should master in English (including writing, reading, and literacy in social science and history) and in Math for each of their years of elementary and high school. The development and adoption processes for the standards were outlined, as was the current development of assessments of the standards. The standards will impact postsecondary education by providing an opportunity to align the expectations of postsecondary faculty with the proficiency of Oregon high school graduates in these two academic areas, and by clearly describing the content that must be mastered by the graduates of educator preparation programs, and by current teachers.

Following some discussion and questions from the provosts, it was agreed that:

- The Provosts’ Council and OUS Academic Strategies must remain closely informed about and coordinated with the Common Core implementation work of the Oregon Department of Education;
- The soon to be appointed Associate Vice Chancellor when on board will visit the OUS campuses to describe and discuss the Common Core State Standards with the chairs of Math and Writing Departments and Programs; and
• That it is particularly important the Deans of the Educator Preparation Programs develop clear plans to ensure that their graduates possess the content mastery in the Common Core State Standards, and that the Education Deans should be proactive in Professional Development for current teachers in the Common Core State Standards content areas. A meeting of all the Education Deans, Sona, and Bob will be scheduled. *Update: The meeting is set for June 8th.*

6. **New Program Proposal**

• **OIT – New Location: B.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography**
  
  **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the B.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program to be taught via distance education, effective immediately. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be completed. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action is required. It was the consensus of the Council that OIT could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on June 2, 2011 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. A joint meeting with the provosts and F&A vice presidents will be held on the same day from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Urban Center at Portland State University.