1. **Admission Policy for 2012-13**

Joe Holliday and Bob Turner led a discussion on the changes to the draft Admission Policy for 2012-13. It was noted that there was an additional change to the policy: changing the OAKS Writing Exam needed for automatic admission from 45 to 40. The Council approved the admission document to go forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee at their February meeting for review/approval.

2. **Southwestern Oregon University Center**

Provost Adkison introduced Dr. Daniel Amos, the new director of the Southwestern Oregon University Center (SOUC). Daniel handed out information on the center and discussed key points on what needs to be done to collaborate with the OUS universities. It was noted that there needs to be a stronger international presence to SOUC, which would require recruiting online and develop exchange programs.

3. **Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Report**

Shawn Smallman, PSU, led a discussion on the draft report of the Student Learning Outcomes Assessment in OUS. He noted that two recommendations came from the LOA Task Force Group: adoption of the framework of expectations by the Provosts’ Council and each institution (page 5 of the report), and create an OUS web presence accessible through the OUS home page, to serve as the public face for OUS assessment for the purposes of transparency, accountability, and accreditation (page 6). It was determined that Shawn would clarify what kind of software and resources would be needed to maintain a website and bring it back to the Provosts’ Council next month for further review.
4. Board Compact with the Campuses

Bob Kieran led a discussion on the handouts shared earlier on OUS Performance Compact with the State and the OUS Performance Compact with the Campuses. He noted that until we know for sure that a Compact with the Campuses will align with an approved Compact with the State, other issues need to address. For example, measures must align with the state compact (enrollment, degrees); some items will be mission-specific (regional enrollment, etc.); and some will address quality and certain operational measures (retention, graduation rates). Bob also indicated that the Board’s Governance and Policy Committee reviewed this topic in their January meeting and will address it again in February. No action required at this time.

5. Sexual Misconduct Update

Sona Andrews updated the Council about a proposal on students being transcripted for their academic record. The new practice was acceptable to the Council.

6. Faculty Recruitment and Retention

Sona Andrews and Roy Koch led a discussion on the benefits of having all the OUS universities participate in The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE), which provides cost-effective tools to improve faculty recruitment, development, retention, and successes. It also addresses the challenging issues of demographic gaps, competition with private industry, variety in cultural norms related to generational mix, and the cost of turnovers. Sona indicated that there are other organizations that have similar tools but cost less. It was determined that the provosts would e-mail Sona on what they are currently doing on their campuses and indicate what other interests they have if an organization was chosen for everyone to participate in. Grant Kirby indicated that he would address this to the Inter-institutional Faculty Senate (IFS) for their input.

7. New Program Proposals

- **WOU – External Review on M.A. in Interpreting Studies**
  
  **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the external review report on the Interpreting Studies master’s program, with an emphasis in Teaching Interpreting. It will move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the February 2011 meeting. Material for ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

- **WOU – B.A./B.S. in Gerontology**
  
  **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the Gerontology bachelor’s program to move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the February 2011 meeting. It was noted that the program proposal needed to be revised to show an accreditation body for gerontology. Material for ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. **Update:** Provost Neely sent a revised proposal and budget with the change.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on February 24, 2011 at the Chancellor’s Office at Portland State University. The Board’s Academic Strategies Committee will be meeting the same day, following the Council meeting.