1. **OUS Policy on New High School Diploma**

Bob Turner discussed the New High School Diploma with the Provosts’ Council, reminding them of the timing of the implementation of the OUS policy. Jim Klein asked how “admission to an OUS institution” would be implemented – this conversation acknowledged that it’s not possible to arrive at a rational set of actions to accomplish this; that some combination of geography and the disciplines offered on the campuses would impact the distribution of students; and that there’s no better course of action than to let it happen and see how complicated it becomes to assure that the qualifying students end up at “an OUS institution”. Bob also reinforced that again the process used to set the “cut scores” for the OAKS, the ACT, and the SAT exams will take into consideration the capacity of OUS and these scores will be set to ensure that the number of students to be awarded automatic admission will not exceed historic numbers of Oregon high school graduates that enter OUS institutions.

2. **Senate Bill 342**

   a. **Draft Policy for Statewide International Baccalaureate Alignment**

Bob Turner led a discussion of the proposed draft policy for the Statewide International Baccalaureate Alignment, consisting of an explanation of the policy and responses to questions about the development of the policy. Sabah Randhawa summarized the sense of the Provosts’ Council that the proposed policy is reasonable and it was agreed that the provosts would send any comments to Bob by the end of October. Approval of the policy will be sought at the November Provosts’ Council meeting. It was noted that once this policy is approved by the Council, it will go
forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee, the Joint Boards of Education, and the Joint Boards’ Committee on Unified Education Enterprise for review.

b. General Education Outcomes and Criteria
Karen Sprague led a discussion on the outcomes and criteria for transferrable General Education courses. She shared a paper that was the joint work of 72 faculty in Oregon universities, public and private, and community colleges. This collection created a framework with which to gauge the suitability of General Education courses intended to transfer among Oregon colleges/universities. It replaces an ad hoc system of approving such courses, particularly those from community colleges, and as the product of an unusually collegial effort that has broad credibility. It was noted that this paper will also be discussed at the joint Provosts’ Council and Community Colleges’ Chief Academic Officers (PC/CC-CAO) meeting in November and at the Joint Boards of Education meeting in January 2010.

3. Joint PC/CC-CAO Meeting in November
Susan Weeks led a discussion on agenda items for the joint PC/CC-CAO meeting being held on November 13, 2009 from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at Portland State University. Topics will include: SB 342 on endorsement of general education outcomes and international baccalaureate policy; and SB 442 on semester conversion and advancing the success of rural students and communities. It is anticipated that materials for these topics will be sent out to both Councils the first week of November.

4. Board and Council Meeting Calendar
It was determined the Provosts’ Council meetings would meet either by videoconference or teleconference on the months that the Full Board does not meet. It was noted that the Joint Boards of Education will be meeting on January 7, 2010, with the regular Full Board meeting on January 8; therefore, the P.C. meeting will be moved to January 14. Helen Stampe will look into setting up videoconference (or teleconference if the video is not available) for this meeting and other meetings scheduled for 2010: February 11, April 8, May 13, and June 3. (Full Board meetings are scheduled for January 7-8, March 5, and July 9 – all at Portland State University.)

5. New Program Proposals
- PSU – B.A./B.S. in Earth Science
  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Earth Science program to go forward to the November Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for approval. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

- OHSU – Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics
  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Biostatistics graduate program for implementation. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action is required.

6. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be held on November 12, 2009 at Portland State University, followed by the joint PC/CC-CAO and Applied Baccalaureate meeting on November 13th.