1. Veterans Reintegration

Joe Holliday led a discussion on the National Guard and Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) educational presentations for faculty on returning veterans and what to expect in the classroom. No action required.

2. Campus Retention Initiatives

Joe Holliday led a discussion on the campus retention initiatives. An inventory of campus retention initiatives has been compiled and can be shared. It seems that OUS institutions may not be getting credit for retention if students move to a non-OUS institution, and the use of the National Student Clearinghouse data may permit resolution of this issue. An effort is now underway to focus on the effectiveness of the best of the retention initiatives. Grant Kirby shared that these retention efforts, and their effectiveness, do not filter down to the level of the faculty.

3. Professional Science Master’s Guidelines

Bob Turner led a discussion on the draft Professional Science Master’s (PSM) guidelines. He shared a flowchart that showed how a new program proposal for this degree will follow the OUS approved new program proposal process. The Provosts’ Council approved the flowchart as presented. The Council also approved that Oregon State University’s four pre-existing Professional Science Master’s degrees be grandfathered into the new PSM designation (e.g., the programs do not have to be submitted again to the new review process). They are: Applied Biotechnology; Applied Physics; Environmental Sciences, and Applied Systematics in Botany.
4. New Program Proposals
   
   - **UO – B.A./B.S. in General Social Science**
     
     **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the General Social Science bachelor's program to move forward to the Board's Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the November 2010 meeting. Material for ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

   - **PSU – New Location: Graduate Course Offerings in Engineering**
     
     **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved graduate course offerings in Engineering and Computer Science from the Capital Center to be taught at Portland Community College-Willow Creek, effective immediately. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board's Academic Strategies Committee action required.

5. Next Meeting

   The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council meeting will be November 18, 2010 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.