1. **Long-Range Planning Update**

Susan Weeks presented an outline on the Board’s Strategic Planning – 2007 Organization and Focus and how the Board relates to the strategic initiatives and long-range plan. Discussion followed.

2. **Performance Funding and Budget**

Jay Kenton and Susan Weeks presented a draft memo indicating performance funding and other budgetary considerations for 2007-09. Three elements will require further action: (a) $7.5 million in performance funding targeted for improvements in retention and graduation rates; (b) financial underpinning for EOU, OIT, OSU-Cascades, SOU, and WOU; and (c) estimated enrollment funding that is subject to an annual settle-up process. The purpose of the memo was to clarify the System’s intentions regarding these elements and to outline the format on the plans they would like the provosts to submit regarding (a) and (b) above. With regard to the performance-based funding, Susan and Ruth Keele distributed a draft proposal describing a performance scoring model and data sheets for each of the proposed measure. Discussion followed, with suggestions made regarding the measures to be attached to funding and the process for defining and evaluating targets. They will incorporate feedback received from provosts and discussions with the Chancellor into the revised plan, and Ruth will get back to the provosts with more information and suggested next steps for target settings. It was noted
that once the plans have been submitted, they will be reviewed for completeness in satisfying Board expectations and provosts will be notified as to the acceptability of the plan(s) or suggested changes as needed. Any questions or concerns should be directed to both Jay and Susan.

3. Resource Fees and Differential Tuition

Jay Kenton led a discussion on forming a task group to study resource fee and differential tuition issues and examine the impact on what the proposed changes would have on graduate students. He shared a resource fee paper that lists the guiding principles, proposed policy changes, and proposed differential tuition policy. Jay will develop a charge for this group and asked that the provosts nominate a person from each of the three large universities and one from the regionals. Update: The charge has been developed and sent to the Provosts’ Council on October 17, along with a list of the task force members. They are: Sally Francis, OSU; Bill Feyerherm, PSU; Marian Friestad, UO; Hilda Rosselli, WOU; and Jay Kenton, OUS.

4. Learning Outcomes/LEAP Participation

Elisabeth Zinser reported on the status of the learning outcomes and LEAP initiative. She shared the Chancellor’s aspirations for the learning outcomes assessment work (engage faculty, connect the work to the Board’s long term plan and system portfolio, use language and numbers that make sense to legislators, etc). She indicated that the September 21st meeting with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) went well and asked for the Provosts’ Council endorsement in becoming a “LEAP State.” The Council supported it and chair John Miller will write a letter on their behalf to the AAC&U president and the Chancellor. Elisabeth also shared a template of ten questions for provosts to use as a guideline on the status and direction of their institution’s progress toward contemporary practices in learning outcomes assessments. Three campuses have completed theirs (OSU, PSU, WOU); other campuses need to provide their write-ups to Elisabeth in the next two weeks, if possible. Discussion followed. It was noted that further discussion will take place to determine commonalities and differences, lessons learned, issues for consultation, and ways the institutions might best collaborate on behalf of the System as a whole.

5. New Program Proposals

PSU – B.A./B.S. in Arts Studies
Action: It was approved to move the Arts Studies program forward for Board approval at the November 2007 meeting. Deadline: Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization need to be submitted to Helen by October 18.

OHSU – B.S. in Nursing at Western Oregon University
Action: It was approved to let OHSU deliver their existing Bachelor of Science program in Nursing to be held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. The program can proceed with the ODA notification process; it does not need to go forward for Board approval.

WOU – Certificate in Rehabilitation Counseling with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults
Action: This certificate program is funded solely by grant funds. It was approved to extend the grant time period for a new five-year cycle beginning with the summer of 2009 and ending 2013 should the program receive new grant funding (proposal being submitted at the end of October). This program was originally approved by the Board on December 20, 2002.
6. Report Items

- Kirby Dyess, Board member and chair of the Board’s Strategic Initiatives Committee, led a discussion on the committee’s charge to provide recommendations to the Board regarding the implementation of the principles and priorities of the Board’s long-range plan—goals, performance framework, operating principles, and strategic priorities.

- Elisabeth Zinser reported on Oregon 150, a nonprofit organization with volunteers from across the state serving on the Board of Directors. It is called the Oregon 150 Official Partnership Program, which invites Oregon civic groups, businesses, and community organizations to participate in the sesquicentennial celebration. This partnership program is a call to groups to submit projects that capture the spirit of Oregon as part of the celebration and, if approved, would be able to use the official Oregon 150 logo. Elisabeth, among others, is a loaned executive staff person who will work with the Board and keep the Council updated on events happening around the state.

- Karen Sprague handed out a paper on the progress made on the Oregon Diploma Essential Skills. Currently, the Essential Skills Task Force is defining the essential skills and will be identifying the proficiency level and assessment options in November and December. She indicated that the group is moving fast and soon will need key OUS academic leaders to consider how they view mastery of these skills, e.g., what would be acceptable evidence of mastery and how would we reward students who had produced this evidence? Karen also indicated that someone from the Oregon Department of Education will be contacting chair John Miller to get someone appointed. On a related note, Hilda Rosselli was nominated to be the representative for the Joint Boards’ Unified Education Enterprise (UEE) Committee on the behalf of the Provosts’ Council.

- Robert Mercer passed out a paper on key elements and issues related to the revision of the Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AA/OT) issue. He indicated that this will be one of the topics for discussion at the joint meeting with the Community Colleges’ CIA group on November 1.

- It was announced that WICHE’s Student Exchange Program are inviting institutions to nominate distinctive graduate programs for inclusion in their Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP). The deadline is October 29, 2007; if you have any programs, send them directly to WICHE.

- Discussion was held on trying to get a joint meeting set with the Administrative Council in conjunction with the Provosts’ Council and Board meetings in November. Update: This meeting has been set for October 31 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at PSU President’s Residence in Portland.

7. Next Meeting

The Provosts’ Council will be involved in several meetings on November 1, 2007: from 8:30-11:30 a.m., joint meeting with CIA at Portland Community College-Cascade Campus; from 11:30-noon, travel to Portland State University; from noon-3:00 p.m., regular Provosts’ Council meeting in Room 307, Cramer Hall; and from 3:00-5:00 p.m., interview three candidates for the position of the Deputy Chancellor for Graduate Education and Research.