1. **STEM Education Initiative**

Bruce Schafer reported on two initiatives: (a) The Portland Metro STEM Education Partnership and (b) The Oregon STEM Education Initiative. As their names imply, the first initiative is focused on enhancing K-12 STEM in the Portland area while the second outlines how K-12 STEM education could be improved statewide. Karen Marrongelle indicated that the deans of education were aware of the second effort. Provost Koch described a possible structure suggested by Professor Bill Becker from PSU that would link the two efforts together by creating several regional STEM Partnerships that would be overseen by a committee or council called the Oregon STEM Education Partnership that would report to the Oregon Education Investment Board. The Council concluded that it would be helpful if Bill Becker, one of the leaders of the first initiative, would attend the December P.C. meeting to provide more information on the history, goals, and structure of the STEM initiatives. Bruce indicated that Duncan Wyse, president of the Oregon Business Council, might also be available for this discussion. He also mentioned that a draft document describing the second initiative prepared by the Oregon Department of Education was recently posted for public comment. **Follow-up:** Bill Becker and Duncan Wyse are planning to attend the December meeting. Bruce e-mailed the Provosts’ Council the ODE draft report on 11/17/11.

2. **Achievement Compact**

Vice Chancellor Andrews gave a brief report on the Achievement Compact and that this is a work in progress.
3. Mission Alignment Status

A brief discussion was made on the status of the mission alignment status. Anji Duchi indicated that she still had questions for the provosts on some of their metrics. Anji was asked to e-mail the provosts with questions and concerns for their respective campus in order to have a new matrix available for discussion at the December P.C. meeting. Follow-up: Anji sent an e-mail on 11/18/11 to each of the provosts regarding questions/issues on their mission matrix data. Anji and Bob Kieran will have a new matrix available for review before the December 16th meeting.

4. OUS International Programs

Vice Chancellor Andrews reported that as of December 1, 2011, Paul Primak, director of the OUS International Programs, will temporarily report directly to the Chancellor’s Office; all International Programs HR and budget functions will remain as is until an audit is performed. She indicated that there are a couple of external audit firms that they will be looking at in order to do an assessment of the program early in January. The report will come back to the Provosts’ Council to determine what should still be centralized or decentralized.

5. Faculty Workload Audit Progress

Due to time constraints, this topic was moved to be discussed at the January 2012 meeting.

6. New Program Proposals

- **OHSU – M.S. in Endodontology**
  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Endodontology master’s program to move forward for an external review. Executive Vice Provost Robinson will work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review report has been made and received by the Council for review/approval. It was the consensus of the Council that OHSU could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

- **OSU – Ph.D. in Public Policy**
  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Public Policy doctoral program to move forward for an external review. The co-chairs indicated Provost Randhawa can use the external reviewers that are listed in the proposal. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review report has been made and received by the Council for review/approval. It was the consensus of the Council that OSU could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

- **OSU – B.A./B.S./B.F.A. in Digital Communication Arts**
  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Digital Communication Arts bachelor’s program to move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the January 2012 meeting. Material for the ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. It was the consensus of the Council that OSU could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.
• **OSU – External Review on M.S. in Women Studies**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the external review report on the Women Studies master’s program. It will move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the January 2012 meeting. Material for the ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. It was the consensus of the Council that OSU could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

• **SOU – External Review on P.S.M. in Applied Mathematics**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the external review report on the Applied Mathematics professional science master’s program. It will move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the January 2012 meeting. Material for the ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. Due to the nature of the program, Southern will need to submit a separate report to the NWCCU for approval and also include it in their institutional annual report.

7. **Next Meeting**

   The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on December 16, 2011 – it can be attended either by videoconference or in-person at the Portland Chancellor’s Office. It will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m.; topics will be specific to STEM, mission alignment matrix, and capital project planning. It was noted that there will not be a Board’s ASC meeting in December.