1. **Statewide PSM Advisory Board**

Bruce Schafer led a discussion on the Provosts’ Council relationship with the statewide Professional Science Masters (PSM) Advisory Council. Ursula Bechert, the statewide PSM director, submitted a one-page summary in advance of the meeting that spoke to the history of the Council, its purpose and membership. In conclusion, it recommended that the PSM Advisory Council advise the Provosts’ Council on PSMs and serve as a resource to the Council should it need analysis of the issues. Discussion followed. The Provosts’ Council recommended that they prefer to think of the PSM Advisory Council as a resource to the campuses in support of existing and future PSM degree programs consistent with the goals of the PSM Advisory Council outlined in the summary: (a) creating industry and academic linkages to explore new PSM program opportunities; (b) increasing awareness of PSMs concept by students and industry; and (c) ensuring financial and economic viability for the statewide PSM effort and individual PSM programs in Oregon. As appropriate, the Chancellor’s Office may bring PSM-related issues and the PSM Advisory Council’s advice on these issues to the Provosts’ Council and other relevant entities.

*Follow-up:* Bruce reported via e-mail that at the PSM Advisory Council meeting on April 1, 2011, they reviewed a variety of subjects, including the one addressed above. They agreed with the conclusion of the Provosts’ Council and indicated that the PSM Advisory Council serves as a resource and adviser to the statewide PSM director and associated efforts to grow the impact of PSM programs in Oregon. The PSM Advisory Council also concluded that matrices for success need to be clearly identified and should include tracking PSM alumni and assessing the impact they have in the workforce. In addition, a timeline needs to be established for creating a business plan, especially in light of Sloan funding ending in December 2011 – assuming the six-month extension is approved.
2. **Oregon Executive MBA Program**

Jim Bean led a discussion on the status of the Oregon Executive Master of Business Administration (OEMBA) program that was developed jointly with UO, OSU, and PSU in the mid-1980s. It was noted that in the past year and a half, a number of alternative plans were proposed to “overhaul” the OEMBA program, primarily because enrollments have stagnated for the past few years and a number of competitors are now offering on-line MBA programs, making it a significantly more competitive environment to attract students to the program. Both OSU and PSU will no longer be involved in the program; UO will be keeping the program using their own resources. The split with the other two institutions was amicable, and it reflected largely on the priorities of OSU and PSU toward the substantial programs they have on their own campuses. It was noted that the OEMBA degree will stand as a University of Oregon degree.

3. **Federal Distance Education Regulations Update**

Sona Andrews updated the Council on how the federal distance education regulations were going on the campuses. She applauded the work that the campus representatives were doing and indicated that more work needs to be done before the implementation date of July 1st. It was noted that OUS has sent a letter to every state authorization agency requesting permission to offer distance education in their state on behalf of the System. Discussion followed. **Follow-up: We have received information back from the majority of states and some are willing to give us authorization as a System.**

4. **Diversity**

Sona Andrews updated the Council on diversity and shared a work plan on OUS Action Plan on Equity Initiatives. It shows the item/activity, person/unit responsible, detail of what needs to be done, and timeline. Discussion followed. It was suggested that under the “Inventory” item of the Action Plan, campus diversity plans should be added to the list.

5. **Dual Career Network**

Sona Andrews led a discussion on dual career hires and asked the Council if there was interest in creating a network among the campuses so they can tap into faculty/staff coming to Oregon with a “trailing spouse or partner.” There was interest and some campuses indicated that they already have a policy in place. Sona asked the provosts if they could e-mail their information to her so the System could create a list of contacts for all campuses.

6. **Schedule for P.C. Meetings**

There was discussion on how many times the Council would like to meet in-person versus by video. It was determined that every other month could be by videoconference, starting with the April Provosts’ Council meeting. Helen Stampe will send out a new meeting schedule to indicate which meetings will be in-person or by video. It was noted that even though certain meetings would be by videoconference, provosts and guests are always welcome to come to the Portland Chancellor’s Office and take the meeting in-person, should their schedules permit.
7. Five-year Academic Calendar

There was a short discussion on the five-year academic calendar for 2011-12 to 2015-16 that Joe Holliday submitted earlier to the Council by e-mail. He had also asked the OUS registrars to review the revised five-year calendar with their provosts and indicate whether they had any institution-specific issues to address. It was the consensus of the Council that the academic calendar be approved. It was noted that SOU had already given Joe their request to change dates due to furlough days.

8. New Program Proposals

- **OHSU – Master/M.S. in Biostatistics**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the Biostatistics master’s program to move forward for an external review. Vice Provost Vieira 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.

- **UO – Graduate Certificate in Oregon Leadership in Sustainability**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the Oregon Leadership in Sustainability graduate certificate for implementation. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action is required. It was the consensus of the Council that the UO could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

- **UO – External Review on Master in Nonprofit Management**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the external review report on the Nonprofit Management master’s program. It will move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the April 2011 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 UO could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

- **UO – External Review on M.A./M.S. in Multimedia Journalism**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the external review report on the Multimedia Journalism master’s program. It will move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the April 2011 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 UO could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.

- **WOU – Undergraduate/Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language**
  
  *Action*: The Provosts’ Council approved the Teaching English as a Foreign Language undergraduate/post-baccalaureate certificate for implementation. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action is required. It was the consensus of the Council that WOU could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU.
9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on April 28, 2011 at the Chancellor’s Office in Portland – it can be taken either in-person or by video. The Board’s Academic Strategies Committee will be meeting the same day, following the Council meeting.

*Note: The Provosts’ Council meeting on May 26 has been moved to June 2, 2011; the ASC meeting on May 26 has been cancelled.*