1. **Introductions**

Co-chair Susan Weeks introduced Grant Kirby as the new IFS representative for 2010, replacing Jeff Johnson. He is the IT program director from OIT Metro Center in Portland.

2. **Update on NWCCU Accreditation Meeting**

Bob Turner indicated that the March 3rd accreditation meeting with Ron Baker, NWCCU’s executive vice president and director of standards revision and implementation project, was a productive give and take session. Since only the OUS institutions and staff were present, Mr. Baker encouraged detailed discussion of the concerns of the attendees. His responses to a variety of questions underscored the importance of critically and carefully defining the institutional mission and of then providing as much useful and meaningful assessment data as necessary to demonstrate that the institution is striving to fulfill its mission. He also emphasized the importance of outcome indicators relative to process indicators. Elements of this meeting may be helpful in the Provosts’ Council discussion of OUS Mission and Portfolio.

3. **Applied Baccalaureate Degree**

Bruce Schafer updated the Council on recent meetings of the new Applied Baccalaureate Steering Committee and reviewed outstanding issues. Members of the Council expressed concern that community colleges were considering requesting authority to award applied baccalaureate
degrees. The Council gave Provosts Randhawa and Neely their proxy to draft a memorandum to Bruce that summarizes their position on this and related issues so he can share it with others.

Update: This memorandum was submitted to Bruce Schafer on March 5, 2010 and can be found at: http://www.ous.edu/dept/indaffairs/AB/ProvostsMemoOnABPlanning030510.pdf.

4. Semester Conversion Update

Larry Galizio reported that the cross-sector group he has been working with on semester conversion, in compliance with SB 442, has been collecting information from enrollment managers, student support services, student affairs vice presidents, business managers, provosts, and instructional administrators concerning the actions that would be required for a semester conversion. The focus was mainly on the mechanics of a conversion. In addition, the group has contacted the Oregon Business Association and Associated Oregon Industries to see if they will survey their members for perceived advantages and disadvantages of a semester versus quarter calendar. Additionally, Southern Oregon University, Portland State University, Portland Community College, and Rogue Community College have agreed to do more in-depth analyses of the potential costs and any savings that might accrue over time with a shift to semesters. The reports are due back to the group on May 14th. It was noted that community colleges have expressed concern about the resource constraints in view of the tremendous recent enrollment gains, and how a semester conversion might occur within such a challenging environment. Larry indicated that a website has been set up to include much of the research collected thus far and can be found at: http://www.ous.edu/state_board/jointb/sem/index.php.

5. New Program Proposals

- **SOU – External Review on M.S. in Applied Computer Science**

  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved to accept the external review report and move the Applied Computer Science master’s program forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the April 2010 meeting. Material for ASC docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

- **UO – Ph.D. in Architecture**

  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved to move the Architecture doctoral program forward for external review. Provost Bean 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.

- **OSU – Master in Natural Resources**

  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved to move the Natural Resources master’s program forward for external review. Provost Randhawa 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.

- **OSU – Graduate Certificate in Management for Science Professionals**

  Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Management for Science Professionals graduate certificate program for implementation. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action required.
• PSU – Graduate Certificate in Technological Entrepreneurship
   Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Technological Entrepreneurship graduate certificate program for implementation. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action required.

• PSU – Graduate Certificate in Strategic Management of Technology and Graduate Certificate in Technology Management
   Action: The Provosts’ Council thought these two graduate certificates were too much alike and asked that Provost Koch looks at the proposals again and add a supplementary page indicating what is different. It was also suggested that the title of the two certificates be reviewed and possibly re-named. Provost Koch indicated that he will take them back to the respective departments for further review.

• EOU – Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing
   Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Teaching of Writing graduate certificate program for implementation. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted. No Board’s Academic Strategies Committee action required.

• EOU – New Location: M.B.A. at Mt. Hood Community College
   Action: The Provosts’ Council approved the Master of Business Administration program to be taught at Mt. Hood Community College, effective immediately. 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 April 8, 2010, and can be attended either in-person at the Portland Chancellor’s Office or by videoconference. Helen Stampe will follow-up on the meeting logistics with the provosts’ assistants.