OUS Provosts’ Council
Meeting Action Notes
June 5, 2008

Members: Sabah Randhawa, OSU, Co-Chair
Susan Weeks, OUS, Co-Chair
Ed Battistella, SOU
Linda Brady, UO
Lesley Hallick, OHSU
Michael Jaeger, EOU
Roy Koch, PSU
Gary Naseth, OIT
Hilda Rosselli, WOU

IFS: Mina Carson, OSU

Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS (by phone)

Guests: Bob Turner, OUS
        Marjorie Lowe, Governor’s Office

1. Review of Teacher Preparation Policy Option Package
   Bob Turner reported on the status of the OUS Teacher Preparation policy option package. There was
discussion on portions of the package, particularly of the New Teacher Induction section and
Performance Indicators. A work plan of the package was also shared and discussed. It was noted that
all policy option packages will be reviewed at the July Board meeting.

2. Faculty-related Data requested by Postsecondary Quality Education Commission
   Susan Weeks gave an update on the request from the Postsecondary Quality Education Commission’s
Program Quality Subcommittee regarding faculty and program quality information to be submitted from
each campus, as listed: (a) courses basic to meeting graduation or transfer requirements; (b) percent
of full-time faculty with offices and office hours; percent of less than full-time faculty with offices and
office hours; (c) information on hiring process used by OUS and its universities; (d) duties and
responsibilities in the areas of curriculum development, student contact outside of class, participation in
governance, etc.; (e) job continuation rights for full-time and less than full-time faculty and instructional
staff; (f) a list of studies or reviews on the status of less than full-time instructional faculty/staff provided
by OUS and its universities; and (h) budgeting distinctions between full-time and less than full-time
faculty and instructional staff. Susan will follow-up with an e-mail to the Council outlining the original
request; the deadline date for submission to Susan is July 7th.

3. Staff Fee Privileges Rule Change
   There was a brief discussion about the Association of Oregon Faculties (AOF) request for OUS to
modify their staff fee policy to include more than one family member as being eligible for staff fee rates
each term. It was noted that Jay Kenton is also discussing this topic with the Administrative Council. Co-chair Randhawa will follow-up with Jay to see if they have a document that shows campuses' current resource commitments to this activity and projected increases if the proposal were to be accepted.  (Update: Jay provided a spreadsheet via e-mail on June 24, 2008, indicating 2006-07 staff fee usage by campus.)

4. Proposal for Regional Library Service Center
   Co-chair Randhawa presented a handout on a proposal for OUS funding for the Regional Library Service Center (RLSC). The request is for full construction costs to be paid for from lottery funds. There is growing demand on campuses for innovative learning centers that combine content, information technologies, subject and technical expertise, and collaborative facilities to enhance learning and research at all levels within the university. The OUS libraries (specifically OSU, PSU, and UO) have an urgent need for the RLSC – PSU is currently spending over $400,000/year to rent space for some of their physical collections; UO is now negotiating for similar off-site storage. The construction cost for one module is approximately $13 million; one module can accommodate two million volumes and will meet the libraries’ needs for the next decade. The Provosts’ Council first approved the RLSC project in 2005. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to recommend the RLSC proposal for funding.

5. New Program Proposals
   OIT – M.S. in Civil Engineering
   Action: It was approved to move the Civil Engineering program forward for external review. Acting Provost Naseth with work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. It was noted that increased load on faculty and need should be discussed further with the external reviewers. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will take place after the external review process is completed.

   WOU – External Review on the M.S. in Management and Information Systems
   Action: It was approved to accept the external review report and move the Management and Information Systems program forward for Board approval at the July 2008 meeting. Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

   SOU – M.A./M.S./M.I.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
   Action: It was approved to move the Interdisciplinary Studies program forward for external review. Interim Provost Battistella with work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. A question was raised regarding the market for the three degree options and provosts suggested that it should be raised with the external reviewers. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will take place after the external review process is completed.

   OHSU/PSU – M.B.A. in Health Care Management
   Action: It was approved to move the Health Care Management program forward for external review. Provosts Hallick and Koch will work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will take place after the external review process is completed.
OSU – Undergraduate Certificate in Religion and Culture in Philosophy

Action: It was approved to move the Certificate in Religion and Culture program forward for Board approval at the July 2008 meeting. Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will need to be submitted.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be held on July 10, 2008 in Room 307, Cramer Hall at Portland State University in Portland.