1. Mission Alignment

Vice Chancellor Andrews led a discussion on mission alignment and reviewed a six-page chart on mission intensity for student access, academic programs, and innovation/research. Specific questions were raised on the Board goal areas (first column of the chart) and whether the second line of each topic should be deleted. It was agreed that the next version of the document sent to them would have this change. Further discussion followed on the Compact with the State and Systemwide Metrics column and Institution-specific Performance Compact columns. Any questions regarding this chart should be directed to Anji Duchi from the Chancellor’s Office (541-346-5704; anji_duchi@ous.edu). If you need data reference, contact Bob Kieran (541-346-5758; bob_kieran@ous.edu).

**Action:** It was the consensus of the Council that the provosts would review their institutional entries of the revised document and provide changes to Anji Duchi by October 13th; in turn, a new version of the document will be sent to them prior to the next meeting of the Provosts’ Council held on October 27th.

2. HB 3418: Student Success

Vice Chancellor Andrews reported briefly on how the house bill was shaping up. The Task Force on Higher Education and Student Institutional Success is charged with examining best practices for institutional and student success, barriers to success, and recommendations on resources needed to address the issue. The Task Force is in the process of being formed and includes a number of OUS
persons. The first report of the Task Force is due in December of this year; the final report is due in October 2012. The Chancellor’s Office, along with the Community Colleges & Workforce Development Office, is providing support for the Task Force.

3. Joint PC/CIA Meeting

Vice Chancellor Andrews updated the Council on the status of the agenda for the joint meeting of the Provosts’ Council and Community Colleges’ Chief Instructional Administrators (CIA), which will be held on November 17 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., followed by a reception. She noted that Tim Nesbitt from the Governor’s Office will be participating in the meeting as most of it will focus on the 40-40-20 goals. The agenda will be forthcoming.

4. JBAC Update

Provost Burda gave a brief update on the Joint Boards Articulation Commission regarding the applied baccalaureate, associate of science Oregon transfer degree, and common core standards. He also reported that a fall conference on degree qualifications profile has been scheduled for October 21, 2011 and will be held at Lane Community College in Eugene. The conference will focus on student learning and development of a nested framework for degree outcomes based upon The Degree Qualifications Profile report funded by the Lumina Foundation. Karen Marrongelle from the Chancellor’s Office indicated that the invitation was sent out via e-mail to the Council on September 16th. The provosts are encouraged to invite campus academic leaders (both faculty and administrators), deans, department chairs, and faculty members to attend. Any questions regarding the DQP conference should be directed to Karen (503-725-5718; karen_marrongelle@ous.edu).

5. Gainful Employment Program Rules

Ryan Hagemann, OUS General Counsel, led a discussion on determining whether an education program falls under the new federal legislation on Gainful Employment. He shared the Federal guidelines with the Council, summarizing the following: (a) virtually all educational programs offered by for-profit institutions are GE programs; (b) all educational programs that lead to a degree awarded by a public or private non-profit institution are not GE programs; and (c) many non-degree educational programs awarded by a public or private non-profit institution are GE programs. Ryan also shared a flowchart from the American Council on Education (ACE) that showed which programs are considered GE programs for non-profit and public institutions. If any OUS institutions offer programs that are defined as GE, they must comply with the reporting and noticing requirements. The deadline for reporting is October 1st, but Ryan felt the date would be extended due to the short turnaround time. It was noted that Oregon State University has identified a number of programs and they have put in place the reporting and noticing for compliance. If any of the institutions have questions on whether their particular program is a GE program, they are welcome to contact Ryan directly (541-346-5716; ryan_hagemann@ous.edu).

6. New Program Proposals

- OIT – B.A.S. in Technology and Management
  
  **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the Technology and Management bachelor’s program to move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the October 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 OIT could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU. Provost Burda indicated that this program will also go to the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), which is an educational accreditation agency for college and university business programs.

- **UO – Bachelor’s in Folklore**
  
  **Action:** The Provosts' Council approved the Folklore bachelor’s program to move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the October 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.

- **OHSU – M.S. in Biostatistics**
  
  **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the external review report for the Biostatistics master’s program. It will move forward to the Board’s Academic Strategies Committee for its approval at the October 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 OHSU could include this program in their institution annual report to NWCCU. **Follow-up:** OHSU will add information to their external review report (either at the end or a footnote) recognizing that there is graduate biostatistics training at Oregon State University in their Master of Public Health program. The revised report should be submitted to the Chancellor’s Office for record.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts' Council will be on October 27, 2011 – it can be attended either by videoconference or in-person at the Portland Chancellor’s Office. It will be held from 8:00-1:00 p.m. The Board’s Academic Strategies Committee will be meeting on the same day from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Teleconferencing for this meeting is available through the Board’s Office.