1. Update on Deputy Chancellor Search

Linda Brady reported on how the Deputy Chancellor for Graduate Research and Education was progressing. The search committee has reviewed all the applications and will invite six candidates for airport interviews in mid-September. After this is completed, they will invite three or four finalists to come back for interviews around the October or November Board meetings so the OUS Presidents, Provosts, and Research Councils can participate. Update: At this time, interviews are scheduled for October 31 and November 1, 2007.

2. Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Linda Brady and Roy Koch briefed the Council on learning outcomes and assessments. Linda indicated that there is a NASULGC report called “Voluntary System of Accountability” that is useful. It can be found on the following website: http://www.nasulgc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=280&srcid=183.

It was also noted that Elisabeth Zinser will be soliciting input from the provosts one-on-one regarding a meeting being held with the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and others on September 21, 2007 in Portland. The purpose is exploring and setting direction for a partnership between Oregon post-secondary education and AAC&U’s LEAP initiative, aligning it with OUS strategic initiatives and partnerships with community colleges and K-12.
3. New Program Proposals

**PSU – Bachelor in Social Work**

*Action:* It was approved to move the Social Work program forward for Board approval at the October 2007 meeting. *Deadline:* Material for Board docket and notification to the Office of Degree Authorization need to be submitted to Helen by September 18.

**SOU – B.A./B.S. in Outdoor Adventure Leadership**

*Action:* The Council did not recommend the proposed Outdoor Adventure Leadership degree at SOU to the Board based on consensus that there is not sufficient evidence presented to justify a second major in this area in the Oregon University System, particularly since enrollments in a similar program currently offered at the OSU-Cascades have not met expectations. The Council also suggested that SOU may consider offering a concentration in Outdoor Adventure Leadership within its current degree structure to better gauge interest in this area at SOU were it to consider re-introducing the proposal at a latter time.

4. Report Items

- Howard Sohn, Board member, led a discussion on the Board’s OUS Portfolio Development Committee and how the Provosts’ Council could be involved; e.g., portfolio mission, academic programs, duplication, program review process, program sustainability and quality, elimination of programs, collaboration, etc.

- Chancellor George Pernsteiner reported on the Legislative special session and other related issues. There was also discussion on a need for an academic person to work directly with the provosts to follow through on projects that are not currently being done.

- Susan Weeks discussed long-range planning issues including performance indicators, policy packages and budget proposals, symposium on student participation/completion, and the Board retreat. She also reported that Elisabeth Zinser is the OUS contact person for the Oregon 150 “Sustain the Spirit” – commemorating in 2009, the sesquicentennial of Oregon’s statehood. Oregon 150 is preparing a strategy for obtaining $2 million in public funding for planning and project grants to Oregon communities. Concurrently, the Oregon 150 board is creating a structure by which the grants would be awarded. Elisabeth will update the Council at their October meeting on the expectation of the System and campuses and how they will be connected.

5. Planning Meeting Issues

- **Academic programs:** Discussion was held on the process of program proposals coming forward to the Provosts’ Council and Board, and the programs that are currently in the pipeline or in the campus process of being submitted. It was noted that program forms on the OUS website need to be reviewed and edited appropriately (e.g., delete OUS Office of Academic Affairs, etc.). There was also discussion on the current “new program proposal outline” to see if it can be condensed in line with Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) guidelines, along with the five-year follow up review process.

- **Joint meetings:** It was decided that joint meetings with the OUS Administrative Council and Research Council will be held twice a year. Community Colleges’ Council of Instructional Administrators (CIA) will meet once a year, usually in November. *Update:* The next meeting of the
CIA group will be November 1st from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Portland Community College-Cascade Campus. The Administrative Council will be October 31st – time and location to be determined.

• Meetings with Board members: Discussion was held on inviting Board members to meet with the Provosts’ Council. Kirby Dyess has been invited to the October meeting to discuss the Board’s Strategic Initiatives Committee. Dalton Miller-Jones will be invited to the November meeting to discuss the Board’s Student Participation and Completion Subcommittee. Due to a Board Retreat in December, Jim Francesconi will be invited to the January 2008 meeting to discuss the Board's Portland Higher Education Subcommittee.

• Provost representation in meetings: Ed Battistella was nominated to be the representative to the Joint Boards Articulation Commission and Hilda Rosselli was nominated to the Board’s Student Participation and Completion Subcommittee. Since Dave Woodall is currently OIT’s acting president and cannot attend the OUS Research Council on a regular basis, Gary Naseth was nominated to attend on the Council’s behalf.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held on October 4, 2007 in Room 307, Cramer Hall at Portland State University from noon to 3:00 p.m.