OUS Provosts’ Council Meeting
January 5, 2006
Minutes

The OUS Provosts’ Council met on January 5, 2006 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. in Room 511, Urban Center at Portland State University.

Attendees: Dave Woodall, Chair, OIT; Roy Koch, PSU; John Moseley, UO; Earl Potter, SOU; Jem Spectar, WOU; Becky Johnson, OSU (for Sabah Randhawa); Sara Witte, EOU (for John Miller); Sam Connell, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick); Sarah Andrews-Collier, IFS; George Pernsteiner, Susan Weeks, Mark Endsley, and Helen Stampe, OUS. Guests: Paul Primak, OSU and Karen Sprague, UO.

1. Approval of December Minutes and January Agenda
The minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting were approved. The agenda for the January meeting was approved as submitted. Dave Woodall welcomed Sarah Andrews-Collier from PSU who will be the IFS representative to the Council for 2006. He also introduced Karen Sprague who has a new role with the Chancellor’s Office working with issues involving SB 342 and staffing the Board’s EDP Working Group.

2. Chancellor’s Report
Chancellor George Pernsteiner reported that the salary reserve is expected to stay intact and that we will continue to work toward having faculty and classified salaries treated the same way (the impact would be about $8.5 million). He also reported on issues before the Emergency Board: the Integrated Data Transfer System project; OIT’s Center for Health Professions building; and capital construction G-Bond projects. There is progress on the prospective sale of the CAPITAL Center with the sale completion expected by the end of the calendar year. OIT and PSU are actively seeking a new location on the light rail line. The search committee is also currently being set up for the Southern Oregon University presidency. George indicated that the Board will discuss the status report on the OUS/OSU Technology Services Merger, which is in the January docket. As part of the Chancellor’s Office realignment, responsibilities for OUS ITS were transferred to OSU’s Information Services Division. A question was raised about the responsibilities of the OUS/OSU CIO and his responsibilities to the other campuses and whether this represents a conflict of interest. George said that the CIO is both the agent for OSU’s own computing capacity and for the System as the “fifth site.” The CIO has made an effort to involve all the campuses to date in discussion and there do not appear to be major issues of concern. John Moseley will suggest language to clarify these relationships for the review by the Chancellor.

3. Board Long-Range Planning
Susan Weeks reported on the Board Retreat last month. The Retreat was structured around four outcome areas: educated citizenry, opportunity for Oregonians, high quality programs, and economic and civic contributions. The Retreat allowed more time for the Board and others (e.g., Governor’s Office, presidents, provosts, IFS representatives) to more deeply
explore these issues and try to reach broad agreement about the primary goals for the campuses and the System. There was much discussion about the impacts of state regulations on the institutions and the System (e.g., PEBB and PERS) and broad agreement on the need for more research. Susan distributed a summary of the key areas of discussion by the Board; for example, greater flexibility for state regulations, greater alignment between OUS and other sectors, tuition/affordability model, etc. A planning team is continuing to look at the issues and will be meeting regularly.

4. **Status Report on OUS International Programs**
Paul Primak, Director of OUS International Exchange Programs, reported on the programs and presented a powerpoint summarizing their activity. It was noted that these programs, while based at OSU, are owned by each institution. A question was raised about how programs are created and implemented among the campuses. Paul indicated that the three oldest programs were started by OSU in the late 1960s and the rest started from institutional initiatives. In summary, there are 12 countries hosting programs, serving a total of 538 OUS students who participated in 2005-06.

5. **Update on Senate Bill 342**
Karen Sprague reported on two efforts underway. The first is funding for the ATLAS project. The Chancellor made a presentation at the EDP Working Group on the importance of ATLAS for students and academic advisors. He is proposing that the Board use some of the Chancellor’s Office fund balance to install ATLAS at all seven OUS campuses and four community colleges. The second effort is to clarify the outcomes expected from general education and improve the transferability of degrees and/or certificates. Karen indicated this will be a two-step process: (1) define the outcomes from general education in each of the areas represented by the Oregon Transfer Model (OTM); and (2) identify the characteristics of courses that achieve these outcomes. We need OUS faculty to accomplish this work. Karen noted that a meeting has been set to launch this process on February 9-10 at Portland State University. Six faculty groups will be assembled, one for each of the areas of the OTM. Each committee will have 12 members: 5 from community colleges, 5 from OUS institutions, and 2 from independent colleges or universities in Oregon. Most of the community college faculty have been identified. Karen asked that provosts review the general education proposal sent out earlier and send her names of campus representatives by January 27. She will contact the individuals prior to the February meeting. That meeting will focus on outcomes in the six areas of the OTM. Work on the second step will come later. Karen plans to take the outcomes and criteria back to campus faculties for further discussion.

6. **Admission Requirements for 2007-08**
Dave presented a request from Martha Pitts on behalf of the Institutional Committee on Admission and Recruitment (ICAR) related to changes in OUS admission requirements. It was noted that there are no Systemwide changes proposed. OIT and PSU propose minor changes to their institutional requirements for 2007-08. In addition, there is language proposed by the Chancellor’s staff to update alignment of admission standards with K-12 education. ICAR will be reviewing these changes at its January 17 meeting. Mark Endsley indicated that there is no significant change in the general policy. The statement does clarify recent remarks by Susan Castillo on CIM and CAM, which stated that while certificates will
not be issued, the entire statewide assessment system and the CIM and CAM requirements are still in place. The report on admission requirements for 2007-08 will be presented at the February Board meeting.

7. Other Items
   - It was announced that UO and PSU will be presenting their external review reports to the Provosts’ Council at the February meeting. The programs are Master of Laws (UO) and Ph.D. in Biology (PSU). Update: WOU has indicated that they will also be presenting their external review in Master of Music in Contemporary Music at the February meeting.
   - A worksheet of the Articulation Agreements List 2005-06 was distributed for campuses to list all articulation agreements they have in place or expect to be in place in the next year. This request was made by Dave McDonald. OUS would like to receive the information by January 27 and should be sent to Jonathan Jacobs in the Chancellor’s Office.

8. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held on February 2, 2006 at the University of Oregon from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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