OUS Provosts’ Council Meeting
January 6, 2005

Minutes

The OUS Provosts’ Council met on January 6, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 511, Urban Center at Portland State University in Portland.

Attendees: Lorraine Davis, Chair, UO; John Miller, EOU (by phone); John Moseley, UO; Earl Potter, SOU; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Michael Reardon, PSU; Jem Spectar, WOU; Dave Woodall, OIT; Sam Connell, OHSU (for Lesley Hallick); Maureen Sevigny, IFS; Susan Weeks (by phone) and Helen Stampe, OUS.

1. Introduction
Lorraine Davis welcomed Maureen Sevigny from Oregon Institute of Technology as the new Interinstitutional Faculty Senate representative for the Provosts’ Council meetings.

2. Academic Program Proposals

WOU – Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art
- Jem Spectar reported that the BFA degree improves Western’s undergraduate programs in the creative arts by offering study beyond their current B.A./B.S. in Art. The BFA includes an extra year of intensive research in studio art with close faculty contact.
- UO had some concerns about the program, which were addressed in a document that Lorraine handed out. Jem indicated that he will take the comments back to the department for review.
- Question was asked about accreditation. It will be sought in the long term of the program, but not short term.
- It was agreed that Jem will resubmit the proposal for review at the next meeting.

PSU – Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering or Science Delivered in Shanghai, People’s Republic of China
- Michael Reardon reported that this program is delivered on-line. The faculty have already been to Shanghai to review the facility and concluded that providing courses in Shanghai via distance education would be feasible.
- Question was raised on why the program was limited to Shanghai. Michael said that this is a pilot program and once it is established, they may consider delivering it to other sites.
- Michael indicated that he found the recent ACE report useful in terms of structure and will forward it to the Council for review.
- It was the consensus of the Council to approve the new location program and will proceed with the ODA notification process. The program does not need to go forward to the Board for approval.
Name Changes

- **WOU** – Request to change the name of M.A./M.S. in Correctional Administration to M.A./M.S. in Criminal Justice was presented and approved.

- **EOU** – Request to change the name of the School of Arts and Sciences to the College of Arts and Sciences was presented and approved.

- **EOU** – Request to reorganize the School of Education and Business into two colleges and rename them as the College of Business and College of Education was presented and approved.

3. Working Group Updates

**Accelerated Courses:** The accelerated courses issue was discussed at length. Two issues to think about: (1) what role do we want to play as a postsecondary system in the development of K-12, and (2) a larger issue that deals specifically with the potential lack of teachers in the high schools as well as community colleges who meet the qualifications as required under the OARs, especially since so many of them are fifth year teacher education programs for people who do not have master’s degrees in related subject areas. There is a potential role for OUS institutions to assist people to be qualified to teach in some way.

**Dual Courses:** Earl Potter reported that he had met with Connie Green, Salam Noor, Cheryl Falk, and Dave McDonald who have been identified by Gretchen Schuette as the coordinating team for the dual courses initiative for the EDP agenda. Discussion was held around collaborative efforts in working together with K-12, community colleges, and universities; specifically what involvement or role do the four-year universities have in facilitating the delivery of college courses to high school students. It was decided to have a representative from a small and large university participate in meetings to present different roles and perspectives. It was agreed that Earl and Sabah would represent the Provosts’ Council and will ask others as needed.

It was suggested that Kirby Dyess, Chair of the Board’s Academic Excellence and Economic Development Working Group, be asked to attend a Provosts’ Council meeting to discuss international issues as they relate to the System and the Board in general. Helen will follow-up to see if Kirby is available to attend the February Council meeting.

**Articulation and Transfer Conference:** John Miller reported that the conference was one of the largest attended and had a good session on the Oregon Transfer Module (OTM). The Joint Boards Articulation Commission and their subgroup are in the process of working on a “Frequently Asked Questions” paper for OTM.

4. Performance Targets

Lorraine and Susan Weeks reported on the meetings they had with Senator Schrader and Senator Gordly. Susan shared information about key issues for the legislature, specifically performance indicators, and will be requesting additional data from the provosts as needed. It was noted that faculty salaries are a pressing problem and should be high priority.
Lorraine distributed a paper on the *2005-2007 Governor's Recommended Budget Criteria for Establishing Budget Priorities*, which is the framework on what the expectations are going to be during the hearings. Susan indicated that the *OUS Legislative Notebook* and *OUS 2004 Fact Book* will be ready when the legislative briefings take place.

5. **Admission Policy Requirements**
   Discussion was held on the admission policy requirements for 2006-07 draft report. It was noted that in keeping with the expectations of the PASS movement, there was an addition in the chart related to proficiency-based assessment. The provosts were asked to review their campus policy as the report will be going forward to the Board in February for approval. All changes need to be made no later than January 19 to meet the Board docket deadline.

6. **Tuition Issues**
   Discussion was held on tuition and fee rates in general. One issue was related to the tuition plateau and how different campus models have led to the current differential tuition rates.

7. **Next Meeting**
   The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held in Salem on February 3, 2005 at the Chemeketa Eola Northwest Viticulture Center from 10:00 a.m.-noon.

*Prepared by Helen Stampe*