The OUS Provosts’ Council met on October 6, 2005 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Mt. Thielsen Room, College Union at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls.

Attendees: Dave Woodall, Chair, OIT; Lesley Hallick, OHSU; Roy Koch, PSU; John Miller, EOU; John Moseley, UO; Earl Potter, SOU; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Jem Spectar, WOU (by phone); Karen Sprague, UO (for Lorraine Davis); Maureen Sevigny, IFS; Henry Lorenzen, Board President; George Pernsteiner, Neil Bryant, Ben Rawlins, Susan Weeks, Mark Endsley, Denise Yunker, Helen Stampe, OUS. Guests: Michele Behr, SOU ACE Fellow, Cathy LaTourette, PSU, Jacque Rudolph, OSU, Shelby Wilsdon, OIT.

1. Chancellor’s Report
Chancellor George Pernsteiner led discussions on several topics: (1) faculty salaries; (2) departure of Dave McDonald and refilling of the Enrollment Services position; (3) pre-K-20 alignment planning; (4) the Board’s request to define academic quality; and (5) learning outcomes of general education. There was lengthy discussion on these topics. George asked for the provosts to think about how these issues relate to the long-range planning activities of the Board. A definition of academic quality for the Board and some ideas about alignment and learning outcomes are needed for the Joint Boards planning process. George asked the provosts for further input on the ATLAS project; positive responses were given with a recommendation to move forward with the proposal as laid out for the Board last month.

2. Board Long-Range Planning
Susan Weeks reported on several items for future meetings: (1) clarification of the November report on campus performance target-setting and institutional goals; (2) identification of a campus contact for the review of the peer institution list; (3) funding scenarios for the Board’s work sessions in preparation for their December retreat; and (4) planning for the next legislative session. Provosts suggested that Susan prepare a list of the information that will be needed for the next session so that campuses can build it into their on-going IR data gathering.

3. K-16 Alignment Planning
Mark Endsley reported on K-16 alignment issues before the Joint Boards. He presented selected results of the recent survey of OUS institutions regarding their use of PASS standards. Mark sought advice about how to proceed in order to address Joint Boards concerns. Discussion followed. Mark indicated that he would route information to Helen Stampe so she can forward it to the Provosts’ Council.

4. Proposed Policy on Employee Background Check
Jacque Rudolph, Cathy LaTourette, ShelbyWilsdon, and Ben Rawlins held a discussion on employee background checks. They introduced an OUS White Paper that described the minimum scope of such checks, the advantages and challenges associated with them, with a
recommendation that OUS and its campuses adopt policies and procedures for conducting them. Discussion followed. The provosts concluded that they need further discussion on their campuses of this topic and requested access to the full Human Resources information packet. Jacque indicated that she would forward it to the provosts.

5. **Approval of September Minutes and October Agenda**
The minutes of the September 8, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted, along with the October 6, 2005 agenda.

6. **Campus Reports**
Dave Woodall indicated that this would be a regular item on future agendas to enable provosts to share their directions, issues, and concerns, as well as upcoming program reviews.

7. **Academic Program Proposal**
   **UO – External Review on Ph.D. on Landscape Architecture**
   - Karen Sprague reported that the external review report was positive and that the Department of Landscape Architecture modified the proposal in response to the issues raised; both documents were shared with the Council.
   - It was the consensus of the Council to recommend this program for approval and to forward it to the Board in November.

8. **SB 342 / JBAC Issues**
Dave opened the discussion of Senate Bill 342 and presented some of the issues facing OUS campuses in the work ahead. Earl Potter, John Miller, and Karen Sprague spoke to the complexity of the bill and the involvement of the various interest groups. Others indicated that there was a challenge in meeting expectations because of staff changes in the Chancellor’s Office. Dave requested volunteers to work on strategies for addressing the issues. Earl, John Miller, and Sabah Randhawa indicated they would work together on this.

9. **Staff Fees Transfer Policy**
Denise Yuniker reported that she is preparing a report to the Board on continuation of the Staff Fee Transfer program. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to continue the program.

10. **Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held on November 3, 2005 at Portland State University from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Board. There will also be a joint meeting on the same day with the Community College Council of Instructional Administrators (CIA) starting at 8:00 a.m. at Portland Community College-Cascade Campus.

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