OUS Provosts’ Council Meeting
December 8, 2005

Minutes

The OUS Provosts’ Council met via teleconference on December 8, 2005 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Dave Woodall, Chair, OIT; Lorraine Davis, UO; Lesley Hallick, OHSU; John Miller, EOU; John Moseley, UO; Earl Potter, SOU; Jem Spectar, WOU; Becky Johnson, OSU (for Sabah Randhawa); Terry Rhodes and Bill Feyerherm, PSU (for Roy Koch); Maureen Sevigny, IFS; Helen Stampe, OUS. Guest: Bob Turner, WOU.

1. Approval of November Minutes and December Agenda
The minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting were approved as provided. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

2. Acceptance of California Students in the WUE Program in Oregon
The Chancellor has requested input from the Provosts’ Council on WICHE’s request to admit California students to Oregon institutions under the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program. A number of options were discussed: a systemwide decision to not allow California applicants access to the WUE program; allowing each campus to make its own choice on this issue; allowing California applicants access to the WUE program on all OUS campuses. UO was opposed to use of WUE by California applicants because there would be a net loss of students to UO. OSU does not currently participate in the WUE program and hence has no interest. The other five campuses (EOU, OIT, PSU, SOU, WOU) agreed that it should be a campus-by-campus decision; with a number of the campuses indicating that it could be advantageous on their own campus. The recommendation to allow a campus-by-campus decision will be forwarded to the Chancellor.

3. Bell Student Loan Fund
Dave Woodall shared information received from Jay Kenton on the Jessie M. Bell Memorial Loan Fund, which is an endowed fund. Earnings from that fund will be used to support loans for meritorious graduate students. Jay is setting up a small committee to implement this student loan program and is requesting participation by the provosts. The Council nominated Elizabeth Bickford, UO’s financial aid director and Sally Francis, OSU’s graduate dean, to participate on the committee representing the Council.

4. Academic Program Proposals
   UO – Master of Laws (L.L.M.)
   - Lorraine Davis reported that the Master of Laws program exists in a number of law schools. Such programs only admit individuals who already have a law degree. These individuals may already be practicing law – either in the state or abroad. The program may provide an opportunity for professional development for lawyers who are broadening their area of practice. The program will be operated on a self-support basis within the UO Law School.
• UO has recommended six potential reviewers and, upon approval by the Council, Lorraine will forward their vitas to Dave for his review.
• There was a question about the eligibility of an LL.M degree recipient to take the Oregon State Bar exam. Lorraine said she would have to find out and get back to the Council.
• The consensus of the Council was to approve this program for external review.

PSU – Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Inequality
• Bill Feyerherm reported that PSU currently offers a master’s degree in Sociology and a Ph.D. in Systems Science with a Sociology option. This proposal is for a new Ph.D. degree in Sociology and Social Inequality. The program would require a minimum of 106 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree.
• Dave Woodall pointed out that while the proposal had the overall structure of the standard proposal for a new OUS degree, it did not include detailed response to many of the questions included in that standard form. A number of issues did not appear to be addressed in the proposal: (a) nontraditional learning modes; (b) specific learning outcomes; (c) enrollment cap; (d) number of students who have completed the Ph.D. in Systems Science with the Sociology option; and (e) any similar programs elsewhere in the country.
• There was a query about the cost of the program and its economic impact on Oregon.
• Becky Johnson reported that the faculty from the OSU Sociology Department had sent a letter with their concerns to PSU and that those concerns do not seem to have been addressed in the proposal. Their main concern is related to the natural resources option. It was suggested that the existing PSU faculty are in the area of environmental justice rather than natural resources sociology.
• Dave Woodall noted that the proposal only has one summary budget page and that the data was not in the standard budget form required for new OUS programs. It was requested that a revised budget with four years of projected expenditures be provided in the standard format.
• The consensus of the Council was that PSU should return to the Provosts’ Council with a revised proposal that responds to the concerns expressed and also provide a detailed budget. Bill indicated that he would summarize the concerns that he had heard and send them to Dave for comment. He will also engage in a conversation with the PSU provost, dean, and faculty on these issues.

5. Other Items
• Bill Feyerherm and Bob Turner reported on SB 853 and administrative rules. The bill provides the ability of OUS institutions to have access to $10 million for technology transfer. The intention of the legislation is that such funds will be repaid on an individual institutional level. It was recommended that the committee hold 5 to 10 percent of the allocation in a collective pool; to be accessed by the smaller OUS institutions. If those funds are not utilized during a two year period, they should be reallocate appropriately.
• Dave reported on the Strategic Planning Retreat of the Board scheduled for Friday of this week. He noted that the Board is focusing on the development of scenarios for OUS regarding achievement of the four goals of educated citizenry, access, economic
impact, and high quality programs. He indicated that there is expected to be a planning follow-up item on each regular Board meeting during the coming year.

- Maureen Sevigney of IFS announced that this would be her last meeting. The new IFS representative to the Provosts’ Council for 2006 will be Sarah Andrews-Collier from Portland State University. The membership of the Provosts’ Council thanked Maureen for her excellent service during the past year in establishing a strong interface between the IFS and the Provosts’ Council.

6. Next Meeting
   The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held on January 5, 2006 at Portland State University from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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