The OUS Provosts’ Council met on February 3, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Riesling Room of the Chemeketa Eola Northwest Viticulture Center in Salem.

Attendees: Lorraine Davis, Chair, UO; John Miller, EOU; John Moseley, UO; Earl Potter, SOU; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Michael Reardon, PSU; Jem Spector, WOU; Dave Woodall, OIT; Lesley Hallick, Sam Connell, OHSU; Maureen Sevigny, IFS; Susan Weeks, Dave McDonald, Marcia Stuart, OUS; Kirby Dyess, Board Member.

1. Academic Program Proposals

   WOU – Revised Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art
   • Jem Spector resubmitted the BFA in Art proposal and addressed the concerns raised in the January Council meeting.
   • It was the consensus of the Council to approve the program to go forward to the Board in March. The program can also proceed with the ODA notification process.

   OIT – New Location on (a) B.S. Degree Completion Programs in Radiologic Science, (b) Information Technology, and (c) Ultrasound: Vascular Technology Option
   • Dave Woodall reported that the individual B.S. degrees for each program are already delivered on campus. The three B.S. Degree Completion Programs will be delivered on the internet via WebCT for professional development and career advancement in their respective areas.
   • Question was raised about an on-site supervisor at intern sites. Faculty approval is key particularly in coursework and lab supervision. Dave indicated that OIT typically does not pay for these supervisors; they are full-time employees of the hospital and therefore it is a service to the employees for professional development. The programs are self-support.
   • It was the consensus of the Council to approve the new location for the three Degree Completion Programs and will proceed with the ODA notification process. These programs do not need to go forward to the Board for approval.

   WOU – Center for Leadership and Community
   • The centers/institutes proposals do not require approval by the Provosts’ Council, but the Council does need to be notified. Helen will send Western’s proposal out via e-mail and if provosts have concerns, they should let Lorraine know. If no concerns are raised, Western can go forward with the proposal.

Name Change
• UO – Request to change the name of Multimedia Design Program to Digital Arts was presented and approved.
2. **International Issues**

Lorraine Davis introduced Kirby Dyess, Chair of the Board’s Academic Excellence and Economic Development Working Group. Kirby stated her committee’s general interest in relating Oregon universities’ international programs and activities to further the economic development goals of the state. Extensive discussion between Kirby and the provosts followed. A major concern of the provosts was what priority, including allocation of resources and enhanced international agenda, has within the Board of Higher Education as a whole. It seems that the economic development emphasis should be primarily with Pacific Rim countries (specifically China). Kirby indicated that the survey of campus international initiatives that was done by Susan Weeks was very informative.

3. **Legislative Information Issues**

Susan Weeks reported on four budget scenarios for the Governor’s Recommended Budget, including a lengthy discussion on Essential Budget Level (EBL). The challenge is to try and think about the outcomes for different levels of funding. Legislative leaders in the Ways and Means Committee wanted to know the differential impacts of each funding scenario and trade-offs inherent in different models. Susan also addressed OUS performance areas related to strategic goals: Affordable Access; Student Progress; Education Quality; and Economic & Civic Contributions, along with their primary and secondary outcome measures. There was follow-up discussion on recruitment and retention of faculty, in which Susan distributed some templates for collecting campus data. She will be in contact with the provosts directly as requests develop during the legislative hearings.

4. **Update on EDP Meeting**

Discussion was on legislative issues and also on the Oregon Transfer Module and the Oregon Linked Degree Audit System, now referred to as the Articulated Transfer and Linked Audit System (ATLAS).

5. **Orbis Cascade Alliance – Regional Library Services Center**

Discussion was postponed. The proposal is part of the capital construction item in the 2007-2009 OUS Capital Budget proposal and the Council will need to discuss it when there is time.

6. **Fee Remission – Voyager Tuition Assistance Program**

Dave McDonald reported on institutions that have created fee remission programs to provide financial support for education to National Guard and Reserve members who have served in combat areas. The Governor learned about it and expressed interest in creating something like it statewide. The Presidents have been consulted and Dave has talked with the Student Affairs Council and Financial Aid Directors on program design. It was noted that these would not count against the fee remission cap. Dave is meeting again with both groups and will come back through the Provosts’ Council and Administrative Council prior to approval. Dave will follow-up with the Councils via e-mail as he would like to have a report for the Board in March.

*Note: The Provosts’ Council did not review the final Voyager Tuition Assistance Program proposal that was presented to the Board on March 4, 2005.*
7. Next Meeting
   The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held in Salem on March 3, 2005 at the OUS Government Relations Office from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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