1. New Program Proposals

**OIT – B.S. in Geomatics, Option in Geographic Information Systems**
**Action:** It was approved to move the OIT program forward for Board approval at the May 2007 meeting; Board docket deadline is April 20. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by April 18.

**OIT – B.S. in Information Technology, Option in Health Informatics**
**Action:** It was approved to move the OIT program forward for Board approval at the May 2007 meeting; Board docket deadline is April 20. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by April 18.

**PSU – Ph.D. in Chemistry**
**Action:** It was approved to move the PSU program forward for external review. Provost Koch will work with Chair Randhawa to identify the external reviewers for the program. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review.

**PSU – Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs in Higher Education**
**Action:** It was approved to move the PSU program forward for Board approval at the May 2007 meeting; Board docket deadline is April 20. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by April 18.
PSU – Graduate Certificate in Teaching Adult Learners
Action: It was approved to move the PSU program forward for Board approval at the May 2007 meeting; Board docket deadline is April 20. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by April 18.

2. Program Name Changes
Action: Helen will send confirmation letters of the following name changes.

OIT – Rename the B.S. in Geomatics to B.S. in Geomatics, Option in Surveying.
WOU – Rename the Speech Communications Department to Communication Studies Department.

3. Report Items
   - Chancellor George Pernsteiner updated the Council on the differences between the Governor’s Recommended Budget and the Ways & Means co-chairs’ budget and outlined the various cuts. He noted that it will hit particularly hard on Oregon’s rural areas including the regional campuses, rural access, and statewide public services. The Chancellor indicated that the future of Oregon is dependent on the budget that the Governor proposed, and that the co-chairs’ budget cannot move Oregon higher education forward to support OUS current and future students. He also discussed some of the senate bills.

   - Susan Weeks reported on the OUS presentation to the Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means that will take place on April 18, 19, 23, and 24. She submitted an outline for the Council to review and make comment if necessary. Susan indicated that April 25 will probably be the day for public testimony.

   - Linda Brady reported on the status of the learning outcomes assessment and presented testimony that will be shared with the Ways & Means Committee. She reviewed three flow charts on (a) learning assessment connected to OUS strategic framework; (b) an assessment framework for OUS; and (c) OUS learning assessment process. Next steps would be to see how OUS campuses are doing in regard to learning outcomes assessment and possibly develop best practices from them. Timeframe would be summer 2007. It was noted that best practices and guidelines evolving from them could be more useful and shared widely if they were on the Web.

   - Mark Endsley reported on policy for dual credit programs, accelerated options, and PK-20 redesign of the high school diploma. He handed out materials pertaining to these issues. Mark also indicated that he will be bringing forward the “Curriculum Change Posting Procedure” that he raised in the March meeting so he can be advised on who should be the lead person on each campus to work with him. Action: Mark will follow-up with the provosts via e-mail on this request.

4. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held on May 3, 2007 at the Chemeketa Eola Northwest Viticulture Center in Salem from noon–3:00 p.m.