1. May Agenda Items

   **Action**: Several items from the agenda are being held over for the June meeting: (a) sustainability presentation from Susan Bragdon and faculty members and (b) three program proposals – OIT B.S. in Allied Health Management, WOU M.A. in History, and WOU Undergraduate Certificate and/or Minor in Homeland Security and Community Preparedness.

2. New Program Proposals

   **OSU – B.S. in Ecological Engineering**
   **Action**: It was approved to move the OSU program forward for Board approval at the June 2007 meeting. Board docket deadline is May 24. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by May 22.

   **OIT – Undergraduate Certificate and/or A.A.S. in Polysomnographic Technology**
   **Action**: It was approved to move the OIT program forward for Board approval at the June 2007 meeting. Board docket deadline is May 24. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by May 22.

   **OHSU – External Review of Master’s in Clinical Dietetics**
   **Action**: It was approved to accept the external review report and move the OHSU program forward for Board approval at the June 2007 meeting. Board docket deadline is May 24. Need to submit notification to the Office of Degree Authorization by May 22.
WOU – M.A. in History
Action: It was approved to move the WOU program forward for external review. Provost Spectar and/or Hilda Rosselli 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.

WOU – Interim Report on German Studies
Jem Spectar provided an interim report on the B.A. in German Studies program that was approved by the Board in July 2005. He indicated that the faculty made measurable progress toward establishing a sustainable program and can project increased interest as Western continues to promote value to all undergraduates who are including foreign language courses as part of their curriculum.

3. Academic Calendar
Action: The OUS Academic Calendar for 2006-07 to 2011-12 was handed out for review. No concerns were raised and it was approved for implementation and posting to the OUS website.

4. Report Items
   • Chancellor George Pernsteiner reported on several different legislative bills including HB 2579, which will increase the membership of the State Board of Higher Education to an additional faculty position. It specifies that one faculty member would represent one of the regional institutions and the other would represent one of the three larger universities. (This bill passed the Senate and House.) Another bill of concern was HB 3318, which redesignates special campus security officers within OUS as public safety officers. George also raised the question on the OUS Viewbook and whether the campuses feel there is a need for it. Discussion followed.

   • Susan Weeks provided handouts on Retention and Graduate Rates in OUS, 2005-06, Freshman Persistence to the Second Year, and Six-Year Graduate Rates and received some feedback. She asked if it would be helpful to have a meeting with two or three Board members to discuss retention issues. Provosts thought it was a good idea and will work on defining an agenda for such a meeting.

   • Discussion was held on being more selective in bringing new programs for Provosts’ Council and Board review until after the portfolio conversations with the Board are complete. It was stated that the focus be on programs that advance institutional missions strategically. It was further noted that many requests for “new” programs focus on reorienting existing programs to better meet evolving needs of industry and society.

   • It was noted that campuses need to respond directly to Mark Endlsey on a concept for standardized curriculum change notification that he had e-mailed provosts about and also to Denise Yunker regarding on-campus new retirement plan meetings in fall 2007.

5. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Provosts’ Council will be held on June 7, 2007 at the OIT Metro Center in Clackamas from noon–3:00 p.m.