1. Announcements

It was announced that Dr. Melody Rose will be the new Interim Chancellor, starting on March 2. Karen Marrongelle will be the OUS P.C. co-chair, beginning with the March meeting. Also, Provost Neely will be leaving Western Oregon University and working on special projects for the OUS Academic Strategies office as of March 1. Dr. Stephen Scheck, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been appointed to represent WOU on the Provosts’ Council.

2. Achievement Compacts and Mission

Hilda Rosselli, OEIB, updated the Council on a pilot they are developing for regional compacts. She also indicated that an RFP will be coming out in July and thinks that 6-10 pilots would advance from the proposals submitted. Discussion followed. Bob Kieran and Anji Duchi, OUS Institutional Research, updated the Council on the 2013-14 Achievement Compacts and noted that materials will be sent to the provosts in the following months in preparation of finalizing the Achievement Compacts for approval to the ASC and Full Board in June and submitting it to OEIB in July.

3. Student Loan Debt Management

Di Saunders, OUS Communications, and Joe Holliday, OUS Student Success, shared a draft on OUS strategy for addressing and managing student debt. The draft indicated that (a) all
seven universities will adopt the Federal Financial aid Shopping Sheet at Education Secretary Duncan’s request; (b) OUS campuses already have mandatory entrance and exit loan counseling; (c) essential information and links be provided at the OUS and institutional websites; (d) where applicable, each campus will identify academic programs that are most closely associated with student loan debt challenges and develop a targeted strategy for addressing that challenge; (e) OUS Interinstitutional Council of Enrollment Managers will initiate a pilot early warning system to identify and intervene with students at financial risk; (f) a strategy can complement OUS initiatives already in progress to reduce student costs and thus the need for loans; (g) OUS Chancellor’s Office will coordinate development of a statewide symposium on affordability and managing/addressing student debt; and (h) partnering with OHSU in this work and look for opportunities to communicate and partner with community colleges, K-12, ASPIRE, and other key stakeholders. Discussion followed.

4. OUS International Programs

Discussion was held on the external review report on the OUS International Programs. It was determined that there needed to be a meeting set between the provosts and their international programs person from each campus. This meeting will be by videoconference before the March P.C. Regular meeting. Action: The provosts will send their responses to the recommendations in the external review report to Helen Stampe so she can compile them and put it in a chart for review at the March meeting.

5. Audit Update

Melody Rose updated the Council on the Secretary of State Audit report concerning the Oregon University System. The deadline has been extended to April and she will share it with the provosts as soon as it is available. She will also make sure that the presidents and provosts receive OUS’s response to the Audit report when it becomes available.

6. CIA/PC Joint Meeting

It was determined that the lead people for the joint meeting of the community colleges instructional administrators (CIA) and OUS provosts (PC) being held on March 7th will be Provost Adkison and Karen Marrgonelle. They will work closely with Dan Lange, chair of CIA, in getting agenda topics together. Suggested topics were: postsecondary education; common core standards; credit for prior learning, degree qualifications profile, multi-state assessment collaborative; and Oregon College and Career Readiness Research Alliance.

7. Oregon Health Plan Demonstration Project

Jan Lewis, OUS Budget Operations, reported that OUS is participating in the Oregon Health Plan Demonstration project, the Governor’s agreement with the federal Medicaid program that is a multi-year initiative with a $1.9 billion benefit to the state. The extent of OUS’s involvement to date is providing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with instructional expenditures in certain health professions programs (that have not been used as match by the campuses) that OHA can then use as match to draw federal dollars for the state under this program. (Community colleges and OHSU are also participants.) Jan indicated that the state has an additional requirement to track the graduates of these programs to see where
they end up working and whether they have become Medicaid providers. While this reporting requirement is not the responsibility of the System, OUS has have been asked to explore what data gathering resources we might already have in place that could assist OHA in meeting this element of the agreement. Jan asked if the provosts think the individual campuses might have current graduate tracking practices that might be helpful. She noted that Bob Kieran has been consulted and will explore what system level information would be useful. Discussion followed.

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on March 7, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Portland Chancellor’s Office. This will be an in-person meeting. The Board’s Academic Strategies Committee meeting will be held the same day from 1:00-3:00 p.m.; teleconferencing is available upon request.