1. Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute Initiative

Laura McKinney, OUS Assistant Vice Chancellor for Industry Partnerships and Executive Director of ETIC, led a discussion on the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute (OHWI) initiative. Action: It was the consensus of the Provosts’ Council to move forward to contract with OHWI given the contract shape and intent, as follows:

- **Two-phase contract**: Phase I is for the first six months and will be a mutual test of the relationship.

- **Phase I outcomes**:
  - **Education**: University-level cohorts are educated in current industry needs sufficient to engage in a strategic planning process to follow. Cohorts have identified champions within the universities that are engaged sufficiently to lead throughout the process.
  - **Report**: Survey of the state of industry-university relationships and efforts on an institution-by-institution basis. Includes both industry and university readiness for further engagement.
  - **Strategic approach report**: Strategic approach for solving both the workforce and wider issues related to the healthcare crisis in Oregon. Should include outcomes and tactical plans for any Phase II of the contract.

- **Phase II outcomes**: These will be determined as a consequence of the Phase I effort.

- **Funding**: OUS will support the first six months of effort. For Phase II, OUS will look to the universities to underwrite the OHWI participation, based on their assessment of the value of a Phase II.
2. New Program Proposals

- **OSU – M.S./Ph.D. in Comparative Health Sciences**
  
  *Action:* The Provosts’ Council approved the Comparative Health Sciences master’s/doctoral program to move forward for an external review. Provost Mladenovic made the motion and Provost Burda seconded it; motion carried. Provost Randhawa will work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. It was noted that this program will be done on-site. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review report has been made and received by the Council for review/approval.

- **PSU – Ph.D. in Community Health**
  
  *Action:* The Provosts’ Council approved the Community Health doctoral program to move forward for an external review. Provost Klein made the motion and Vice President Scheck seconded it; motion carried. Provost Andrews will work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. It was noted that this program will be done by virtual review and that the external reviewers are the same ones doing OHSU’s Epidemiology program. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review report has been made and received by the Council for review/approval.

- **OHSU – Ph.D. in Epidemiology**
  
  *Action:* The Provosts’ Council approved the Epidemiology doctoral program to move forward for an external review. Provost Burda made the motion and Provost Randhawa seconded it; motion carried. Provost Mladenovic will work with the co-chairs to identify the external reviewers for the program. It was noted that this program will be done by virtual review and that the external reviewers are the same ones doing PSU’s Community Health program. Notification to the Office of Degree Authorization will be completed after the external review report has been made and received by the Council for review/approval.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OUS Provosts’ Council will be on September 19, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This meeting can be taken either by videoconference or in-person at the Portland Chancellor’s Office. The Board’s Academic Strategies Committee meeting will be held the next day, September 20 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.; teleconferencing is available upon request.

Note: There will not be a meeting in August for either the Provosts’ Council or ASC.