Statewide Provosts’ Council
Meeting Action Notes
August 7, 2014

Members: Sona Andrews, Chair, PSU; Brad Burda, OIT; Scott Coltrane, UO; Jim Klein and Susan Walsh, SOU; Jenny Mladenovic, OHSU; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Sarah Witte, EOU; Dave McDonald, WOU (for Steve Scheck)
IFS Rep: Maude Hines, PSU
Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS
Guests: Anna Teske, OUS; Donna Lewelling, HECC

1. Presidents’ Council Update
Chair Sona Andrews reported that she attended the July 24th Presidents’ Council meeting. She gave a report on behalf of the Provosts’ Council regarding the Memorandum of Understanding, ETIC issues, and funding requests from the F&A vice presidents. She noted that the Provosts’ Council reports directly to the Presidents’ Council – not HECC.

2. OHSU Program Approval Steps
The question was raised on the program approval steps for the Oregon Health & Science University to follow; specifically, whether their programs need to go to HECC for final approval (like the other seven institutions have to do). It was determined by Ben Cannon, HECC executive director, that approval of OHSU programs is not clearly within the HECC’s statutory authority and he left it up to OHSU to decide whether they want to “voluntarily” bring their programs to HECC. OHSU reported that they will not bring their proposals to HECC for final approval; however, they wish to have their programs reviewed by the Provosts’ Council for input on design and content. **Action:** Provost Randhawa made the motion and Provost Klein seconded it that OHSU will continue to ask the Provosts’ Council to review their academic programs. Motion passed.

3. New Program Proposal
   - OSU – B.A./B.S. in Religious Studies
     **Action:** The Provosts’ Council approved the Religious Studies bachelor’s program to move forward to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for its approval at their September 2014 meeting. Provost Burda made the motion and Provost Mladenovic seconded it; motion passed. It was noted that the program was approved by the OSU Board of Trustees at their July 18, 2014 meeting. Materials for the HECC
docket will need to be submitted by August 21st. If approved by HECC, OSU will need to notify NWCCU on their program.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Statewide Provosts’ Council will be held on September 4, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-noon at Portland State University (Provosts Only will be 9:00-10:30; Regular meeting will be 10:30-noon). This will be an in-person meeting. The next HECC Full Commission meeting will be August 14, 2014 in Portland.