1. Accelerated Learning Update

Chair Sona Andrews led a discussion on accelerated learning, specifically in response to LC 274, which “establishes statewide standards for accelerated college credit programs.” Sally Hudson, PSU’s Challenge Link Director, attended the meeting and was able to provide information on the impact the legislation had on the universities. Provost Burda indicated that he already drafted a response and will send it to the provosts after the meeting. The main concerns at this time for those campuses that are engaged in dual credit are (a) the proposed dropping of the fee and (b) the blanket approval of who gets to teach these credits. **Action:** It was the consensus of the Council that they develop a “collective response” to be submitted by the October 1 deadline. Provost Burda agreed to write the draft and circulate it among the provosts for comment.

2. Evaluation of Universities with Governing Boards

Discussion was held on the evaluation of universities with governing boards. HECC is charged with annually evaluating each university with a governing board. The draft evaluation criteria include a report on the university’s achievement of outcomes, measures of progress, goals and targets as described in the university’s achievement compact with the OEIB; an assessment of institutional program toward achieving the 40-40-20 goal; and an assessment of how well the governing board comports with Legislative findings that Oregon will benefit from governing boards. It was noted that HECC may make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly regarding the ability of the university to meet academic goals and fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities. A handout was shared that showed the proposed HECC Evaluation Framework. It was noted that during the 2014-15 academic year, the Commission staff will work with institutions and other interested parties to further refine the Evaluation Framework. **Action:** The provosts will recommend to the presidents that each institution’s achievement compact and core themes form the basis of the evaluation. Sona will be preparing a document for the Presidents’ Council with
recommendations for the HECC on the evaluation of universities with governing boards.  
Follow-up: A draft document was sent to the provosts for review and response on 9/22/14.

3. IFS Update

Maude Hines made a brief report on the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) and indicated their topics of interest: program approval process, governance on campus, best practices in textbook affordability, etc. She will have more to report in the October P.C. meeting after the IFS meets later in September. In addition, an IFS update will be added as a standing item on the Provosts’ Council agenda.

4. Meeting Logistics

It was the consensus of the provosts that future in person meetings of the Provosts’ Council will be held in the Market Center building at PSU; room 651. All videoconference meetings will be attended at the campus video site or in the Chancellor’s Office at PSU; ASRC building, room 521. It was also determined that Kirby Dyess and Donna Lewelling be added to the provosts’ assistants listserv so they can get agendas and other relevant information to open up communication. Helen Stampe will add “HECC and OEIB updates/input” as a standing item to each month’s agenda to ensure OEIB benefits from the Council’s input on issues and/or time sensitive topics. In turn, the Provosts’ Council will alert HECC and OEIB when there are national, state, or institutional items that need attention or input.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Statewide Provosts’ Council will be held on October 2, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-noon (Provosts Only will be 9:00-10:00; Regular meeting will be 10:00-noon). This meeting will be by videoconference or in person at the Chancellor’s Office at PSU. The next HECC Full Commission meeting will be September 11, 2014 in Salem.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the provosts concurred with a request from the Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) that Lita Colligan be added to the provosts’ assistants listserv to improve communication between the Provosts’ Council and the LAC.