Statewide Provosts Council
Meeting Action Notes
February 5, 2015

Members: Sona Andrews, Chair, PSU; Frances Bronet, UO; Brad Burda, OIT; Sabah Randhawa, OSU; Steve Scheck, WOU; Sarah Witte, EOU; Steve Thorpe, SOU (for Susan Walsh)
IFS Rep: Robin Champieux, OHSU (for Maude Hines)
Staff: Helen Stampe, OUS
Guests: Salam Noor, HECC; Lita Colligan, LAC; Bob Kieran, OUS; Liza Mentz, CCWD; Chuck Triplett, UO; Erin Flynn, PSU; Scott Reed, OSU; Jaci King, Smarter Balanced

1. Smarter Balanced Policy Workgroup Update
Liza Mentz, CCWD, and Jaci King, Director of Higher Education Collaboration for Smarter Balanced, led a discussion on where they were on getting the campuses to sign on. SOU already signed on; others are not ready. It was noted that Lisa will send to the provosts the powerpoint slides on what they did for EOU, along with the link to the tests. Faculty should review the information and look at the sample tests and provide feedback to the provosts within one week. Follow-up: Lisa sent the information to the provosts on 2/6/15.

2. Achievement Compacts Update
Bob Kieran, OUS Institutional Research, led a discussion on the planning and timeline for the achievement compacts for 2015. His office is updating them for the TRUs, but asked if the independent universities would like it done for them – OSU, PSU, and UO all agreed. Bob indicated that a draft copy will be to them on April 1; the campuses will need to get their changes back to Bob by May 8th. It was noted that the State Board will be approving the compacts for the TRUs at the June 5th Board meeting; in turn, they will be submitted to OEIB by June 30, 2015.

3. Mission Alignment/Approval Update
Salam Noor, HECC, updated the Council on the mission alignment process and next steps. He referred to the 2011 matrix and wondered if the provosts could use this matrix to make changes to it. Discussion followed. It was determined that the provosts should meet again on defining the parameters to be used within their institution and how to tie it into their mission and programs – and making sure they are all in agreement on the process before moving ahead. This meeting would be provosts only – and then more meetings later with the workgroup in place. It was suggested that this meeting could take place before the joint
meeting with the CIA group on March 5th. The timeline on a new draft would be presented at the April or May meeting.

4. Community Service Presentation

Lita Colligan, LAC, led a discussion with Scott Reed, OSU, and Erin Flynn, PSU, on the powerpoint presentation they are going to do for the February 12th HECC Full Commission meeting on university community service. A draft document was shared with the Council and suggestions were made on adding more information and switching some of the slides around. Salam Noor indicated that they would have 45 minutes for their presentation.

5. Joint Meeting with CIA

Provost Scheck reported that there will be a joint meeting with the provosts and community colleges’ CIA group on March 5, 2015, from 9:30-12:00 at PSU. Possible topics were: grades 11-14 alignment and articulation; accelerated learning (dual credit and other models); math pathways; ASOT degrees (STEM focus and CC majors); smarter balanced assessment and placement tests; and reverse transfer.

6. IFS Update

Robin Champieux, IFS representative, reported that they met on January 23-24; guests included Senator Arnie Roblan, Salam Noor, and Sona Andrews. She noted that Jeff Dense and Maude Hines will serve on the HECC university evaluation framework working group. IFS would like to ensure that the framework is focused on academic quality and the process includes consideration of shared governance; for example, how the mission statements, achievement compacts, and matrices will be used and the relationship to outcomes based funding. Robin indicated that they are also watching the legislative session, especially dual credit and free community bills. IFS is also proposing two topics for the HECC information meetings – shared governance and learning/teaching in the 21st century.

7. HECC Update

Salam Noor updated the Council on several items:

- SB 84, Accelerated Learning bill on funding recommendations for dual credit, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses. Materials were e-mailed on 2/4/15 to the Council and he asked that provosts respond if there were any concerns as this bill is on a fast track.

- HB 2410 that allows community colleges to offer non-credit training certificates. Salam indicated that there is a hearing on February 6th and wanted to know if one of the provosts would like to testify on the positive aspects. Provost Scheck said that he will deliver a supportive statement.

- HECC would like to do a presentation on campus based K-12 outreach programs and partnerships. Salam e-mailed the slides to the provosts on what OUS did in the past and
wanted to be sure that they were still accurate and represented what the universities are doing now. The provosts are to get back to Salam with any changes by February 20th.

- Course approval process and next steps. Salam indicated that HECC still wants to keep up the course approval database and has a group formed already. The provosts wanted to know who he had from their campus; Salam will send the names of university staff and the provosts are to let him know if they want others to be involved. **Follow-up: Salam sent an e-mail on 2/10/15 with a list of names.**

- Salam announced that the first meeting of the University Evaluation Workgroup will be February 19 at PSU; agenda and materials are to follow.

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Statewide Provosts Council will be held on March 5, 2015 from 8:00-9:15 a.m. as a Provosts Only meeting. There will not be a Regular meeting. The joint meeting with the provosts and community colleges’ CIA group will be from 9:30-noon. Both meetings will be in-person and held at Mt. Hood Community College. The next HECC Full Commission meeting will be March 12, 2015, in either Salem or Portland.