

**Western Oregon University Faculty Senate  
Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Report**  
January 23 and 24, 2015  
Portland State University, Portland OR

*Friday, January 23, 2015*

**12:30- ASPSU student representative and/or PSU Faculty Senate President (informal)**

**1:00 – Provost Council Representative Report (Maude Hines and Robert Mercer) – HECC** defers to Provost Council for program approvals, as long as the approvals are unanimous. U of O Sports Management degree approved with minority opinion from PSU (will, therefore, be debated by HECC). PSU had a Masters in Hospitality Management approved. Calendars: not clear if we will maintain uniform calendars – OSU is recognizing Veterans Day, EOU is considering semesters. Boards are developing personalities: U of O is micromanaging, PSU/OSU is hands off.

**1:20 – Discussion Item: Achievement Compacts and Shared Governance (Jeff Dense)**

Faculties must be intimately involved in hiring of presidents or they lose power.

**2:30- Break**

**2:45- Salam Noor, Director of Academic Planning and Research, HECC ([University Evaluation Framework](#))**

HECC Institutional Evaluations (boards). Core group is HECC, Provosts, IFC. Will be inclusive; institutional collaboration Framework will be defined and implemented by all.– do not want to duplicate what is in place, but will evaluate: clarity of organization function of units, institution board, academic quality. Will also highlight programs and make issues public. Assurance of academic quality achieved through surveys, accreditation procedures, hiring practices, self-evaluations. HECC would like to see greater differences in mission statements. OUS did the mission alignment statement, so there was little faculty input in the document as it currently exists. Academic quality is often in conflict with accelerated learning.

**4:15- Sona Andrews, PSU Provost & Provosts Council Chair ([Academic Quality Letter](#))**

**Google re-think PSU.** Crowd funding (\$3 million left over from online enrollment fees, projects for the good of students -160 submitted, 24 funded) – project managers hired to facilitate each project. \$5k instituted a program that prompted students to declare majors each term.

**5:45 – Adjourn**

**6:30- Working Dinner (Location TBA)**

*Saturday, January 25, 2015*

**8:30 –Senator Arnie Roblan, Chair, Senate Education Committee –** Became Chair recently without preparation. Bills are currently being assigned to committees. Anyone who wants to be part of the vetting process should contact him. OEIB goes away at end of legislative session unless renewed. Free community college tuition is getting more consideration since Obama proposed it nationally. Problem is that it takes money out of the system instead of putting it in.

**9:30- IFS President Report/discussion (Jeff Dense) –** 1. Textbook Affordability Work Group will meet at OSU 2/11 - HECC convenes, IFS gets participants. Outcomes Based

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Technical Funding Work Group has become stuck – cannot define factors, does not recognize individual campus differences. HECC will make decisions. IFS has maintained a stance defending academic quality, one of the few states to do so. 2. EOU was down 11% in enrollment last fall – serious discussions regarding becoming branch of OSU; retrenchment will not be done on the backs of faculty. Online classes are keeping them afloat. Admission of unprepared students is becoming a statewide problem. Universities are not being funded correctly. Business model is being imposed on higher education (Duncan Wyse).

**10:00- Discussion: Institutional Governing Boards and Shared Governance (Rob Kyr) –**

Issues at U of O: Firing of Le Riviere – gave raises out of U of O; legislature, gov thought he was too aggressive, but swift transition to new system as he outlined: University Charter and Constitution ratified; all constituencies work together. Board insisted on Delegation of Authority Policy giving all real power to the Board and President of U. Faculty Senate worked on the document, came back as unacceptable to faculty, but got passed anyway with assurance it could be amended – NOT SO! Policy on Policies – Board wanted speedier process (business model) – moved to repeal/supersede.

1. Read every board item carefully.
2. Get a faculty senate liaison with board

22,000 pages missing from U of O had much to do with a plan to get rid of shared governance at U of O because faculty had unionized.

**11:30- Legislative Update (Jeff Dense) – online discussion will follow**

**Free tuition is opposed by CC's, but favored by Oregon Business Council. It has more traction than we previously realized. Faculty representation on OHSU Board (Senator Denbrow) proposed, but not on this list.**

[SB81-Free Community College Tuition](#)

[SB113- Defining and Reporting Post-Secondary Employees by Category](#)

[SJR7- Create State Board of Education](#)

[SB429- State Board of Education duties and responsibilities \(see page 11\)](#)

[SB473- Collection and Reporting of Demographic Information](#)

[HB2513- Academic Book Buying Consortium](#)

[SB80- Universities with Governing Boards, Articulation and Transfer](#)

[SB493- Remove Governor's Ability to Dissolve Institutional Governing Boards](#)

[HB2516- Cost of Required Materials to be included in Tuition and Mandatory Fees](#)

[HB2524- Establish Minimum Percentage of Students who must be Oregon Residents](#)

[HB2525- Develop Standards for Transferability of Credits](#)

1:00 For the Good of the Order