

Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: **October 9 & 10, 2015**

Location: **Southern Oregon University – Ashland, Oregon**

Topic/ Guest	Key Points / Discussion
Opening Remarks and Announcements Tori Uyeahy SOU Student Body President	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile and overview of SOU student experience and government • Shared success in enrollment of 880 first year students. Attributed to aggressive outreach and marketing efforts. 180 Transfer students and 75% retention. • Discussion regarding stressful effects of recent Umpqua Community College shooting on students and campus climate. Appreciation for significant effort from Univ. of Oregon to assist Umpqua CC and support SOU.
Representative Peter Buckley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation expressed for commitment of Jeff Dense to represent the IFS legislatively in Salem. • Recovering from recession of 2008, with key elements of budgets to hold down costs. • University funding not yet back to pre-recession levels. • Significant concern RE effect of PERS as retirements increase and Supreme Court denied proposed changes. • Potential ballot measure to increase general fund by 27%. Oregonians historically not tolerate any sales tax. • February session will not focus on budget issues, rather completion of work left unfinished at end of prior session • Discussion of SB 81 pitting Community Colleges against the Universities. Concern for sustainability to hit 40-40-20 goal. • Significant concern exists for students not completing a degree and accumulating high levels of student debt.
Leah Ayers HECC Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is non-voting member on HECC representing faculty voice. • Concern for influence of Western Governors University. How address interest in the \$10K Bachelor's Degree. • Concern for curriculum alignment re what should be included in Junior & Senior year curriculums through an equity lens. How to value what students bring with them? What is

	<p>portable as students move between institutions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged faculty participation in HECC and Community boards which have little experience in higher education. • SB113 – Needs to be monitored. Workload for faculty is the issue. How to allocate time for research and scholarship? Increasing numbers of adjuncts and reduced opportunities for tenure. • HECC Strategic Plan puts students' success in forefront. • To achieve 40-40-20 need statewide coordination to solve access to curriculum problems. 12% of students leaving high school do not have language requirement, so cannot graduate. Not available in some high schools.
Roy Saigo SOU President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased enrollment at SOU is a major turn-around. Everyone responsible for increased recruitment and retention. Up 25% in freshman class. Nationally enrollment is down. Regionally in Oregon enrollment is down (RCC down 8%). • Due to second retrenchment at SOU need for increase at least 5% per year to avoid program closures, Must focus on statewide cooperation between Universities. • Need new majors, initiatives and hybrids to fit new niches. Innovation in key using online and virtual technologies. Need to become more synergistic.
Ben Cannon HECC Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of HECC responsibilities • Requesting faculty input for advising legislature regarding higher education. • Appreciation to Jeff Dense and senators for commitment to be available for committee work. • Discussion of violence in Roseburg at Umpqua Community College. Robert Kyr to take resolution from U of O to PAC 12 Academic Leadership coalition. Northern Arizona is also a PAC 12 school experiencing campus violence. Concerns regarding impact of violence on student learning environment. • Discussion of importance of student voice in addressing violence • Discussion of HECC convening a statewide conference of faculty from all Oregon higher education institutions to create a united voice for action to promote safety on campuses.
Rob Kyr Call to Action Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Resolution to take to member institutions senates for approval to provide to HECC a unanimous vote of concern and call to action for a statewide conference of faculty to address violence of all kinds on Oregon campuses. • Request HECC provide resources to research what is being done elsewhere nationally. What are

<hr/> <p>Senator Arnie Roblan Legislative Update</p>	<p>evidence based measures of and predictors of safe campuses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of what is being done on member campuses. • Concern for how to engage students and adjunct faculty. Over 50% of SOU faculty are adjunct. • Members will take Resolution to their home senates for approval. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New focus on short session. Will not be for budget; rather focus on bills not completed during the regular session. Very fast, only thirty-five days. No new bills. • Working on formula for Charter Schools. • Discussion of Bill #418 providing funds for accelerated learning. Students must apply and meet requirements. Have \$10 million, concern is for future funding. Need contingency funds. • Major concern for 5th year students short of credits to graduate. Need multiple options including virtual and collaboration between schools. • Concern for students using funding for unnecessary community college credits, and then unable to complete a baccalaureate at a university. Need collaboration between CC Programs and University upper division programs to assure credits taken apply toward matriculation and graduation. • Discussion of how universities are advising and supporting students. What is effect of adjunct faculty on consistent engagement with students . • Discussion of concerns for transferring credits and variability in curriculum requirements. Needs to be considered in outcome based funding formula because students move among institutions however graduate from one. • Return to discussion of common course numbering may be needed. How to manage updating when Universities change their curriculums. <hr/>
<hr/> <p>Jeff Dense</p>	<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of IFS structure and functioning. Need revision of by-laws and constitution to remove OUS and replace with HECC. • Discussion of IFS leadership. Jeff will continue as President to assure continuity in his good work for obtaining statutory authority for the IFS. • Jeff will enlarge his efforts to provide statements he makes in legislative committees to IFS members in advance so they can be prepared when questioned regarding them. If not possible due to short time frames, Jeff will indicate the statements have not been fully vetted to all IFS members.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommend change in by-laws to two year terms for IFS Officers. Election of officers at next meeting</u>
Maude Hines Provosts Council Report <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Incubator Project and perception by Provosts Council of competition for authority. • Maude is concerned regarding lack of IFS support, infrastructure or resources for implementation. • Provosts Council remains interested in faculty input for the Program Approval Process. This is a work in progress. • Concern is for assuring collaboration. • Lack of clarity regarding what is currently required in each institution regarding vetting of a program approval through others potentially interested or affected. Some have an extensive process currently to assure any duplication is identified. <hr/>
Campus Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senators provided brief updates from their campuses
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday November 20, 2015. To be held at OHSU . A shortened meeting from 11AM – 6PM • The schedule of meeting times for 2016 will be determined at the next meeting.