

Present were President Marie Vitulli (UO), Secretary-Treasurer Kemble Yates (SOU), Tim Thompson (OIT), Greg Monahan (EOU), Tim Thompson (OIT), and Bob Becker (OSU). Also present: Mark Nelson, Erica Hagedorn, and Karen Mainzer.

President Marie Vitulli called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

The minutes of our March meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: We're down about \$2000 net in income projections – 20 more members would cover this!

Campus reports—

UO (MV)

- New Dean of Arts & Sciences, Scott Coltrane, hired.
- New basketball arena, underground parking garage, and “academic center for athletes” going full speed ahead...
- UO wants to raise tuition to cover any shortfall of DAS salary monies which are held back.
- “Apples to oranges” data analysis on salaries by the UO administration actually made UO faculty compensation look better than it was. (i.e. comparing this year's UO salaries to last year's comparators)
- UO administration is opposed to changing its current OUS comparator list.

OSU (BB)

- Barack Obama's brother-in-law has been hired as new basketball coach.
- OSU athletics budgeting was discussed... it's approximately \$40 M per year.
- New rule: NIH now requires any paper published with support from its grants must be submitted and available at its library in Maryland, which is being resisted by the publishing companies.
- Student evaluation of teaching is being extensively discussed by the OSU Faculty Senate.

PSU (JA)

- Presidential search – final interviews recently completed, and an announcement could be coming very soon.
- People have been told to plan for a 10% budget cut...
- Dean of Engineering asked the Faculty Senate for approval of a non-accredited engineering program based overseas. Budget model for it would be based on adjunct labor. The Senate rejected it.
- Funding for athletics is also a hot-button issue.
- AAUP has declared impasse. Last best proposals will be put forward. The union has already filed an ULP with ERB based on management's bargaining conduct. A strike vote is likely coming soon.

OIT (TT)

- Teaching evaluation (and *advising* evaluation?!) are inspiring some controversy.
- The administration is claiming (and the budget committee has seen the analysis) which projects a \$1.6-2.2 M budget shortfall (going into next biennium) IF the Senate's faculty salary plan is completely enacted. Salary increases: the committee recommended 7% anyway, even if it costs positions. It may be time for some program reviews and cuts.
- It appears that the administration budgeted *itself* about a 7% increase for this biennium.

EOU (GM)

- All programs creating assessment “boilerplate” documents.

SOU (KY)

- Provost search had sad ending – our top candidate who had accepted, had to back out after major health crisis. We’re also searching for a new VP for Institutional Advancement.
- The Chancellor (and the OUS Board) are pushing SOU to grow its enrollment.
- A new Aging Management program in our Business School has been approved; it involves a visiting position funded by a private company, PRS. The program and the position will be reviewed in two years.
- We’re also trying to implement a new budget model for the whole university, including academic programs, which does feel to faculty like a little too “micro-managed approach”.

Executive Director Report (Mark Nelson) --

The \$130 M for state employees compensation increases HAS been held back until the June E-Board meeting and the May revenue forecast (on May 29). But the \$10M for faculty salaries HAS been distributed to campuses.

The regional schools have pretty well settled how salaries are going to work this biennium. For the research schools, the AOF informational lettered tailored to each school are going out. Obviously the negotiations now at impasse at PSU is the big issue there. We’ll put our letters on the website. We need to get more aggressive about getting address and e-mail address lists of faculty.

We are still gathering information, and finalizing a report for OUS on our sense of the new programs/new positions created from the funding package passed by the 2007 Legislature.

PERS litigation: We have received our share of the Strunk and City of Eugene litigation award. Kantor continues to stall on his clarifications on the Arken and Robinson cases. The coalition has the Henderson and Robertson cases. Bell case looking good – PERS may be willing to settle. See our agenda for a little more detail on these and some of the other cases.

Other PERS: A new rule regarding “creditable service” is making its way through the PERS Board and the Rules Committee.

Membership issues: perhaps we could have smaller dues for part-timers and/or first year members? We are about to make another membership solicitation.

We discussed retired administrators being hired back. We need to discuss this more fully – perhaps at our next meeting.

Future meetings: May 10, June 7, (July 12 – possible conference call)

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM