



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON FACULTIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING March 10, 2007

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Secretary-Treasurer
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. Campus reports
 - B. Legislative report
 1. OUS Budget Hearing
 - a) Hearings scheduled April 11-12, 16-17
 - b) Public hearing on April 18
 2. Co-Chairs' Budget Expected on Monday, March 19
 3. Tax Discussions
 - a) Corporate Minimum/Kicker
 - i. "Historic" deal struck last week disintegrates
 - ii. Corporate minimum discussions now outstanding
 - iii. Kicker passes in House on March 8
 - i. Senate Republicans attempt to duck discussion
 - b) Tobacco/Beer/Sales/Consumption
 4. Revenue Forecast
 - a) Slightly up (+\$36 million)
 5. Legislator Meeting Reports
 - C. Recap of Governor's budget proposal for higher education
 - a) State General Fund - 17% increase from \$706.5 million to \$827.1 million

- i. \$130 million for state employee COLAs
 - ii. \$8 million for faculty salaries
 - i. LFO staff doesn't have detail and is leaving those questions to legislators to ask OUS
 - iii. \$9 million for regional campuses
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 - iv. \$6.9 million to reduce faculty/student ratios
 - v. \$14.6 million for enrollment increases
 - vi. Tuition increases limited to 3.4% each year
 - b) Other funds
 - i. \$594.5 million for 45 capital projects and repair expenses
 - ii. \$25 million for renewable energy demonstration projects
 - c) Public services
 - i. Proposal for extension service, Ag experiment station and forest research lab up 16.2% or \$15.3 million
 - d) Revenue shifts
 - i. \$19.1 million in other funds to reflect expected interest earnings OUS will now receive
 - ii. Lottery increase of \$4.9 million offset by General Fund reduction
2. Substantive legislation
- a) AFT-HB 2578
 - i. Will be heard for a second time on March 14
 - b) HB 2726: State-funded research that benefits private enterprise must create Oregon jobs
 - i. Hearing held March 9 in House Workforce

D. PERS litigation

1. Strunk - attorney fee hearing on January 10; still awaiting decision
2. City of Eugene - Approximate award of \$62,000 to coalition for partial expense reimbursement
3. Arken - motions still pending before Judge Kantor
4. Robinson - motions still pending before Judge Kantor
5. Henderson - still pending in US District Court
6. Robertson - Ninth Circuit ruled in favor of PERS and employers - The PERS Coalition has authorized Hartman to appeal to the US Supreme Court

7. Bell – test case on question of whether PERS can be sued for providing incorrect information to members
8. White – discovery underway
9. Murray – stil pending before Court of Appeals. Involves issue of allocating administrative expenses to the variable account in years when the account has no earnings

E. Other PERS

1. Rate Guarantee Reserve

- a) Has reached \$1.5 billion from high PERS earnings
- b) Possible additional allocation to contingency reserve

F. Website

1. Reviews?

G. Membership

1. Solicitation letter sent

H. Other Business

1. Review Legislation