



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON FACULTIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING April 26, 2007

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. REVIEW FINANCIALS
- IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Secretary-Treasurer

- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. Campus reports
 - B. Legislative report
 - 1. OUS Budget Hearings Overview
 - 2. Co-Chairs' Budget
 - a) Initial details not released to member or the public until early April
 - b) Strategic cuts to higher education and economic development
 - c) K-12 receives \$202 million boost
 - d) Road show overview
 - 3. Overview of Co-Chairs' Higher Education Budget Cuts from GRB
 - a) \$28.4 million for basic university support package
 - b) \$40.7 million needed to fully fund all five POPS below; OUS decides allocations within larger allocation
 - i. \$8 million faculty salaries
 - ii. \$9 million regional support*
 - i. \$2 million earmarked
 - iii. \$14.6 million enrollment growth
 - iv. \$2.2 million utility costs earmarked*
 - v. \$6.9 million student:faculty ratios

- c) ETIC cut from \$17 million to \$7 million
 - d) General Fund-supported capital maintenance cut from \$12 million to \$0
 - e) Capital construction debt service for lottery bonds cut from \$8.4 million to \$0
 - f) EOU attendance rates cut from \$1.6 million to \$0
4. Tax Discussions Remain in Stalemate
- a) Corporate Minimum
 - b) Tobacco/Beer/Sales/Consumption
5. Revenue Forecast
- a) No initial speculation on May revenue forecast; may be slightly down
5. Legislator Meeting Reports
6. Substantive legislation
- a) HB 2578: Tenure-track faculty mandated percentage
 - i. Heard on March 28
 - i. Ways and Means referral
 - b) HB 2726: State-funded research that benefits private enterprise must create Oregon jobs
 - i. Compromise reached; moved from House Workforce
 - c) HB 2579: Increases members on State Board of Higher Education
 - i. Passes 51-7 in the House and is referred to Senate Education
 - d) HB 3024: PSU/OHSU Merger
 - i. Bill moved to House floor from House Education
 - e) HB 2623: Eliminates Six-Month PERS Break-in-Service
 - i. Work session scheduled for deadline of 4/30
 - f) HB 3183: ORP Score

C. PERS litigation

1. Strunk - Oregon Supreme Court deciding whether to uphold full plaintiff's attorneys fee award from lower court
2. City of Eugene - Approximate award of \$62,000 to coalition for partial expense reimbursemen; check coming soon
3. Arken - motions still pending before Judge Kantor
4. Robinson - motions still pending before Judge Kantor

5. Henderson - District Court rules against PERS coalition on 4/19
 - a) Coalition has 30 days to decide on filing an appeal
6. Robertson - PERS Coalition has filed a certiorari before the US Supreme Court and are waiting to hear whether the court will take the case
7. Bell - test case on question of whether PERS can be sued for providing incorrect information to members; case pending in trial court
8. White - discovery underway; PERS resisting
9. Murray - still pending before Court of Appeals. Involves issue of allocating administrative expenses to the variable account in years when the account has no earnings

D. Other PERS

1. 2004 Post-Window Retirees
2. PERS Withdrawals Rulemaking
3. 2006 Earnings Distributions to the Contingency Fund
 - a) Fund still too large for PERS Coalition
4. Rate Guaranty Reserve
 - a) Mercer study analysis of reserve
5. PERS Budget Hearings
 - a) Extra staff for retirement applications granted

E. Website

1. Comments or suggestions

F. Membership Update

G. R-G Editorial Series

H. Higher Education Caucus Discussions

I. Other Business

1. Review Legislation