



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON FACULTIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING May 12, 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
 1. Indemnity letter
- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. Campus reports
 - B. Legislative report
 1. OUS Budget Hearings Overview
 2. Filling the Gap for Higher Education
 - a) Corporate minimum
 - i. Rep. David Edwards' plan and earmarks
 - b) May revenue forecast on 5/15
 - c) Higher ed caucus press conference on 5/3
 - i. Joint lobby day on 5/16
 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 maintainance 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: Where's All the Money?
 - a) Corporate Minimum
 - b) Tobacco/Beer/Sales/Consumption
- 5. Legislator Meeting Reports
- 6. Substantive Legislation
 - a) HB 2578: Tenure-track faculty mandated percentage
 - i. Dead in House Education
 - i. Final hearing on 3/28
 - b) HB 2726: State-funded research that benefits private enterprise must create Oregon jobs
 - i. Passes House 49-3
 - ii. Referred to Senate Business
 - c) HB 2579: Increases members on State Board of Higher Education
 - i. On the Governor's desk
 - d) HB 3024: PSU/OHSU Merger
 - i. Referred to Ways and Means
 - e) HB 2623: Eliminates Six-Month PERS Break-in-Service
 - i. Referred to Ways and Means
 - i. Lobbying continues
 - f) SB 365: Textbook price/package reporting
 - i. Passes Senate 17-11
 - g) HB 3183: Contains no ORP provision
- 7. Bills Opposed Status
 - a) SB 378: Laws apply to OHSU unless specified

- i. Fails on Senate floor on 5/10
- b) SB 396: Drug testing for all education employees
 - i. Died in Senate Education

C. PERS litigation

1. Strunk - Oregon Supreme Court deciding whether to uphold full plaintiff's attorneys fee award from lower court
 - a) PERS' overpayment refund request memo from Bennett Hartman
2. City of Eugene - \$62,000 check received; AFSCME will distribute funds
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 supports filing appeal by the May 17 deadline
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. 2006 Earnings Distributions to the Contingency Fund
 - a) Fund still too large for PERS Coalition
3. Rate Guaranty Reserve
 - a) Mercer study analysis of reserve still being developed
4. PERS Budget Passes
 - a) On Governor's desk

- E. Membership
 - 1. Collective bargaining units
 - 2. ORP vendors
 - 3. Campus visits
- F. Lobby Day Overview
- G. Higher Education Caucus Discussions
- H. Other Business
 - 1. Review Legislation