

Present were Marie Vitulli, Steve Gibbons, Bob Becker, Lani Roberts, Greg Monehan, Tim Thompson, and Kemble Yates. Also present: Mark Nelson, Dave Reinhard, and Erica Hagedorn.

President Marie Vitulli called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

The minutes of our October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Postponed until end of meeting. We requested that future financial spreadsheets show the previous month as well as the current one.

Campus reports—

#### UO (MV)

- Marie passed out a typed report, and then gave some highlights...
- Athletics continues to fund raise and plan more facility improvements.
- Presidential search well underway.
- There is still some interest in the faculty to unionize.
- Almost everyone got a 4% bump – but at least 12 did not!
- Library now open 24/7, with some funding help from students.
- Non-tenure track faculty more formally recognized. Get one year contracts, but can be promoted and receive two year contracts.
- UO still lobbying to set its own tuition rates.

#### OSU (BB & LR)

- Enrollments up some. There's been a lot of work on articulating with Oregon community colleges to increase transfers.
- Big administrative restructuring being attempted.
- Another big push is in recruiting a lot of international students (both undergraduate and graduate; primarily because they bring in so much more tuition). Lower admissions requirements, separate dormitories.
- OSU faculty will receive a cumulative 10% raise – 4% last year, 3% in November, and 3% in January.
- Lani Roberts was introduced. She is currently on IFS, and will probably be the IFS rep to AOF.

#### EOU (GM)

- Accreditation visit just happened. They'll now happen every 7 years instead of 10!
- Enrollment up, 4% in FTE. Most of it is distance and other "onsite" (i.e. off La Grande campus). On campus enrollment down 9%. Retention is being pushed.

#### OIT (TT)

- New President has hit the ground running, to good reception by faculty.
- Salary increases in November appointments well received (but not retroactive). Each person got at least 4%. More was given to work towards the goal of an average difference between ranks of 20%. Promotions are guaranteed to be at least 10%, or even more.
- New dorm project going up.
- NWCUU revisit was successful.

#### WOU (SG)

- Enrollments; record high. New students down, though! Increase due to transfers and retention.
- Accreditation revisit coming – assessment main issues.

#### SOU (KY)

- Enrollments and retention are up – 5% headcount and 2% FTE.
- Interesting union grievance on summer appointments is going to arbitration.
- Provost and President strongly behind a new Master Academic Planning process and model.

Dave Reinhard was introduced as a new lobbyist for the AOF.

#### **Executive Director Report (Mark Nelson)**

Mark just had triple bypass surgery 3 weeks ago! He's recovering well.

Elections summary: Senate is 18-12, House is 36-24 – both for Democrats. This means the Democrats will have full fiscal power in the 2009 session. Courtney will again be Senate President and Devlin will again be Senate Majority Leader. Margaret Carter is inside track to be Senate's co-chair of Ways & Means. Save Hunt will be Speaker of the House and Mary Nolan will be Majority Leader. The House co-chair of Ways & Means is not decided yet, but leading candidates are David Edwards and Nancy Nathenson. The Education subcommittees for Ways & Means and Education committees have not yet been named.

Ballot measures results were largely positive for AOF interests. Measure 57 (the legislatively referred crime measure) did pass, but it would not have been as Measure 61. But Measure 61 advocates are likely to legally challenge the notion that M57 can trump passage of M61.

Fiscal prospects for the coming biennium are poor. A forecast is due on Wednesday, and it looks like it will be several hundred million down. Governor's budget is due on December 1. There will be no "POP's" (policy option packages) are off the table,

according to the Governor, except for enrollment growth and tuition buydown. There is already talk of another compensation freeze. Some targeted tax increases are also being contemplated (e.g. on insurance, tobacco, corporate minimum, beer & wine). The word on the street is that K-12 will have to take its share of cuts.

We expressed an interest in seeing what institution reserves are currently.

In conversations with government leaders and OUS leaders, the hope/plan is to not make across-the-board cuts in ESL (essential service levels). But targeted cuts are likely. OUS is likely to try again on an ORP decoupling.

We continue to try to get OUS to work with us on making tuition reduction/staff fee privileges a little more flexible.

### **PERS Update**

The White case has been moved toward summary judgment by Judge Kantor. The Henderson case appeal was rejected by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit – case is over.

### **Membership**

We were given a draft survey to take the temperature of AOF members on what they think we ought to be doing. Erica will send us an electronic copy.

### **Future Meetings**

Jan. 17, Feb. 14, Mar. 14 will be our next three meetings. We'll decide the balance of our schedule at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 AM