

AOF Board Minutes

January 29, 2011

Present: Kemble Yates, Jacqueline Arante, Tim Thompson, Chip Ettinger, and Alan Bakalinsky. Kristen Leonard from C&E Systems was also present.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Tim Thompson.

Minutes from the December 11, 2011 meeting approved.

Treasurer's report was discussed, and approved.

Kemble discussed OFPAC maintenance – he'll pursue having C&E maintain this account. We also need to get our web site transferred to another entity. Tim and Kemble will work on that & report at our next meeting.

OIT Campus report (TT):

Financial strategy is to build a fund balance to weather the rest of this year and start into the next biennium. Enrollment is down (only campus in OUS).

OSU Campus report (AB):

President Ray is enthusiastic about SB 242. Enrollments way up. Alan asked if anyone had the original written information that lead to the "6% pick-up".

EOU Campus report (CE): Enrollments still very strong. More than half of SCH now from distance learning. Faculty are generally getting a lot of overload money for doing these courses. Accreditation team was concerned about this.

PSU Campus report (JA):

JA shared an AAUP financial analysis report which says that PSU has a very healthy fund balance (\$60 M in reserves). PSU-AAUP is sponsoring a forum this month. OUS Fact Book is now available from the Chancellor's Office. The PSU Senate is restructuring. Senate is still very concerned about the balance of tenure-track versus fixed-term faculty. AAUP has a grievance appeal which is going all the way to the Oregon Supreme Court regarding "two bites of the apple".

SOU Campus report (KY):

A new scheduling paradigm has been announced for 2011-12 academic year. APSOU and AOF have exchanged a letter spelling out how dues will be transferred to AOF. President Cullinen was recently honored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's 2011 Leadership Award. SOU enrollments have rebounded, CAS Dean has been very favorable to tenure-track lines, and initiated a diversity/opportunity hire.

Membership

We agreed to finalize the common letter shared by Jacqueline, and use it as the common core of a membership letter. Each campus rep will then be encouraged to include some additional message appropriate to their campus. Our general sentiment was to not put a lot of specifics about the coming year as there just is too much uncertainty. Tim will send us a latest draft this week.

Lobbyist Report (KL):

We all are sad for us but happy for Elizabeth in her new job with the Oregon District Attorneys. C& E will have two other people (Chris Parta and Amy Johnston) working with Kristen to take our message to Salem this year.

Kristen reminded us that C&E has bill tracking software system that can be useful to all of us in keeping abreast of developments in Salem. Committee assignments in both house are now complete for the 2011 session. With all of the co-chair implications in the House, it will be difficult to get “big changes” through this session. Ways & Means will be even more crucial this session than ever.

\$3.5 B shortfall (of continuing service level \$15B) for the 2011-13 biennium remains the primary issue. Because the infusion of federal money (over \$1B in 2009-11) will not happen again, options are limited. Governor Kitzhaber’s budget will be out Tuesday, February 1. Rumor is that it will be a “base line” budget, not one base on “current service level”. All 8 state agency heads have been asked to hand in a letter of resignation; Guv Kitz will decide which of those letters to accept or decline. Kristen will also send us a “current service level” for 2011-13 so that we can compare. She also shared and explained the legislative timeline.

We looked at bills already in hopper. The key for us: what has direct impact on faculty. We will get Kristen some feedback this week on prioritizing bills.

Next Meeting

We agreed to meet again 9:30 AM, Feb. 26, 2011, at PSU, and April 2 and May 21 (back to 10 AM) for the following meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.