

## **AOF Board Minutes**

**February 26, 2011**

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President Tim Thompson.

Minutes from the January 29, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was discussed, and approved.

Kemble discussed OFPAC maintenance. He has decided he can maintain the account. Kemble will also work on getting our web site transferred to another entity and lining up a new webmaster.

Tim announced that the university Presidents had recently been on a retreat, and we should all be expecting their reports to campuses in the coming weeks. We decided to suspend campus reports so we can dive right into lobbyist Kristen Leonard's report.

### **Lobbyist Report (KL):**

The good news is the most recent revenue forecast means that the state (and thus OUS) will be able to survive the rest of this biennium on current budgets.

The Governor's recommended budget will likely frame the 2011-13 biennium budget debate. The Co-chairs will likely put out their recommended budget in March. Most likely the REAL decisions won't be made until after the May forecast.

The higher ed reorganization bills (SB 242, 253, 254) all look like they're going to pass in some form or another. The student lobby group has endorsed it, as have the OIT and UO Senates. The IFS has also passed a resolution in favor of this.

Regarding PERS and other benefits bills: the PERS Coalition will be meeting this coming week, and Kristen will send us info and analysis from that meeting. The first hearings on these bills will be held this coming week. Kristen warned us that the "writing on the walls" is not good at this time.

Kristen reports that the overall tenor of the Legislature is still pretty crazy, with essentially ALL bills promised hearings at this point. Everyone wants to avoid a Wisconsin-style meltdown.

### **Next Meeting**

We agreed to meet again 10 AM at PSU on April 2 and then May 21.  
The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.