

AOF Board Minutes, August 3, 2012

Present: Kemble Yates, Jacqueline Arante, and Tim Thompson. Kristen Leonard and Chris Parta from C&E Systems were also present.

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

Lobbyist Report (KL and CP):

Chris started by updating us on the Special Committee on University Governance. We discussed a draft bill (LC 759) outlining how individual institutional boards could be formed. Each board would have 13 members, including 2 students, 2 faculty, and 1 staff member. The Governor would appoint 7 (a majority) of the board. Hiring and firing of Presidents would reside with the institutional board. Kemble raised several concerns with this. We all had serious concerns about the role of the institutional boards in curriculum and program development. Another controversial piece is to give institutional boards more/lots of power on setting *in-state* tuition rates. One concern is that this part – and generally – this shift will lead inevitably to a higher and higher percentage of non-Oregon residents in the student body. The board would also have employee management, mortgaging, capital construction, and bonding authority, with some limits.

We briefly discussed OUS' Health and Welfare Plan Options Review Committee's work. Big question: does OUS Board still have a role in benefits (e.g. the decision to leave PEBB, etc.) if an institution goes to its own board? October is the goal for looking for an alternative health plan. November would be the time the plan (to stay in PEBB or to leave & go for an alternative) would go to the legislature.

PERS... Some major legislation to "reform" PERS is inevitable in the 2013 session. Realistically, the exact lines of attach (i.e. actual bill language) will not be clear until January.

We briefly looked at OUS' first attempt a budget request for 2013-15.

We went to executive session to discuss the November elections....

Executive session continued with Kristen and Chris not there as we discussed renewal of the C&E lobbying contract. Tim and Kemble will follow-up on this and e-mail a recommendation to the board.

Next Meeting

We agreed to set a meeting time for September or October via e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.