

## **AOF Board Minutes, October 13, 2012**

Present: Kemble Yates, Jacqueline Arante, Alan Bakalinsky, 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.

Minutes from the August 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Tim announced that after discussion and an e-mail vote, AOF and C&E have agreed to a 1 year contract extension, from Sept. 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013. The expectations and financial particulars are the same as the previous 2 year contract.

### **Annual Meeting & Nominating Committee**

Motion: The board present shall serve as the Nominating Committee for the election for our annual meeting. Approved unanimously.

Motion: The nominating committee put forth the slate of President: Tim Thompson, OIT; Secretary-Treasurer: Kemble Yates, SOU; and Vice-President: Alan Bakalinsky. Passed unanimously.

Motion: Our annual meeting shall be held on December 1, 2012. Passed unanimously.

Jacqueline will see if Neuburger 404 is available as a site for that meeting. Kemble will get this info onto our web site.

### **Campus Reports**

OIT (TT): The biennium will end with a total of 4% pay increase. The Wilsonville campus is doing very well, and is helping carry the financial load for the institution.

OSU (AB): Enrollment now at about 25,000 – President Ray thinks a cap of about 28,000 would be right. Capital campaign is going well, and now over \$800M. He also mentioned needing to target monies to combat compression.

SOU (KY): An abrupt noticing of 5 longtime Student Services employees as summer began created a major controversy. The outcry with how it was done ultimately led President Cullinen to also notice the Student Affairs Vice-President. Supposedly Student Services will now be under the Provost; details to eventually emerge. The opening activities for the academic year exclusively focused on the "House" theme initiative. In effect, this will be an academic reorganization overlaid on departments; it might primarily affect general education, but importantly: faculty will eventually be assigned to "Houses". The rationale is that this might make SOU more of a destination campus, and improve retention and graduation rates. These latter rates are of most concern to the OUS, as suggested by SOU's likely outcome measures.

PSU (JA): Starting “initiatives”(?? Didn’t get all of this!). PSU has a new Provost, Sonya ????. Tuition went up 9% and enrollment is flat. PSU now has a new privately-owned, privately operated dorm facility housing some 5,000 students.

### **Statewide AAUP report (JA)**

Jacqueline met with an organizing group that included PSU, OSU, and UO leaders as well as some national leaders from AAUP. The group will next meet January 12, 2013 at UO. And a statewide annual meeting will be held in April, also at UO. Jacqueline urged us (board members) to become individual members of AAUP so that we can play a role in this group’s reemergence. They have set up goals: support OSU’s unionization effort, and to become the unified voice of faculty. Another goal is to include private institutions and their faculties as well. It does seem as though that AOF and AAUP are headed towards an intersection of roles down the road.

### **Candidate visits (Chris, Jacqueline, Kemble)**

Yesterday (Oct. 12), Kemble and Chris met with Diane Rosenbaum (Senate Majority Leader), Chris Gorsek (House candidate), Rod Monroe (Senator), and Mark Haas ( ). Important topics at these meeting include whether faculty slots on individual institution boards, concerns about PERS legislation and policy, the evolution of healthcare and PEBB, and the funding of OUS in the post-SB 242 world.

Jacqueline met with Representative Michael Dembrow, Senator Richard Devlin, and Representative Chris Garrett at fund raising parties. Discussion topics included concerns by faculty over the evolving governance and funding structure, and faculty input into decisions.

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

We discussed the possibility of an additional contribution list for OFPAC monies. She’ll distribute this to us by e-mail & we’ll approve it that way.

Chris gave us an update on the Special Committee on University Governance. We discussed a draft bill (LC 759) outlining how individual institutional boards could be formed. The proposal that is coming out of committee *does not* include specific seats for 2 students, 2 faculty, and 1 staff member. Chris is hopeful that during the session, these representations can and will be put back in.

We briefly discussed OUS’ Health and Welfare Plan Options Review Committee’s work. The recommendations are now being shared with campuses. Of the healthcare options for 2014, OUS will likely either push to have a more substantive role in PEBB (while staying in PEBB) or to break away & have an independent program. They recommend against joining OEBB. November would be the time the plan (to stay in PEBB or to leave & go for an alternative) would go to the legislature.

Another topic an OUS committee reported on was the creation of “Tier 4” for purposes of guaranteeing contribution rates to ORP accounts.

We looked at an OUS Board report that outlined campus budgets for 2012-13. Fund balances at all institutions, except UO, have gone down from the first year.

PERS... Some major legislation to “reform” PERS is inevitable in the 2013 session. Leading candidates for action include eliminating (retroactively – it’s already been done prospectively) the add-on to offset state income taxes *if* that member has moved out of state (and thus avoids paying the taxes the offset was given to pay), and possibly some limits on COLA’s. Kristen’s sense is that the “COLA angle” is the only one with enough immediate impact on the 2013-15 budget to make a difference in the state’s short term problems. Realistically, the exact lines (i.e. actual bill language) will not be clear until January.

Ballot Measures. Most are not directly relevant to AOF interests. Measure 84 would phase out the inheritance tax over time, and would have a big negative impact on state revenues. A hidden part of it is to give a big tax break on asset transfers (i.e. capital gains). Measure 85 would create a rainy day fund from any corporate kicker funds, dedicated to K-12 funding.

### **Next Meeting**

We agreed to meet December 1, including our Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.