

## **AOF Board Minutes, January 26, 2013**

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

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

Minutes from the December, 2012, meeting and Annual Meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

### **President's Report**

Tim has tried to contact Steve G and he is not replying. Tim will take our AOF member list and try some calls. We might also contact their AFT local to see if they could help name a WOU member.

We need to get a list of more recent accomplishments on our web site. We also need to do more to communicate directly with our members. Kristen suggested there's a way to create a little newsletter using BillTracker that might be useful.

### **Campus Reports**

OIT (TT): Tim -- OIT will not replace their HAS dean. Faculty compensation committee moving forward and hopeful something will be worked out to give an additional bump before the biennium ends. OIT has now created a new comparator list, and OUS (Tim thinks) accepted this new list.

SOU (KY): The Faculty Senate has approved major updates to tenure and promotion criteria – which are now linked to discipline rather than being generic. The Provost and the chief budget administrator are going around to departments giving a presentation on the budget outlook for SOU in the coming biennium. A major initiative to prioritize academic and non-academic programs is underway. Kemble is a member of the academic side review. The final outcome will be to rank all programs into five quintiles.

EOU (EM and GM): Administration is pushing faculty to workshops on MOOC's (Massively Online Open Courses), with presumably looking to positioning EOU to align with these. Elwyn was just named to Budget & Planning

PSU (JA): PSU Senate discussed a directive to prepare a 2% budget cut for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this biennium. Some of this is driven by a drop (instead of a gain) in enrollment. Hiring still largely concentrated in fixed term (i.e. non-tenure track) lines.

### **Other**

**AAUP (JA):** The organizing group is gearing towards big state conference at PSU during first weekend of April. They have developed draft constitution and bylaws. They are now working towards getting folks to run for the various offices in the organization. Jacqueline again encouraged AOF board members to become AAUP members so we can participate.

**OPRI (GM):** Greg recently attended their board meeting. Greg suggested they could get more active in Salem and potentially have a lot of influence.

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

(Late breaking news is that Chancellor Pernsteiner will be resigning, effective March 1.)

Legislative session opens Monday, Feb. 4. Still a lot of confusion how the massively new org chart for OUS will affect funding, budgets, etc.

AOF is now a working partner in the ad hoc Higher Education Coalition, which also includes lobbyists from SEIU, AAUP, AFT, OSA, and OEA. Chris attends their meetings and represents us. We saw their “principles and values” statement in e-mail traffic.

By Feb. 21, any bills that will be considered must have been introduced. April 18 is the “move out of committee” deadline. Key dates for AOF to be aware of: March 1 is the target date for the Ways & Means Committee to announce the legislature’s biennial budget. Also critical is the May 16 revenue forecast, which will affect the final form of the budget.

We took a look at the bills initially introduced affecting Higher Education (e.g. governance, budget, and benefits/PERS/PEBB). We tasked individual board members to read over bills to watch for “alarms”, and give feedback into BillTracker for the rest of the board.

Kristen and Chris have been invited, on our behalf, to the Governor’s education policy advisor’s regular meetings (Ben Cannon leads this).

Kristen tells us that the House leadership believes that the “COLA remedy” that the Governor proposes in his budget cannot stand, but this does cause difficulty for creating a budget. Senator Richard Devlin (tasked by Pres. Courtney) is investigating solutions. No clear legislation has yet been proposed, but there almost certainly will be.

We need to be active on the PERS Coalition’s campaign opposing COLA caps. Actual examples would be very useful Kristen and Chris in this session.

### **Next Meeting**

We agreed to meet next on February 16 at the C&E office at 3321 SE 20<sup>th</sup> & Powell, 97202.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.