AOF Board Minutes, Feb 3, 2018

Present: Alan Bakalinsky, Kemble Yates, Jacqueline Arante, Greg Monahan, and Deanna Thompson. Chris Parta from PartaOregon, Inc., was also present.

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 by President Alan Bakalinsky

Treasurer Report

Kemble shared the current state of our finances. We are on track with our budget plan for 2018-19. Kemble, Alan, and Chris did agree to and sign a contract for PartaOregon, Inc. for lobbying services through August, 2019.

Campus Reports

EOU: Deanna reported that the EOU administration committed EOU to an online "partnership" with Pearson's OPM which would align them to give 50%+ of their online tuition in return for marketing, course development, etc. This has been done largely in secret, and the faculty are up in arms. The EOU Board has not yet agreed to this.

SOU: Kemble reported that SOU has also entered into a limited agreement with Academic Partners OPM for the delivery of its online MBA program. This was also done with essentially no engagement of the faculty. Kemble announced that he is one of the faculty members nominated to be the next faculty member on the SOU Board of Trustees. Also, the faculty union (APSOU) has named its negotiating team –Kemble will be on the team but not chief this time.

PSU: Jacqueline reported that the Faculty Senate is trying to add a senator to represent part-time faculty.

OSU: The unionization effort is now public, and underway.

Lobbyist Report (CP):

First, we should plan on doing a spring newsletter (April or May) and talk about session wrap-up, AOF future, etc. Alan will write a campus report, Jacqueline will write a piece on retirement, and Greg will write a Vice-President report.

It's a huge relief that Measure 101 passed! At least the Legislature won't be dealing with a massive hole in the budget due to coping with the Oregon Health Plan.

HB 2998 workgroup (CC articulation) keeps working... on track to meet an aggressive fall deadline. [They are using AAOT as a model.]

We discussed the legislative schedule. Many bills will die by Feb. 9, others will hit other deadlines after that...

Next, we went over bills and our reviews to establish our positions and priorities...

Next Meeting

Saturday, April 7, at PSU. If necessary, we may need to meet online in lieu of a face-to-face. Looking ahead, some kind of June meeting would be good to look at the election cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.