

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Faculty Administrator Meeting
2 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Klamath and Lake County Food Bank – Niki Sampson

Nikki Sampson, director of the Klamath and Lake County Food Bank, thanked Oregon Tech for a decade of a strong support for the employee food drive. A total of 1 in 4 households in Klamath and Lake County are currently being served. With each dollar that is donated, the food bank can acquire 10 pounds worth of food. Niki stated that every donation is significant, and the food bank will accept fresh fruit or vegetables. To drop off food donations, please visit the food bank located on Maywood Drive between 8am- 8:30pm Monday through Friday, pick up is also available.

Legislative update – President Maples

President Maples reported that the Cornett Hall renovation may be pushed back for two years if Oregon Tech does not receive the \$2 million that we are expecting from the state. Oregon Tech is planning to continue work on the re-installment of the sports lottery funding. Tuition equity is in the process of being presented to the House for a full vote, and there is immense support for this bill. There is legislation being drafted to create a Department of Post-Secondary Education (DPSY). DPSY would perform some of the tasks of the Chancellor's Office and some of the tasks of the Oregon University System Board of Higher Education. The presidents are working together to draft a letter known as the consensus principles, which will include items that the seven universities presidents have come to an agreement on.

REPORTS

Faculty Senate - Dan Peterson

Dan Peterson reported that Faculty Senate approved two policy changes. One of the changes relates to the Faculty Senate bylaws regarding nominations of officers. Faculty Senate will now allow nominations to occur during the May and June meetings with voting scheduled to occur in June. The other change was to form a new policy to define what a credit hour is. The senate received a report from the Faculty Compensation Committee that includes comparator data and analysis. This information will be useful information for budgeting purposes as it relates to faculty salaries and potential pay increases.

Administrative Council - Shellie Wilson

Administrative Council has reviewed the Background Check and Tobacco Free Campus policies and will forward to Faculty Senate for review and approval. The goal is to have a tobacco free campuses beginning in the fall of 2013. Spirit week was a major success and Administrative Council is hoping for additional participation next year.

Finance and Administration update- Mary Ann Zemke

Vice President Zemke provided a brief update regarding the following:

- The In-Focus building acquisition (Wilsonville Campus) is scheduled on April 19.

- The Facilities Department is working in the process of completing an environmental assessment of Cornett Hall for a possible renovation. This process includes a replacement feasibility study as well as master planning.
- Clackamas Community College may not have the funding available to purchase the Harmony Campus. The Clackamas Chamber and Eastern Oregon University are currently leasing a part of the available space.
- Oregon Tech received notification that Solar City began the engineering for the solar project. The surveying for this project will begin in April with construction projected to begin in June 2013. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by November 1.
- The geothermal power plant project experienced a budget challenge in November, but Oregon Tech was able to identify sources of funding to move the project forward. The next steps will include plumbing and connections for the well. PacificCorp will then complete an interconnection and meter aggregation and moving the campus onto a single meter system. The expected completion date is February 2014.

Question: Who is doing the feasibility study?

Answer: It would be a combination of people from outside and also internally but we haven't decided who yet.

Q: Are the proceeds of the \$2 million bond only for the feasibility study or is it for master planning and other things?

A: It would be for several other things. Part of it would be used to look at some of the other buildings that are aging, such as Boivin and Purvine.

Q: Is space utilization and facility use utilization being taken into consideration with the master planning?

A: Yes, that will be something that we look at more.

Q: Does the bond require any match from the university or any kind of donations to go along with it?

A: No, it is different from G bonds, which do require matches.

Meeting adjourned: 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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