

- **Appreciation to: Karen Sullivan-Vance, Alex Kunkle** and the Academic Advising and Learning Center team for a successful hosting of the Oregon Academic Advising Conference in June. I also wish to thank faculty members who attended: Debi Brannan, Laurie Burton, Carmon Caceda, Jaime Cloud, Gavin Keulks, Jennifer Moreno, Chehalis Strapp, Katherine Schmidt and Diane Tarter.

We also had staff from academic advising, admissions, financial aid, international office, registrar, SEP-TRIO, service learning, veteran's services, writing center, and various academic offices in attendance.

Wish to further examine campus-wide events on advising/mentoring students – may be topic of future Jensen Lecture Series speakers.

- **SOAR:** Appreciate all faculty who participated in orientation and registration – with unknown impact of Oregon Promise, family experiences at SOAR are very important in the decision to forgo the local community college and commit to the expense of a residential campus experience. Last SOAR is next Saturday, July 23rd.
- **AAC&U – Boston General Education workshop.** Erin Baumgartner, Carol Harding, Alicia Wenzel, Dan Clark and Sue Monahan had a productive opportunity to begin planning for assessment strategies for tracking our general education learning outcomes. Such strategies can also be applied to learning outcomes for our major, minor and certificate programming. Dr. Harding will be reporting in more detail --later in today's meeting.
- **Updates from HECC and/or Provosts Council –**
 - HECC is soliciting nominations for faculty members to serve on an expanded dual credit oversight committee; this committee will review community college and university programming in the accelerated learning credit arena. Expanded committee would launch review processes in 2017. The committee is heavily represented by community college representatives; HECC wishes to add two university voices to the committee this fall – large and TRUE; meets quarterly. Currently, Dave McDonald is on the committee as an admissions representative.
 - HECC is also soliciting nominations for math department or math education department heads (former heads) to serve on a mathematics work group charged with making recommendations to the Legislature on how to graduate more math field-related majors (SB1540). Provosts Council to provide a large and small school representative.

Let me know if any of you or your colleagues would be interested in this work.

 - I also wish to bring to your attention two final reports to the state legislature from the HECC staff:
 1. HB 2525 – Transfer process and “lost credits”

2. HB 3335 – Some college no degree

We've created a repository at the provost office web site – under Academic Initiatives link -- that contain these and future, similar reports.

- **Policy on student military-related absences** – Jesse Poole and Andrew Holbert have prepared a draft policy on how to handle temporary military call-ups during an academic term. Dr. Gary Dukes and I are supportive of this policy but wish to have feedback from the faculty.
- **Oregon iDesign Symposium on campus this Friday** -- The recurring symposium is targeted to university instructional designers and academic technologists (information at the CAI website). Dan Clark has organized this – should any faculty have a desire to participate, contact Dan re. space availability.
- **Fostering Collegiate Success Workshop** – training workshop July 27 for supporting college students that have been in the Foster Care system. Contact Emily Plec. (rsvp at calendar section of main WOU home page)
- **Caption Studies Virtual Conference** – taking place August 1-2 Greg Zobel is the lead at WOU with assistance from UCS and Disability Services. Information available at captionstudies.wou.edu
- **Closing comment** -- My compliments to Werner Center catering for the killer blueberry cobbler & ice cream treats at last week's Heatwave summer programming! Thanks to Student Leadership and Activities group for staging this every Wednesday.