

Provost Winningham Faculty Senate Report

May 14, 2019

1. Update on ORS 352.011 - <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/352.011>

Establishment of certain public universities as comprehensive universities

Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University are established as comprehensive universities that offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and graduate programs through the master's degree.

WOU has worked with Rep. Dougherty to attach an amendment to HB 2871, in order to change the above language so it is not limiting. HB 2871 has moved from the Oregon House to the Oregon Senate. Last week Rex Fuller, President; Lane Shetterly, WOU BOT Member; Dean Braa, WOU Professor; Mike Hmura, Owner PT Northwest, Kevin Figueroa, AWOU; Phil Haworth, Director of Out-Patient Care at Salem Health, Dave McDonald, WOU Associate VP for Public Affairs & Strategic Initiative and I testified in support of the amendment. A senate work session is scheduled for tomorrow (May 16, 2019) at the capital and we have had numerous conversations with the leadership at HECC. The State-wide Provost Council has been supportive of the proposed amendment.

2. Conditional Admittance Policy

On January 8, 2018 a request was made by graduate faculty (Maroney, Thew-Hackett and Graham) to the Graduate Studies Committee to change the conditional admittance policy, which, in part, used standardized tests (i.e., GRE, MAT) as a mechanism for conditionally admitted students to be fully admitted.

On May 24, 2018, Provost Scheck delayed action on the request citing a number of concerns, including the lack of assessment activity in some graduate programs. After numerous meetings and discussion this academic year, including with Faculty Senate Executive Committee, we have changed the conditional admittance policy to address the concerns identified in the January 8th, 2018 memo; these changes are in the 2019-2020 WOU Catalog (see attached file).

3. Linn-Benton Community College and Western Oregon University

Linn-Benton Community College and Western Oregon University had a degree partnership signing ceremony last week (formerly known as dual enrollment partnerships). The spirit of cooperation was strong as we strengthened our relationship with one of our closer community college partners.