

To: University of Oregon Senate

From: Peter Keyes
Chair, Faculty Advisory Council, 2013-14

Re: FAC End of Year Report
June 2, 2014

The Faculty Advisory Council met every Monday classes were in session during the academic year, as well as a few additional meetings.

Elected members for 2013-14:

Peter Keyes, Architecture, Chair
Helen Chu, Libraries OA
Miriam Deutsch, Physics
Alexandre Dossin, Music and Dance
Lynn Kahle, Business
Linda Leon, Romance Languages, OA
Jeffrey Measelle, Psychology
Hal Sadofsky, Mathematics
Merle Weiner, Law
Anita Weiss, International Studies

Ex officio members for 2013-14:

Michael Gottfredson, President
Scott Coltrane, Provost
Doug Blandy, Senior Vice-Provost
Barbara Altman, Vice-Provost
Margie Paris, Law, Senate President
Robert Kyr, Music and Dance, Senate Vice-President (joined spring term)

In addition to these members, Dave Hubin, Senior Assistant to the President, often attended the meetings.

The following topics were discussed by the FAC during the year:

The evolving status of the Oregon University System, the State Board of Higher Education, and the Higher Education Coordinating Council, as the provisions of Senate Bill 270 began to take effect

The evolving governance status of the other institutions within OUS in response to Senate Bill 270

The status of the technical and regional universities in OUS, including the possible alignment of large universities with the smaller regional universities

Issues pertinent to the UO's membership in the AAU

The Provost's benchmark reports on the University's performance, and possible initiatives to improve these.

The development of the University's strategic plan

Changes to the university budget model

Planning for a future capital campaign

The search for a University Ombudsperson.

Campus facilities in support of the educational mission, both physical and virtual

The impact of changing policies in federal funding for research.

The boycott of Israeli academic institutions and organizations

Implementation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with United Academics. Meeting with Dr. Karen Stubaus, VP for Academic Affairs and Administration at Rutgers State University.

Meetings with and recommendations on the final candidates in the Provost search

Status of the UO Board of Trustees

The motion in the Senate for open meetings of all Senate committees.

The status of the Office of Research, Innovation and Graduate Education. The Report of the RIGE Review Committee.

The status of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

The search for a new Faculty Athletic Representative

The plan for implementing a series of faculty cluster hires

Meeting with members of the Coalition to End Sexual Violence, with discussion of relevant UO policies and procedures.

The Delegation of Authority policy for the UO Board of Trustees

The status of the UO Mission Statement, in response to a requirement from the HECC

The search for a new VP for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

FAC members' evaluation of the proposals for faculty cluster hires