PROVOST ANDREWS’ COMMENTS: MAY 4, 2015 FACULTY SENATE MEETING

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE

I urge every senator to reach out to the Interim Dean of the School of Public Health Initiative Elena Andresen or to Interim Associate Dean Leslie McBride prior to the June 1st Faculty Senate vote on the School of Public Health.

To keep in mind:

- Our students will benefit greatly from PSU’s School of Public Health. Students will graduate from an accredited school—enhancing the stature of their degrees and making them more competitive in seeking jobs in their professions.

- The School will be subject to the shared governance principles and processes as all PSU’s colleges. The rights and privileges of PSU faculty and staff will remain the same (with the exception of enhanced privileges offered by OHSU to the PSU faculty affiliated with the School).

- A Senate recommendation is not sufficient to create a school of public health. Schools of public health are required to be accredited by the Council of Education for Public Health (CEPH). This national, rigorous accreditation and review process goes beyond the scrutiny of our internal processes. They will examine the quality, viability, impact and financial plan for the School.

- We are working collaboratively with AAUP on an MOU to formalize the assurances we previously put in writing or expressed verbally relative to AAUP represented employees.

The vote on June 1 is critical to establish the SPH partnership with OHSU and to continue to work on other operational element. Send any questions you have prior to the June 1 meeting to Elena Andresen or Leslie McBride.

STATUS OAA FY16 E&G BUDGET

1. ALT has conducted an aggregate review of all school/college proposed FY16 E&G budget plans.
2. The plans included potential declines and increases in student demand as identified in school/college Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) plans.
3. The estimated aggregate FY16 growth, taking into account both growth and decline, is 1%.
4. Resources have been allocated to serve demand areas that, at present, have no/or limited capacity.

The provost’s Tuesday, May 5th blog will be about PBB principles. Sign up to receive blog posts automatically at https://psuprovostblog.wordpress.com/.

I hope you will attend the open forum designed to provide an update on the Academic Affairs FY16 Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) plans and School/College Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) process on Wednesday, May 27, 12:30-2:00 p.m. room SMSU 327/8

Note: Forums were held on October 13 and 17, 2014 and February 23, 2015 to recap the OAA FY 15 budget, to share preliminary information on the FY 16 Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) and Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) process, and to listen to concerns and questions.
SPRING TERM DROP-IN CONVERSATION WITH THE PROVOST:
Please join me for the remaining spring term, drop-in session:

Tuesday, May 12, 3-4:00 p.m. in room SMSU 262

PROVOST’S CHALLENGE CELEBRATION
Please join us on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 3 to 5 p.m. for an informal celebratory and interactive event intended to encourage the exchange of ideas and information and to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Provost’s Challenge faculty and staff teams, Office of Academic Innovation and the Provost’s Challenge project managers.

The Provost’s Challenge supported twenty-four faculty and staff projects beginning in 2013 through full implementation in June 2015, to accelerate online learning, expand the use of innovative technology in educational delivery, and to improve student success and graduation rates. This work was supported by $3 million in grants, creation of the Office of Academic Innovation and establishment of the project management team to support faculty projects. RSVP for the celebration!

PROVOST CHALLENGE II: COMMENCEMENT
Faculty participation is needed and required in commencement!! Last year only 150 of our nearly 1000 faculty attended commencement. In my March 9 commencement blog, I announced a new Provost’s Challenge—the Commencement Challenge. The academic department (or program in the case of colleges without departments) that can achieve the greatest proportion of participation in commencement will be guests at a reception at my home to be scheduled in Fall 2015. The commencement office will track the names of all faculty and staff who participate as volunteers for pre-commencement help on Saturday, June 13, or on commencement day, Sunday, June 14.

Information on participating in commencement can be found at the commencement website. Questions may be directed to commencement@pdx.edu.