PROVOST ANDREWS’ COMMENTS: NOVEMBER 3, 2014 FACULTY SENATE MEETING
(Provided in absentia)

Transition of EMSA Functions to OAA
As of November 1st, the Learning Center, Advising and Career Services, and the Registrar’s Office have been successfully transferred from Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA) to Academic Affairs (OAA) and report to Vice Provost Sukhwant Jhaj. Please see further details regarding the transition on the Provost Blog.

Academic Affairs and EMSA agreed on and used the following guiding principles for the transition:

1. Retain high-quality, non-interrupted services to students
2. Care about individuals (example: no elimination of positions)
3. Use a collaborative process to develop unit specific transition plans
4. Widely share regular communication of discussions and decisions
5. Maintain unit (or functional) budgets (example: Graduate Recruiting and Admissions)
6. Pay attention to logistics and provide high-quality, non-interrupted services to departments (space, IT support, accounting support, etc.)
7. Minimize duplication of services

While some key tasks and outcomes require additional work, the majority of them will be accomplished by the end of November. I want to recognize all those in OAA and EMSA for ensuring the guiding principles were followed, for the open and transparent dialogue and for being great colleagues throughout this process.

Graduate Studies Dean Margaret Everett, Interim EMSA VP Daniel Fortmiller, EMSA Associate VP Cindy Skaruppa, and others are working on the transfer of graduate student recruitment and admissions. I will report on that progress at next month’s Faculty Senate meeting.

Worthy of Note: Planning and work are underway for a university-wide online graduate application!

Provost’s Blog:
Just a friendly reminder: I do have a blog. You can sign up to get emails of the blog posts, or follow it through the link. A number of posts relate to topics of relevance to Faculty Senate conversations and upcoming actions.

Drop-in Conversations with the Provost
On Thursday, October 30th I held my first drop-in conversation opportunity for faculty and staff members. I will be available the following dates and times during the remainder of the fall term for these non-structured, open sessions:

- Monday, November 10, 2:30-3:30, room 294 SMSU
- Monday, December 1, 1:30-2:30, room 294 SMSU

Please refer to my blog post outlining further details about the drop-in sessions:

Strategic Enrollment Management Planning (SEM) and Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) for FY 16.
On October 13th and 17th, I hosted two open forums to provide a recap on the OAA FY 15 budget, to share information on theFY 16 Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) and Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) process and to listen to concerns and questions.

Links to materials from the sessions are referenced in my blog post.

School of Public Health Initiative
On October 21st and 30th two open sessions were held on the potential joint OHSU/PSU School of Public Health (SPH). Elena Andresen, interim dean of the SPH initiative, Leslie McBride interim associate dean, and others shared information on the planning, and listened and responded to questions. A reminder that the Faculty Senate will be asked to make a recommendation on the forming of this school. You should reach out to Elena (andresee@ohsu.edu) or Leslie (bqlm@pdx.edu) if you were unable to attend one of the open sessions and would like information.

Vacant Vice Provost Positions Update
Interviews for three finalists are currently taking place for the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Leadership Development. Department chairs, associate deans, Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Faculty Advisory Committee, AAUP and PSUFA leadership, Deans, President’s Executive Committee, HR and GDI were invited to meet with the candidates and provide input to me. I anticipate making a decision before the end of the month.

The Vice Provost of Budget, Planning and Internationalization position vacated by Kevin Reynolds is being modified and an internal recruitment is anticipated to begin soon. Information will go out to the entire faculty announcing the position and application process.

School of Business Administration Dean Search
First-round interviews for the Dean of the School of Business Administration were held last week. Finalists will be on campus for interviews after November 13th and through early December. Information about schedules and candidates will be posted on the Academic Affairs website: http://www.pdx.edu/academic-affairs/school-of-business-administration-dean-search.

I thank the Search Committee for all their great work.