**Provost Andrews’ Comments - October 6, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting**

Provost Andrews announced a new format for her Senate Report. At each meeting she will make available written information (see **Supplemental Written Information Provided by Provost Andrews to the Faculty Senate, October 6, 2014** below) to be reproduced in the Senate minutes. She will use her report time for discussion items and feedback.

Discussion/Feedback items asked at meeting:

1. What considerations should the Senate keep in mind in moving forward with developing an effective post-tenure review process?
2. Do senators have any suggestions regarding the format used by OAA for taking action on senate actions? C-1 in Oct 6 Senate packet.

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**Flexible degree RFP**
On October 1st I announced to all faculty the [reTHINK PSU: Flexible Degrees RFP](http://psuprovostblog.blogspot.com/). Concept proposals are due by **October 30, 2014**. The RFP continues the efforts on [reTHINK PSU](http://psuprovostblog.blogspot.com/) and builds on the many innovative projects that were submitted as part of reTHINK PSU: [Provost’s Challenge](http://psuprovostblog.blogspot.com/).

**Provost’s Blog** ([http://psuprovostblog.blogspot.com/](http://psuprovostblog.blogspot.com/))
I have created a blog to do more than communicate through attending meetings, writing emails, reporting at Faculty Senate, or sharing information on the provost’s webpage or the PSU Currently. The blog is to share information and thoughts I have on issues, as well as to create a venue for hearing other perspectives, asking and responding to questions, and learning new ideas.

**Drop-in Conversations with the Provost**
I am hosting monthly opportunities for faculty and staff members to stop by for face-to-face conversations. I will be available the following dates and times during the fall term for these non-structured, open sessions:

- Thursday, October 30, 3:00 to 4:00, room 296 SMSU
- Monday, November 10, 2:30-3:30, room 294 SMSU
- Monday, December 1, 1:30-2:30, room 294 SMSU

**Relevant blog post**

**Strategic Enrollment Management Planning (SEM) and Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) for FY 16.**
I will host open forums to provide a recap on OAA FY 15 budget, to share information on the FY 16 Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) and Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) process and to listen to concerns and questions you might have.

- Monday, October 13, 3:00-4:00, SMSU 296/298
- Repeated on Friday, October 17, 9:00-10:00, SMSU 236

**Relevant blog post**
School of Public Health Initiative
Work continues with faculty members and administrators at both PSU and OHSU on planning for a potential joint OHSU/PSU School of Public Health (SPH). Elena Andresen, interim dean of the SPH initiative will host open forums to share information on the planning, to listen to comments and respond to questions.
- Tuesday, October 21 from 2:00-3:00 in SMSU 236
- Thursday, October 30 from 9:00-10:00 in SMSU 236

It is anticipated that later this fall/winter PSU faculty will bring forward to the relevant PSU committees and the Faculty Senate a proposal for consideration for the creation of a joint OHSU/PSU SPH.

AAUP CBA Task Forces
Professor Pam Miller, PSU AAUP President, and I have met to launch the task forces agreed on in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Membership has been established for the following task forces and meetings are being scheduled:

- A joint task force to examine current employment terms and notice requirements for non-tenure track faculty.
- A joint labor/management committee.
- A joint task force to examine and consider revisions to Article 27 (imposition of progressive sanctions).
- A joint task force to review relevant University policies and practices and identify possible changes to provide greater support and career options for employees balancing family and career.

In addition, AAUP and the University have issued a joint letter asking the Faculty Senate to consider a joint taskforce to examine academic quality at Portland State (on Senate agenda for Oct 6th meeting).

Vacant Vice Provost Positions
The Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Leadership Development was vacated by Carol Mack as of September 26, 2014. An internal search began this summer with an invitation for applications and nominations to faculty by email and hard copy letter to their home addresses. The deadline for applications was October 3rd. Eleven faculty members have applied. A small advisory committee is reviewing the applications and will provide input to me. In the interim, the duties are being handled by me, Patricia Williams, Brian Caufield (an employee of the State-Wide University Shared Services), with the assistance of the Departments of Human Resources and Legal Affairs.

The Vice Provost of Budget, Planning and Internationalization has been temporarily vacated by Kevin Reynold as of July 1 for him to assume the interim VP for Finance and Administration. Kevin continues to serve in his Vice Provost for Internationalization role. In the interim, the budget and planning duties are being handled by me, Susan Klees, with assistance from the Division of Finance and Administration.

Relevant blog post