January 8, 2015
Market Center Building: 1600 SW 4th Ave, Room 541 – Gold Room
3-5 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Committee members present: Chair Margaret Kirkpatrick; Vice Chair Swati Adarkar; Maude Hines (arrived at 3:10 pm); Sho Dozono (arrived at 3:10 pm), Pete Nickerson (departed at 3:40 pm), Wim Wiewel (ex-officio, non-voting), Dan Fortmiller (ex-officio, non-voting) and Sona Andrews (ex-officio, non-voting)

Committee members not present: None

Committee staff present: David Reese, Shelley Winn and Donna Bergh

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Margaret Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC), called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. David Reese, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, declared a quorum was present. Membership of the Committee was briefly discussed due to the approval of a new Trustee, PSU student Maria Carolina Gonzales-Prats. The members agreed that Ms. Gonzales-Prats should be invited to join the Committee. The meeting was convened.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Action: Adarkar moved that the committee approve the minutes from the November 7, 2014 ASAC meeting. Nickerson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL: PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTER IN ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Provost Sona Andrews withdrew the program proposal from the agenda and will reschedule the discussion when the program has completed the necessary external review.

4. reTHINK PSU--DISCUSSION

Provost Andrews introduced the reTHINK PSU campus initiative—a set of activities that are designed to develop solutions to challenges facing PSU. The goal of reTHINK PSU is to deliver an education that serves more students with better outcomes, while containing costs through
curricular innovation, community engagement and effective use of technology. Andrews invited Sukhwant Jhaj, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Student Success, and one of the architects of reTHINK PSU, to present the topic with her. He addressed the first stage of reTHINK PSU, the Provost’s Challenge, a process that crowd-sourced a set of 160 innovative projects proposed by faculty and staff. Twenty-four projects were selected last year and funded from one-time monies collected as part of the student online fee. Projects will be completed by June 2015. The second stage of reTHINK PSU, the PSU Flexible Degrees proposals, was launched this fall. Successful proposals will be selected in February and will be comprised of degrees where 50% or more of the degree can be completed online. The proposals provide well-articulated pathways for undergraduate students who have attended some college to return and achieve their credentials. Proposals will also provide avenues for graduate students. Trustees were referred to the Academic Affairs website for more details on both the Provost Challenge and the PSU Flexible Degrees. See LINK.

A final report on the Provost Challenge will be shared with Trustees following the completion of the projects.

There was no public comment.

5. **Next Steps and Adjournment**

With no further comments or questions from the committee, Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting and invited members to participate in a scheduled tour of the Portland State Office of Academic Innovation (OAI), an innovation center for supporting faculty and reTHINK PSU activities. Trustees met faculty and staff and learned about OAI resources and examples of the Provost Challenge projects underway.