June 6, 2014

To: Provost Andrews

From: Portland State University Faculty Senate
       Leslie McBride, Presiding Officer

SUBJ: Notice of Senate Actions

On June 2, 2014 the Senate approved the Curricular Consent Agenda recommending the proposed new undergraduate and graduate courses and program changes listed in Appendix E.1 of the June 2014 Faculty Senate Agenda.

6/19/14—OAA concurs with the approval of the Curricular Consent Agenda.

In addition, Senate voted to recommend the following:

1. creation of the Academic Prioritization Ad hoc Committee, item D.1, as amended:
   The President and Provost, in consultation with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, have given assurance that [no] the total number of tenure-line positions will [be eliminated] not decrease as a direct result of the Academic Program Prioritization Process. [Although] Tenured faculty may be assigned to another department or program depending on needs and expertise.

6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation as stated above and is working with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and the Faculty Advisory committee on nominations and selection of committee members.

2. amendment of the Constitution to add a University Writing Committee, item D2, as amended to clarify the voting status of standing members;

6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation to establish a University Writing Committee.

3. approval of the Master of Science and Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education in GSE, item E.2;

6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation to approve the program; Steve Harmon will work the Graduate School of Education to ensure that an external review is conducted. With a positive external review, Provost Andrews will submit the program simultaneously to the Academic & Student Affairs Committee of the PSU Board of Trustees and the Provosts’ Council for their review and potential submittal to HECC for final approval.
4. approval of a Graduate Certificate in Training and Development in GSE, item E3;
6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation; Steve Harmon will notify the Graduate School of Education.

5. approval of the Undergraduate Major in Judaic Studies in CLAS, item E.4, as amended to replace the requirement for HEB 303 Third-year Hebrew with HEB 399 Third-year Hebrew, term 3;
6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation to approve the program contingent on Senate approval of HEB 399 in October 2014. Subsequent to the June Senate meeting, the UCC did receive a proposal for HEB 399 and has endorsed its approval. Provost Andrews has sought and gained approval for the program from the SBHE Academic Strategies Committee.

6. approval of the proposal for an Undergraduate Minor in Chicano/Latino Studies in CLAS, item E5, as amended to add HST 325 MEXICAN AMERICAN/CHICANO HISTORY I, 1492-1900 and HST 326 MEXICAN AMERICAN/CHICANO HISTORY II, 1900-Present to the list of approved electives and CHLA cross-lists;
6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation; Steve Harmon will notify the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the department. Provost Andrews has sought and gained approval for the program from the SBHE Academic Strategies Committee.

7. changing the reporting structure of the Intensive English Language Program from CLAS to OAA, item E6;
6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation and will work this summer on implementation.

8. approval of an Ad hoc Committee for Post Tenure Review, item E7.
6/19/14—OAA concurs with the recommendation and will work with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Best regards,

Leslie McBride
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs