To: Margaret Everett, Interim Provost  
From: Portland State University Faculty Senate  
Michael Clark, Presiding Officer; Richard Beyler, Secretary  
Date: 6 June 2018  
Re: Notice of Senate Actions

At its regular meeting on 4 June 2018 Faculty Senate approved the curricular consent agenda recommending the proposed new courses, changes to courses, and changes to programs given in Attachment E.1 to the June Agenda, with technical corrections announced without objection at the meeting.

6-7-18—OAA concurs with the recommendation and approves the proposed new courses, changes to courses, and changes to programs.

In addition, Faculty Senate voted to approve:

• a new Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Analytics in The School of Business, as summarized in Attachment E.2;

6-7-18—OAA concurs with the recommendation and approves the graduate certificate.

• a new Undergraduate Minor in American Sign Language in the College of Liberal Arts in Sciences, as summarized in Attachment E.3;

6-7-18—OAA concurs with the recommendation and approves the undergraduate minor.

• a memorandum of agreement between the University and PSU-AAUP, dated 26 April 2018, regarding supplemental letters issued to newly hired tenure-track Faculty members, with respect to incorrect P&T Guidelines, reproduced as Attachment E.4;

6-7-18—OAA concurs with the recommendation and approves the memorandum.

• a resolution regarding the Confucius Institute at PSU (posted to the Faculty Senate website).

6-7-18—OAA does not concur with all of the items in this resolution, and does not fully understand the intent of other items. The provost notes that there was a lively discussion about the Confucius Institute at PSU and about the resolution, and that the vote was split, with a narrow majority voting in favor. This lengthy resolution was not introduced in advance of the June Faculty Senate meeting and was not provided with any detailed explanation. The provost has offered recommendations for changes to the PSU-Hanban contract for its renewal in 2019, which she believes can easily address concerns about Academic Freedom and clarify the long-standing intention that the CI visiting scholars provide only non-credit programming. Assertions that the AAUP should represent these or any other J-1 scholars at PSU through our
Visiting Scholars program are not appropriate as such Visiting Scholars are not PSU employees. We have 150-200 such J-1 Visiting Scholars on our campus each year from around the world, and OAA greatly values their contributions to scholarship, education and community partnerships. Finally, the CIPSU has benefitted throughout its history from significant and unusually strong involvement and oversight by PSU faculty, who led the effort to establish the institute in 2008, have served on its governing board each year, and served as its directors. OAA remains very open to further discussions about how this oversight and engagement can be enhanced in the future.

Faculty Senate elected as new officers for 2018-19:
• Isabel Jaén Portillo (WLL), Presiding Officer Elect;
• Rowanna Carpenter (UNST) and Liane O’Banion (TLC), members of Steering Committee.

Divisional caucuses chose as members of the Committee on Committees:
• AO: Nick Matlick (REG);
• CLAS-AL: Susan Reese (ENG);
• CLAS-Sci: pending;
• CLAS-SS: Sri Craven (WGSS) and Claudia Meyer (SPHR);
• COTA: pending;
• SB: Michael Dimond;
• SPH: Lynne Messer.

6-7-18—OAA congratulates the new senate officers and committee members.

Best regards,

Michael Clark
Presiding Officer

Richard H. Beyler
Secretary to the Faculty

Margaret C. Everett
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs