A&SA Committee Charge

• (1) educational quality and academic programs
• (2) achievement compact and other academic performance measures
• (3) major changes to the academic program
• (4) athletic programs
• (5) policies regarding student life and conduct, faculty, academic affairs and research
REAFFIRMATION OF MISSION AND CORE THEMES IN THE CONTEXT OF ACCREDITATION
Why an A&AS Agenda Item?

• Our accrediting body (NWCCU) requires a board approved mission and “core themes”
• Currently in compliance given OSBHE approved PSU’s mission and core themes
• We have filed a “substantive change” request to NWCCU for a change of board control effective July 1
• Recommended action item for committee at May meeting and for full Board in June to reaffirm mission and NWCCU core themes
• What is accreditation?
  – Evaluation by a neutral, external party
  – US DOE as well as CHEA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation) are recognized as ensuring accreditors are trustworthy
  – For institutions as well as select programs

• Why is it important?
  • Provides assurances of quality
  • Provides eligible students access to federal financial aid
NWCCU 7 Year Accreditation Cycle.

- **Year 1**: Evaluation of Mission and Core Themes
- **Year 3**: Revised Year 1 and Evaluation of Educational Resources and Capacity
- **Year 7**: Revised Years 1 and 3 and Planning and Implementation; Effectiveness and Improvement; and Mission Fulfillment, Adaptation, and Sustainability
Mission & Accreditation Core Themes

Portland State's mission is to enhance the intellectual, social, cultural and economic qualities of urban life and provide community service that...reflect(s) issues important to the region.

Portland State values intellectual inquiry in its undergraduate and graduate programs and maintains a welcoming and stimulating environment that is conducive to success for students...

- Community Engagement and Civic Leadership
- Innovative Research and Scholarship
- Student Success
- Educational Opportunity

Portland State's mission is to conduct research... that support(s) a high quality educational environment and reflect(s) issues important to the region.

Portland State's mission is to provide access through the life span to a quality liberal education and an appropriate array of professional and graduate programs and promote the development of a network of educational institutions to serve the community.
3rd Year Commendations

• Deeply committed to mission of “enhancing the intellectual, social, cultural and economic qualities of urban life,” and the mission is widely understood and embraced by faculty, staff and administration.

• Assessment to support genuine and meaningful collaboration between student affairs and academic affairs is evident at Portland State
• education of Portland State students is enriched through numerous connections to the community
• commitment to sustainability is evident in its curriculum, research efforts, green construction, facility master plan and other sustainable practices
Recommendations

• indicators of achievement need to be better aligned with clearly defined and meaningful levels of mission fulfillment

• policies and practices regarding post-tenure review be strengthened

• implement an effective system for the review of academic programs
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
Why an A&SA Agenda Item?

- To provide an overview of our programs of study
- At present, new academic programs are approved by the SBHE
- Transition to the HECC
- Recommended action item for committee at May meeting and for full board in June to determine PSU BOT involvement
Why an A&SA Agenda Item?

• Informational to understand the ranks and types of faculty
• At some point the board will need to adopt/amend academic ranks and titles
• Informational to provide some data on distribution of faculty types
Fall Headcount
All Tenure-line Faculty* and Fixed Term Instructional Faculty

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