OASFAA Executive Board Meeting/Transition Meeting

May 13, 2013

Chemeketa Community College

Members present: Heather Hall Lewis, Ryan West, Donna Fulton, Michelle Holdway, Robert Rodgers, Ana Dugan, Susan Degen, Frankie Everett, Jennifer Knight, Kathy Campbell, Mike Johnson, Suzie Petersen, Christina Negrete, Helen Faith

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by President Suzie Petersen

**Housekeeping Items** – Suzie asked for past officers and committee chairs pass on their notebooks to new officer and committee chairs.

**Review of minutes from previous Executive Council meeting** – Ryan West noted one correction was made to the spelling of Bert Logan’s name. Kathy Campbell moved to approve the minutes; Donna Fulton seconded. No discussion and the motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** /**Committee Budgets for 13-14** –

* Development – Robert Rodgers reported raising $15,750 for development from vendor support from the Annual Conference. Suggested raising budgeted income for 13-14 to $16,500.
* Annual Conference – No change to budget; Slight increase in expenses in 2012-13; registration fees to remain the same.
* Executive Council Budget – No change
* FA 101/201 – Expenses increased to $1800; Registration fees remain the same.
* Mentoring – Sue Shogren requested budget of $2000 for mentor travel, materials and resources (speaker/trainer). Mentee’s are not reimbursed for their travel. Discussion and input indicated that there was strong support in getting the program off the ground and also that WASFAA will be interested in seeing how it takes off.
* Outreach – no budget. Not currently active; removing from budget at this time.
* Summer Drive- In – No change
* Support Staff Workshop – No Change
* Technology – No change at this time. Ben is still pursuing alternatives to ATAC. Ben did not feel that any of the possible alternatives would cost more than what we are paying now.
* Training – No change
* Membership dues – suggestion on proposing dues increase to the membership. Strong feeling from discussion that we should leave at $25 in support of schools that are struggling with budgets.

Heather Hall Lewis reported that there would be a $1400 projected income for next year based on committee events and budgets. Increase Executive Council expenses budget from $11,000 to $12,400 to cover any contingencies.

Suzie Petersen called for further discussion on any of the proposed budgets and changes. No further discussion. Donna Fulton moved to approve budgets with noted changes. Jennifer Knight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**:

**Annual Conference**- no formal report. Russell and Rachel had a baby! Michelle Holdway shared that the conference went well and that there were many positive evaluations. Russell does not currently have co-chair appointed. Discussion among the group indicated that there was a strong desire/need that we return to the 2-year co-chair rotation. Suzie will touch base with Russell via email on selecting a co-chair prior to the first meeting of the Annual Conference committee this summer. Michelle indicated that she would be happy to have a transition meeting with the designated co-chair if Russell is not available.

**Archives** – no formal report. Ryan continues to save electronic information in a “safe place” and other items are still being stored at Western Oregon University.

**Development** – newly approved budget of $16,500. A list of potential vendors has been created. Frankie will send emails to those vendors prior to the newsletter going out promote advertising opportunities. Also will be looking to generate fund raising through Support Staff Workshop and FA 101/201 sponsorships. Frankie will also be contacting potential committee members for assistance. Will also work with membership committee to identify new vendors that join the organization to add them to the list of potential vendors for sponsorship.

**FA 101/201** – Overall, the event was successful. Fewer participants than previous year – 31 attendees total. Same faculty and format were utilized. Committee felt that they reached the audience they were aiming for. Ryan West (FA 101/201 Faculty member) indicated that a staff member from Western Oregon University’s multicultural center attended the training and said that it was extremely helpful to her. There were some suggestions to broaden our outreach of this event to other student-service centered offices at schools. This event can be a great opportunity for networking both in and out of financial aid.

**Legislative** – Susan provided handout that summarized Federal issues and state issues/proposals that are currently in play. Some key federal issues that were discussed were student loan interest rates, and key changes to parental information on 2014-15 FAFSA regarding student’s legal parents regardless of their marital status and/or gender if those parents live together. Discussion raised concerns about the vagueness of the description of parent/stepparent, as well as the need for more clarification from the Department of Education as this moves forward. Other issues discussed were the Smarter Borrowing Act – where entrance/exit counseling for the Parent PLUS Loan may be required in the future. Also, the Federal Pell Grant is fully funded for 2013-14 and a slight surplus is being projected for 2014-15.

State issues – there are some bills affecting post-secondary institutions and OSAC that Susan suggests schools pay close attention to. HB 2898 – would prohibit a community college, public or private university from denying financial aid to a student for the sole reason that the student did not receive a regular high school diploma. HB 3427A would allow students to enroll in a participating institution without paying tuition or fees, but they must sign a binding contract to pay the state or the institution a certain percentage of their annual adjusted gross income upon graduation for a specified number of years. HB3079A – would require institutions of higher education to provide students with fact sheets regarding costs, loans, educational value, etc. – similar to the “shopping sheet” being required by the Department of Education.

**Membership** - 2012-13 membership year ends May 31st. Membership chair, Stacie Englund will be submitting request to Ben Wessel to have ATAC update the membership application for 2013-14. Stacie also requests that current membership access to the OASFAA website be extended to July 31 for those members that are not able to renew their membership until the new fiscal year. This will allow them to continue to receive OASFAA news regarding upcoming events – such as the Summer Drive-In. Since Stacie is also the OASFAA Secretary for 2013-14, it was suggested that a committee member or co-chair be named for the membership committee. Suzie will contact Ashley Coleman, OASFAA volunteer coordinator, with all needs for committee chairs and co-chairs.

**Summer Drive-In** – No formal report. Helen Faith will be chair and requested Sarah Arslanian with ASA/SALT to be co-chair.

**Mentoring** - Sue Shogren and Ashley Kikukawa were not in attendance. Submitted report via email. The EC approved $2,000 for 2013-14 for the committee to cover anticipated expenditures for travel, materials/resources, food, and speaker/trainer. Mentors and Mentoring partners plan to meet during June for a full day to meet each other and participate in some professional development training.

**Newsletter** – Sue Shogren was not in attendance. Submitted report via email. Next newsletter publication will be June 2013. Proposed deadlines and publication dates for future issues – September 30, 2013 for publication in October. December 15, 2013 for publication in early January 2014. Proposed committee volunteers (a.k.a the Editorial Board).

**OSAC Liaison** – Susan Degen reports that funding for Oregon Opportunity Grant has been increased 15%. Will have approximately $113-114 million for the 2013-2015 biennium. There may be small increases in the next two years to the annual award amount. For 2013-14, so far have awarded $110 million to about 55,000 students so far. OSAC Scholarship application update- programmers redesigned application so that students could create a profile and filter scholarships they met the criteria for. OSAC did not have sufficient server capacity to support filtering and application. OSAC had to restrict the number of people that could be online accessing their application at one time. Due to these issues, OSAC allowed any student that had created a profile by March 1st to finish it and submit it by March 7th. OSAC received more than 12,000 applications. 8,600 were valid applications. OSAC has already had meeting on how to fix the programming problem in the future. Lastly, Susan will be working to identify if additional Oregon Opportunity Grant awards can be made for those that filed after January 31 and hopes to have that available prior the start of the 2013-14 academic year.

**Site Selection** –Donna Fulton reports that the contract has been signed with Salishan for the 2014 conference. Donna also reports that Salishan will offer us the same rate for 2015 if we want to pursue that at this time.

**Support Staff Workshop** – no report. It was noted that Chippi Bello and Darcie Iven from Clackamas Community College are still interested in co-chairing for this event. Suzie will contact Chippi and Darcie to confirm and also suggest recruiting committee members from other segments, 4year independent, and 4 year- public.

**Technology** – no report. Ben Wessel has agreed to continue as committee chair. It was noted that website access to certain areas needs to be updated for new EC.

**Training** – no report. It was noted that Leslie Limper will continue to do NT4CM/OUS tour. Plan is to continue on with same format as last year.

**Vendor Liaison** – No report. Robert Rodgers noted that Greg Kerr with Inceptia was selected as the vendor liaison at the Annual Conference in February.

**Volunteer Committee (ad hoc)** – Ashley Coleman was not in attendance. Submitted report via email. Committee goals are to increase awareness of volunteer opportunities within OASFAA, develop tracking methods to keep tabs on volunteers and their interests, develop a volunteer recognition program. In addition would like to update OASFAA website with current committee descriptions, and plan a Volunteer Open House event for the 2014 Annual Conference.

Donna Fulton motioned to approve the following committee chairs for 2013-14. Heather Hall-Lewis seconded. No further discussion and the motioned passed.

Annual Conference – Russell Seidelman, co-chair to be determined.

Archives – Ryan West

Development – Frankie Everett

FA 101/201- Mike Johnson and Kathy Campbell

Legislative – Susan Degen

Membership – Stacie Englund, co-chair to be determined.

Mentoring – Sue Shogren and Ashley Kikukawa

Newsletter – Sue Shogren. Proposed committee members also approved.

OSAC Liaison – Susan Degen

Site Selection – Donna Fulton

Summer Drive-In – Sarah Arslanian and Helen Faith

Support Staff Workshop – Open. Suzie will contact Chippi Bello and Darcie Iven to confirm their intent to chair.

Technology – Ben Wessel

Training – Leslie Limper

Vendor Liaison – Greg Kerr

Volunteer (ad hoc) – Ashley Coleman

**Officer Reports:**

**Past President** – Donna Fulton reports that WASFAA has requested items for their silent auction at the upcoming conference. Suggestion was made to do a “Made in Oregon” basket. Melinda Dunnick is donating a glass art piece. Kathy Campbell will put together items and take to the conference. Donna also reports that NASFAA is requesting photos from state organizations for the NASFAA conference. Donna suggested that we send pictures from the Annual Conference festivities. Heather Hall-Lewis will send some Mardi Gras pictures to Donna to forward on to NASFAA.

**President-Elect** – no report

**President** – Suzie would like to set dates for the upcoming years Executive Council meetings. Also, would like to encourage segmental Vice Presidents to reach out to their segments to see what is happening in their areas – any news, concerns, etc. that the VP’s can report back to the Executive Council. Ryan West suggested that utilizing the segment list-serv via the OASFAA website might be beneficial to reach out to all current members within each segment.

**Segmental VP - 2 year Public** – Kathy Campbell reports that there have been discussions among community college Financial Aid Directors on the Cohort Default Rate and how to get those rates down. Also discussing community colleges switching from FTE to performance based completion. Kathy has also been keeping up on the happenings at CCWD – the state authorization for community colleges.

**Segmental VP – 4 year Public** – No report.

**Segmental VP- Proprietary** – No report.

**Segmental VP – 4 year Private** – Jennifer Knight mentioned some areas that the private segment has been experiencing – such as cost increases and transparency, shopping sheet requirements, Oregon Opportunity Grant cut off dates, and enrollment goals.

**Other/New Business:**

Michelle Holdway reported that she and Helen Faith attended a NASFAA sponsored conference for treasurer-elect and president –elect. Conference helped them to brainstorm ways to make organization run better. Ideas were presented on involving membership, focusing on ethics, and how to run meetings in an efficient manner, etc. Michelle and Helen also had the opportunity to meet with state legislators, and sit in on committees. Michelle felt it was a good investment, so that if are able to continue to send people in the future – we should. Michelle also extended her thanks to the Executive Council for allowing her to attend. It was suggested that perhaps Helen and/or Michelle possibility write an article for the newsletter about their experiences.

Kathy Campbell suggested that committees also be showcased in the newsletter – outlining what the committee does, how to get involved, etc.

Dates were set for the future Executive Council meetings – July 10th and October 23rd

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacie Englund

2013-14 OASFAA Secretary