

President's Report—Faculty Senate 4.13.21

1. Reopening update

The reopening large group meets every other week and is developing ideas on how to open safely in fall 2021. The goal is to be able to safely conduct in-person instruction and co-curricular activities as well as work group meetings related to all aspects of university life.

The faculty in Natural Science and Mathematics prepared a discussion paper, based on recent scientific evidence, calls for installation of HEPA filters in classrooms, and by extension, larger multi-person offices and spaces. In the coming months we will test the viability of this solution to include assessing noise and overall effectiveness of this solution. Federal Funds from the America Rescue Plan can be used to support this investment.

Vaccines are now available for university employees who are not able to fulfill their responsibilities by telecommuting. By extension family members of these employees are also eligible for the vaccine. With our vaccine center on campus, employees are making appointments and getting vaccines.

Oregon plans to open vaccines to those aged 16 and over after April 19 and WOU is exploring a vaccination week to promote vaccines for WOU students. The goal would be to have WOU students vaccinated before they finish spring term. These two efforts will greatly improve the likelihood of a more normal fall 2021 opening. This [report](#) from ACE provide a useful summary of some issues related to vaccines and fall reopening.

2. Legislative updates

[Senate Bill 233](#) **Common course numbering** to support **transfer students**. Community colleges appear to support more authority for HECC to resolve differences over the Transfer Council's advisory role. Separately, a designated set of university registrars and community college academic administrators continue to work to identify the most highly transferred set of courses that would initially be prioritized for common numbering. This bill is scheduled for a work session.

[House Bill 2835](#) **benefits navigator**. This bill passed unanimously out of House Education last week with a \$5M fiscal statement. It was referred to Joint Ways and Means.

[House Bill 2590](#) **Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students**. Rep. Alonso Leon is holding a work group meeting this week to discuss amendments that we hope we will establish an explicit role for campus voices, in addition to those of students, on the task force. It has been referred to Joint Ways and Means.

Finally, here is a video link WOU sent to legislators to promote additional funding for higher education through PUSF funding: [Video Link](#)

Dave McDonald coordinates these efforts, and a big thank you to Senate President, Leigh Graziano!

3. Oregon Council of Presidents (OCOP) report on Federal Funds: submitted to Joint Ways and Means and Education Subcommittee for Ways and Means

CARES Funds Provided to Oregon Universities (HEERF 1):

University	Total HEERF 1 Allocation	Emergency Grants to Students	Institutional Aid
EOU	\$1,215,854	\$579,164	\$636,690
OIT	\$1,807,274	\$903,637	\$903,637
OSU	\$15,559,998	\$7,779,999	\$7,779,999
PSU	\$16,640,404	\$8,320,202	\$8,320,202
SOU	\$3,422,079	\$1,711,040	\$1,711,039
UO	\$16,095,946	\$8,047,973	\$8,047,973
WOU	\$4,281,684	\$2,140,842	\$2,140,842

CRRSAA Funds Provided to Oregon Universities (HEERF II):

University	Total HEERF II Allocation	Emergency Grants to Students	Institutional Aid
EOU	\$2,787,527	\$579,164	\$2,208,363
OIT	\$4,145,176	\$903,637	\$3,241,539
OSU	\$26,602,486	\$7,779,999	\$18,822,487
PSU	\$30,740,104	\$8,320,202	\$22,419,901
SOU	\$6,202,456	\$1,711,040	\$4,491,416
UO	\$24,150,869	\$8,047,973	\$16,102,896
WOU	\$7,059,841	\$2,140,842	\$4,918,999

PROJECTED American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds Provided to Oregon Universities (HEERF III):

University	Total Projected HEERF III Allocation	Emergency Grants to Students	Institutional Aid
EOU	\$4,700,000	\$2,350,000	\$2,350,000
OIT	\$7,337,000	\$3,668,500	\$3,668,500
OSU	\$47,077,589	\$24,263,179	\$22,814,410
PSU	\$54,194,338	\$27,392,338	\$26,802,000
SOU	\$10,913,000	\$5,456,500	\$5,456,500
UO	\$42,587,000	\$21,293,500	\$21,293,500
WOU	\$12,351,000	\$6,175,000	\$6,176,000

Summary of Restrictions on the Use of Funds by Institutions

HEERF I in CARES restricted the allowable uses of funds by institutions, limiting uses to defraying expenses due to the significant change in delivery of instruction. HEERF II and HEERF III expanded the allowable use of funds to include lost revenue, faculty and staff trainings, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, and student support activities for needs related to the pandemic.

Total Allocations:

University	Total Federal Funds Received	Emergency Grants to Students	Institutional Aid	Combined Lost Revenue and COVID Expenses	Net Gap
EOU	\$8,703,381	\$3,508,328	\$5,029,451	\$3,194,321	\$1,835,130
OIT	\$13,289,450	\$5,475,774	\$7,813,676	\$8,018,374	(\$204,698)
OSU	\$89,240,073	\$39,823,177	\$49,416,896	\$177,613,891	(\$128,196,995)
PSU	\$101,574,846	\$44,032,734	\$57,542,103	\$42,949,664	\$14,592,439
SOU	\$20,537,535	\$8,878,580	\$11,658,955	\$33,124,490	(\$21,465,535)
UO	\$82,833,815	\$37,389,446	\$45,444,369	\$209,981,725	(\$164,537,356)
WOU	\$23,692,525	\$10,456,684	\$13,235,841	\$14,194,752	(\$958,911)
TOTAL	\$339,871,625	\$149,564,732	\$190,141,291	\$489,077,217	(\$298,935,926)

4. Nudges/FTE

Registration Nudges and Advising Holds Fact Sheet

As a continuation of the registration nudges initiative, the table below shows the impact of registration nudges sent during Winter Term 2021 for Winter 2021 registration. Advisors were sent lists of their unregistered students to nudge on March 2, 2021. Advisor holds were expired and a second round of nudges were sent to students from Niki Weight on March 19, 2021. Targeted nudges were sent to students with expired advisor holds, accounts receivable holds, and no holds/other holds with instructions tailored to those groups. A list of students not registered with information about if they had an accounts receivable was sent to the Business Office as requested for additional outreach by that office. A final text nudge was sent by Niki to students without registration holds on March 26, 2021. By April 1, 2021, the percent of students not registered for Winter term (excluding students who applied for graduation, attending OHSU, or placed on academic suspension), who were not registered on March 2, dropped from 25.7% to 6.4%, an increase of 653 students registering for spring term*.

Date Enrollment Status Checked	Date Registration Nudge Sent	Students Not Registered Spring Term 2021	Applied for Graduation Winter Term 2021	Students Attending OHSU	Total Students Not Registered (excluding graduating and OHSU students)	Percent of Students Not Registered (excluding graduating and OHSU students)	Total Students Enrolled Fall Term 2020
3/2/2021	3/2/2021	1028	101	73	867	25.7%	3541
			Additional Graduation Applications for Winter 2021		Total Students Not Registered (excluding graduating and OHSU students)	Percent of Students Not Registered (excluding graduating and OHSU students)	
3/18/2021	3/18/2021	440	2	n/a	438	13.0%	
	Text nudge to students without hold		Additional Graduation Applications for Winter 2020	Students Suspended *(that were not already registered)	Total Students Not Registered (excluding graduating, OHSU, and suspended students)	Percent of Students Not Registered (excluding graduating, OHSU, and suspended students)	
3/26/2021	3/26/2021	309	2	12* (26 total)	297	8.8%	
				Withdrew from Winter and not registered for spring (excluded from report)	Final Total Students Not Registered (excluding graduating, OHSU, and suspended students)	Final Percent of Students Not Registered (excluding graduating, OHSU, and suspended students)	
4/1/2021	n/a	216	n/a	4	214	6.4%	

*These nudge stats track the status of those students not registered for classes on March 2. Small numbers of other students may have registered and subsequently dropped, but they are not included in these reports.