

- **Appreciation to the Senate Executive Committee:** I wished to thank Adele and her team for a very productive joint retreat of the Academic Affairs leadership group and the Faculty Senate executive team.
- **Updates** – a number of updates:
 - **We will be reviewing options for hosting a speaker or two this year as part of the Jensen Lecture Series;** President Fuller and I would like to focus the year on speakers who deal with issues related to supporting students in achieving successful college completion. If faculty/staff have suggestions, please forward them to me.
 - **Compliance issues with Federal Financial Aid** – due to Federal Department of Education requirements, we must address several issues that will affect some customary practices:
 - **Registrar Office and Financial Aid Office are working out details on how we must schedule course starts and conclusions in summer session.** The DOE only recognizes certain calendaring of sessions – we have too many unique start/stops in summer. Failure on our part results in students not being able to receive financial aid and the university is cited on its federal audits. There will be an upside to the coming changes – we will be able to better implement course on-line enrollment, last day to drop, grade submission, course evaluations and the like. More details will be forthcoming.
 - **Gainful Employment reporting** – free-standing certificate programs require Federal DOE approval to be offered if they are to be covered by Federal financial aid. The reporting is onerous. Fortunately, most (if not all) of our current students are in programs for which students are not receiving FAFSA-related financial aid (they are not full-time students or they complete a certificate that is nested within a declared bachelors or masters program. **Warning** that if students do receive Federal financial aid and chose to drop out of the degree program, we cannot issue a free-standing certificate. We will include disclaimers in future catalog copy and financial aid information.
 - **Great Oregon ShakeOut – Next** Thursday, Oct 20 at 10:20 AM. You have already received some notices from Public Safety about this drill. I wish to encourage all faculty to use their best judgment on whether to have their class participate in this drill – including drop and cover and evacuating the building and migrating to the building's safe site (signs in the building). The more involved the campus community is in actively participating in the drill, the better prepared for a real event. I will be sending out an all faculty notice about this and ask for Faculty Senate endorsement of faculty to participate.
 - **Veteran's Day** – As noted by Adele in her address, I had requested Executive Committee's support in asking for faculty to accommodate veterans in their class who request to be absent on Veteran's Day. Treat as an excused absence. A notice to faculty will go out. Bill Kernan will have the carillon play Taps at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The Veteran's Center (Andrew Holbert) is also planning events for veterans. More will come out as the date approaches.
 - **Curriculum proposals** – syllabi must have course learning outcomes and notation of whether any of the course learning outcomes align with university learning outcomes (ULOs). More about learning outcomes at the Academic Effectiveness web page:
<http://www.wou.edu/cai/initiatives/assessment/> (in A-Z directory)
- **Closing comment -- Fall Preview Day:** Appreciate the positive impact that faculty have on students and families at Admissions Preview Day events. Fall Preview is November 5.