

- **Encourage programs to do self-reflection on sustainability measures:** I wished to note that I've learned of a number of departments/programs engaging in developing approaches to make their curriculums more efficient (more sustainable) while still meeting program needs. All this helps since we must have programs that are effective, academically, but also fiscally sustainable.
- **Willamette Promise and OSU:** as previously referenced in Faculty Senate, some resistance exists to acceptance of Willamette Promise credits – principally, by OSU & OSU Cascades. OSU interim provost Ron Adams and I are organizing a meeting between Willamette Promise faculty/staff and academic leadership at OSU to attempt to resolve the issue.
- **Faculty Senate recommended criteria for awarding Emeritus status:** I've asked deans to review the document with division chairs one more time to identify any operational impediments.
- **Pastega Award nominations are due:** email was sent out reminding faculty, staff, students about nomination of individuals for the Pastega Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Pastega Award for Excellence in Scholarship. Information can be found at:

<http://www.wou.edu/facultysenate/committees/pastega-award/>

Closing comment: My appreciation to Dr. Mark Perlman and Richard Kavanagh (University Computing Services) who provided testimony to the Joint Committee on Ways & Means opening road show hearing last Friday evening in Salem.