

- **WOU Presence in Salem open house** – I wish to thank Sue Monahan and her able assistants, Beverly West and Hilary Holman-Kidd, for putting together the information displays on WOU’s Salem initiative. Between 60-80 individuals dropped in for the session. Keep tuned for further opportunity to participate in this University Strategic Plan initiative.
- The liberal studies AB degree, an anchor program in our Salem initiative, is on the Provosts Council June 5<sup>th</sup> docket for approval and then from there will go on to the HECC and NWCCU.
- A second anchor program in our Salem initiative, the MA in Organizational Leadership, is now undergoing external review by a team of three reviewers with experience in similar programs and prospective student markets (Western Kentucky University, Fort Hays State University, and Westchester University). Cat McGrew is facilitating the external review process. Our intended timetable is to make simultaneous submissions to the WOU Board of Trustees and Provosts Council for review in July, then on to the HECC and NWCCU.
- **Academic Showcase** next Thursday, May 31; my appreciation to all faculty sponsoring student projects, serving a session leads, and for promoting the event to your classes. Please be extra kind to any members of the PURE Committee you run into.
- **Closing Comment** – Andrew Holbert, Director of the Veterans Resource Center sent out a May 10th email invitation to the Memorial Day Banquet at 5:00 PM, next Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The nominal \$5 ticket does not come close to covering the 3-course dinner the veterans have planned for this event. Location: Pacific Rm.