

# Engineering Technology Industry Council

Meeting held on January 23, 2002

Minutes approved on 3/1/02

## In Attendance:

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| Ron Adams           | OSU  |
| Norm Armour         | LSI Logic                                  |
| Bob Broeg           | WOU  |
| Joe Cox             | OUS  |
| Joyce Cresswell     | Saturday Academy                           |
| Bruce De Young      | OSU  |
| Martha Anne Dow     | OIT  |
| Mike Driscoll       | PSU  |
| Bob Dryden          | OUS  |
| Charmagne Ehrenhaus | OUS/OCATE                                  |
| Ron Geason          | OUS  |
| Michelle Girts      | CH2M HILL                                  |
| Joseph Graf         | SOU  |
| David Hackleman     | Hewlett-Packard                            |
| Jack Isselman       | ESI, Inc.                                  |
| David Johnson       | UO   |
| Gary Lietke         | OUS  |
| Rich Linton         | UO   |
| Dick Lytle          | OMSE                                       |
| Amy McKinley        | OIT  |
| Ellen Nyberg        | Oregon Economic and Development Commission |
| Wally Rhines        | Mentor Graphics                            |
| Skip Rung           |  |
| Bruce Schafer       | OUS  |
| Cathy Swider        | OUS  |
| Ed Thompson         | OHSU                                       |
| Diane Vines         | OUS  |

Wally Rhines, Council Chair, opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

## **Budget Update**

Joe Cox gave an update on the state budget. The Governor Kitzhaber had held a press conference earlier in the day and Joe distributed copies of the higher education budget and press release. Joe gave a review of the budget crisis timeline. In January the Governor announced an all cuts budget reflecting an \$83M reduction in funds for higher education. On January 14th members of the legislature supplied their version of the budget, which reduced the reduction to about \$63M. Making different cuts and using one-time funds would achieve this. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Governor released a second version of the budget making the cuts to higher education \$44.5M. The Governor increased the EEIF funding from \$17M to \$19.5M but did not restore Top Tier funding which had been previously eliminated. Joe told the council these were not the final numbers. The legislature will meet in a special session on February 8<sup>th</sup> to decide on final reductions. He felt the legislature was committed to not raising tuition and providing continued access to Oregonians.

## **Research RFP**

Bruce Schafer reported on the review and approval of recommendations of the Research RFP Committee. Of the eighteen proposals received, sixteen met the RFP requirements. Five

proposals received priority based on their match ratio and remaining proposals were placed in a tie-breaking lottery. Three proposals were selected. Three people witnessed the lottery to insure its credibility. Bruce indicated the next step was to verify the matching funds by the industry sponsors and then transfer the funds. A list of the winning proposals are posted on the ETIC website at <http://www.oregonetic.org/ResearchGrantsJan2002RevB.pdf>

Ed Thompson expressed disappointment that none of the OGI proposals had been selected and indicated he had not been clear on the process being used. He indicated that with this selection procedure the merit of the proposals was not considered, only the amount of matching industry dollars. He thought this procedure did not support quality and he would not support this selection procedure in the future. Bruce said input regarding improving the process for future RFPs was encouraged.

Wally called for a vote to approve the proposed research grants. The proposal received unanimous approval.

### **Private Matching Funds Policy**

Ron Geason submitted a revised draft of the Policy on Private Matching Funds. He said changes were made after meeting with institution business officers and considering comments from council members. Revised portions of the draft stated internship programs should be included with validation and tuition reimbursement should also be counted provided timely and accurate validation of the support.

Ed Thompson commented that “private matching funds” had a specific meaning and proposed the revised title of “private support”. Ron further clarified tuition reimbursement tracking and that there would be different categories to accommodate private support funds.

A vote was taken and the Policy was adopted, subject to the change that Ed Thompson requested. The adopted policy is posted on the ETIC website at: <http://www.oregonetic.org/mission/eticprivatematch5.pdf>

### **Miscellaneous**

Bruce Schafer indicated the council would not be hearing scorecard reports at today’s meeting but they would be scheduled for the March 1 meeting. Chair Wally Rhines then asked for approval of the December 12, 2001 meeting minutes. The council approved the minutes.

### **Review of the ETIC 03-05 Task Force Meeting 1-23-02**

Wally Rhines summarized the content of the task force meeting that took place just prior to the ETIC meeting. He indicated the meeting had been well attended by education members but poorly attended by industry members. He stated the primary benefit of the meeting was to look at the general views and consider the process. The meeting began with a review of past biennium proposals and outcomes provided by Bruce Schafer. The meeting proceeded with a discussion of the pros and cons of three alternative planning strategies and the actions needed to lead to a formal proposal. The committee plans to hold a follow up meeting and present a “straw man” proposal at the Council’s meeting on March 1

The meeting was adjourned.