Committee reports:

New Members announced:

Susan Axon
Laurie Edson
Terence Morrison

There was a change to the parking committee By-Laws to include 2 members from each of the campus constituencies. A motion was made to adopt the proposed change. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Fundraising committee:

The committee raised $4,505 with the Festival of Trees - the most successful festival of trees ever.

The Basket Raffle is the next fundraiser – it will be in March.

Master Plan – update: Linda Wirth discussed the progress of the Master Plan. She noted the PE center is under review and asked for ideas about what we think is a priority. The Master Plan addresses the physical structure of the campus and is a 10 year plan.

Professional development fund update: - There is $5,773 left in the account. 18 PAT and 12 OS awards have been approved so far this year.

Environmental Committee - As a part of water week, a petition is being circulated saying that we do not support selling water bottles on campus. We use 3900 bottles of water per week at PSU.

The Office of Sustainability is offering energy efficient light bulbs for campus use. Contact the Eco-house and Brian Eisenhauer for more information.

Fran Bean shared that since Jordan Goodnough is stepping down as speaker elect, we need to find a new speaker elect. Fran put a request out for volunteers. If there is more than one, we will have an election.

5 year strategic plan – Linda Dauer and Terri Dautcher (co-chairs of the PBLG committee) lead the discussion. They have been tasked with coordinating the development of the 5 year strategic plan for PSU.

The most recent 5 year Strategic Plan expired at the end of 2012 – we need to create a new one for 2013 to 2017. They are working to gather information from the entire PSU community for inclusion on
the new plan. The 5 year plan is distinct from the Master Plan which focuses on Buildings and Equipment and is a 10 year plan. The Master Plan does, however, help inform the 5 year Strategic Plan.

NEASC, which is an accreditation process that analyzes 17 areas of PSU, also feeds into the Strategic Plan. It will be important to have the results of this process in developing the Plan.

The other processes or groups that play a role include:

Forums
PBLG committee
NEASC
The Cabinet
SWOT (a survey)
Academic Plans

3 questions were posed for the OS staff:

1. Who are we?
2. How are we unique or how can we create a distinct identity in the eyes of stakeholders
3. How do we get there?

Several OS staff shared the importance of making the connection between programs/courses and job creation/economic development in the state.

Linda recorded a number of answers to these questions. Linda and Terri encouraged everyone to continue to think about these questions and share thoughts with them via email.