Agenda:

ATLAS
Karen Sprague presented the Powerpoint demonstration used to inform state legislators and others of the proposed Articulation Transfer Linked Audit System (ATLAS). ATLAS is part of the revised content of the former “Common Course Numbering Bill” (SB 342), sponsored by Senator Kurt Schrader. An ATLAS-like system is already in use at Portland State University where it connects PSU with some of the Portland-area community colleges. The demonstration allows anyone to go into a mock student account at PSU and navigate the system as an actual student would (see “ATLAS in Action at PSU” handout). Karen explained that the goal was to find a simple method for communicating course articulation information without resorting to statewide common course numbering and homogenization of course content. Atlas is a computerized system that would link campus-based degree audit systems throughout the state. There is a lot of enthusiasm in Salem for the revised version of SB 342 with the ATLAS component.

An ATLAS committee now has worked out budgetary and staffing logistics. For a little over $700k, all seven of the public universities can be interconnected via ATLAS during the first phase, the 2005-2007 biennium. For another ~$80,000, the community colleges that are ready (probably three) could also be connected.