

## College President's Quarterly Report

April 21, 2020

Jan 22-April 20, 2021

### **Pandemic Planning**

In February OCCC updated the **Reopening Framework** to include planning for Academic Year 20-21. This framework provides the principles and planning assumptions to guide the development of operational plans for academic year 21-22. Our Corona Virus Response Team (CVRT) and all operational units of the College, particularly Instruction and Student Affairs, must situate their own planning and implementation within the updated Reopening Framework. We will continue to place at the forefront the safety and wellness of students and employees. The revised framework was endorsed by the College Board.

### **Spring Events**

Given the success of Lincoln County in providing widespread access and growing levels of delivery of the Covid vaccines, we are able to make tentative plans for some important upcoming events. Please hold these dates and look for more details as we get closer.

- Celebrate Us & Coming Together June 10: On-site outdoors (Newport)
- Nursing Pinning & "Car-mencemnt" June 11: On site outdoors (Newport)

### **Federal Pandemic Relief Funding**

All of Higher Education was relieved by the December passage of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) as it contained significant support for Higher Education students and institutions. However, once again, our path was more challenging due to the Department of Education's use of 2017-18 data when we were linked with Portland Community College. After much analysis of the federal regs, and consultation with Department of Ed and others, we once again are not able to receive our funds directly, but rather through an MOU with PCC. That was resolved in March, and approximately \$450,000 (50% of which will be direct aid for students) will come to OCCC this year.

### **SBDC Reaccredited**

This 5-year review process is a significant undertaking. We emerged with zero recommendations (which has never happened in the history of our SBDC and is very rare nationally). There were also many, many, commendations.

### **All Oregon Academic Team**

Melissa Hernandez-Pacheco and Cora Kehr have been announced as Oregon Coast Community College's members of the All-Oregon Academic Team for 2021. Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), community college presidents, and the Oregon Community College Association, the All-Oregon Community College Academic Team award recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence, intellectual rigor, leadership, and service that extends beyond the classroom to benefit society.

### **In-Person Outreach Resuming**

With High Schools open once again, our Navigate Program is able to resume limited on-site activities. There will also be on-site Open Houses for prospective students this Spring (zoom options will remain as well).

### **Accreditation: NWCCU Ad Hoc Report Due March 19**

The College submitted on time it's report of status on the following recommendation from the 2019 granting of independent accreditation: *Develop, implement, and review a comprehensive technology infrastructure plan (2020 Standards: 2.1.1)*

### **Transitions: SEALs to Work Study**

As long as OCCC was not independently accredited and not eligible for Department of Education Title IV programs, our students did not have access for the federal Work Study Program. A very generous endowment from Bill and JoAnn Barton allowed OCCC to offer an alternative for students. The Serve Earn and Learn (SEAL) Scholarship Program offered OCCC students financial assistance in exchange for service to OCCC. Thanks to the hard work of Financial Aid Director Kimberly Jones, our application process for our own Federal Work Study (FWS) program is almost complete, and we intend to have FWS available to eligible students as part of their 21-22 financial aid packages. We intend to see more students benefit and will be looking across the college for more placements that are consistent with FWS requirements.

### **Budget Horizon**

This is the time of year that all the community colleges (and all public entities in Oregon) enter the budget development cycle. By statute in Oregon, our Board of Education must adopt a balanced budget by June 30, 2021. Here are some things to know about the process and about the challenging environment for budget development this year.

1. Revenue for any college is very closely tied to enrollment. All Oregon CC's have seen significant drops in enrollment. Cumulatively (for summer, fall & winter YTD) OCCC now has a 17% drop in FTE. This impacts the 20-21 budget plan, because we did not get the revenue we projected, and it is likely to impact 21-22 revenue.
2. Meanwhile, the other part of our funding comes from the state via the Community College Support Fund (CCSF). We won't know that level of funding until the state legislature adopts a final budget.
3. Despite drops in revenue, the President recommended to the Board of Education that there be no tuition increase for 2021-2022, given the challenges faced by students.

### **Access to vaccinations for College employees and their families**

College employees considered to be front line workers (most of us) are now currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1A-1B Group 7

Everyone age 16 and older became eligible Monday, April 19th, 2021

### **Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Review**

We are in the final phase of providing the documentation showing compliance with the Voluntary Compliance Plan which followed on our 2019 OCR visit. The OCR Office was largely shutdown in 2020 due to the pandemic and has now resumed their work. Dr. Oroz is our lead and contact for this work, and we expect to be done by May 15.