

Oregon Coast Community College
Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Held virtually - Meeting ID: 9143350884

Regular Business Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

a. Board roll call.

Chair Chandler called the business meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was taken. The meeting was held virtually with an in-person option. Board members in attendance were Chris Chandler, Rich Emery, Debbie Kilduff, Nancy Osterlund. Alison Nelson-Robertson, Cliff Ryer and Jeff Ouderkirk were excused.

b. Welcome.

President Ryslinge welcomed other attendees:

Kathleen Andrews, Executive Assistant

Robin Gintner, VP Administrative Services

Dan Lara, VP Academic Affairs;

Andres Oroz, VP Student Affairs

Dave Price, VP Engagement & Entrepreneurship;

Marion Mann, PT Faculty Member

Larry Boles, Director of Aquarium Science Program

Joy Gutknecht, Director of HR

Chris Rogers, Facilities Director

Spencer Smith, Director of IT

Andi Spirtos, Foundation Development Director;

c. Approval of Minutes.

Chandler asked for approval of the January 19, 2022, business meeting minutes. Osterlund moved to approve, Kilduff seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passed.**

d. Finalize agenda.

None

B. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Written

No written communication.

b. Public comments.

No public comment.

C. COLLEGE REPORTS

a. New CTE Programming under consideration: Dan Lara, VPAA

Dan explained the idea of Blue Economy and how it encompasses fisheries and aquaculture, ocean energy, maritime fuels, maritime transport, waste management, coastal engineering, climate change, science & technology and even tourism. Work done previously in 2019 by the (Governor appointed) Maritime Task Force resulted in recognizing that the Oregon maritime sector can be considered a 6th work force industry sector. Lincoln County has one of the highest percentages of maritime jobs in the state. The maritime workforce is aging out, and the nature of the work is impacted by technological advances. Work force training is needed to support a blue economy work force. The Oregon Ocean Initiative Hub (O2IH) is a unique configuration of partners (industry, education, agencies) along the Oregon Coast and waterways and will be aimed at accelerating blue economy work force, innovation, and entrepreneurial work. O2IH was submitted to the EDA for funding, and although that was not successful the collaborative continues to submit to other funding opportunities as they become available. Meanwhile OCCC will continue moving forward to seek funding for their portions of the O2IH

work, which is mainly program development (curriculum and facilities). The following program areas are under exploration and/or development at OCCC:

- Aquaculture (short presentation made by AQS Director Larry Boles) Larry explained the future of aquaculture at OCCC and the idea of an aquaculture facility.
- Welding (including a welding trailer)
- Mechatronics and technical maritime industrial core courses.
- The planned WERC facility would provide lab space for some of these programs.

Dan concluded by summarizing potential funding sources.

b. President's Report

President Ryslinge shared a variety of happenings around the college.

- The Governor's Office and OHA have announced indoor masking requirement to end no later than March 31. OCCC plans to also end masking requirement March 31. If Oregon ends earlier, we will continue at least for credit classrooms through end of term March 25)
- Pearls of Wisdom will be held March 5, 2022, 5-6:30 please reserve your spot. The Marketing Department and other college areas have been very busy working on Pearls.
- February is National CTE Month and Dan Lara presented earlier in this meeting with a look at the future of the OCCC CTE programs.
- February is Black History month. Birgitte recommended the board visit the Equity and Inclusion website and take advantage of the resources offered. Darci Adolf was successful in securing grant funding to adding to the Pacific Northwest Native American print collection.
- Ryslinge updated the board on the Strategic Planning process. The completed draft Strategic Plan will come to the Board for review, finalization and final adoption targeting June-August 2022.
- Beginning February 17, 2022, from 3-4pm faculty and staff are invited to participate in a virtual Town Hall session where college leadership will regularly share information about what's going on at the college and address questions and issues raised about the College. The meetings will be held 6x a year in even months.
- NWCCU Accreditation: Currently in progress is the mid-cycle review that is due August 26. The NWCCU visit will take place October 13-14, 2022, to address Recommendations 1-4 that were given in Fall 2019 Initial Accreditation
- The 2022 Oregon Legislative Session began Feb 1 for a quick 35-day session. OCCA's agenda has three key areas: support for the Governor's Future Ready Oregon 2022 proposal, one-time funding for cybersecurity protection measures for the colleges and updates to the Oregon Promise program to improve eligibility for the lower income students the program originally intended to support.
- The Ford Family Foundation has invited OCCC to submit a full proposal for funding a set of program enhancements under Improving Community College Outcomes for Rural Oregon Males. Funding is \$200,000 over three years.
- President Ryslinge's work with a donor resulted in a grant to the College from Oregon Community Foundation for \$50,000 for the "Workforce Education Pillar of the Oregon Innovation Hub; for program and curriculum development in 4-5 areas that lead to maritime related jobs or related fields in automation or manufacturing."

- Student Affairs continues with the Student Success Workshop Series. This winter term’s workshop is “Study Smarter, Not Harder” Student recruitment is underway, with multiple admission events, open houses and other activities in English and Spanish. ASG is planning a service day of Beach Clean-Up and the Oregon Coast Scholars application is open.
- Congratulations to our Registrar Ann Hovey for achieving another accreditation milestone by successfully clearing the college to join the National Student Clearinghouse.
- Nursing and Allied Health nursing program application is open, 20 OCCC students will be admitted and up to 10 TBCC students. The community is very interested in OCCC implementing an LPN to RN Program and it is being actively pursued. OCCC hosted 4 vaccine clinics.

D. BOARD REPORTS

a. Foundation: Nancy Osterlund

- Registration for Pearls of Wisdom is now open
- Pearls of Wisdom will have an auction of donated items from community sponsors
- Gratitude to all the college staff for their assistance on Pearls
- Scholarships applications are now open.
- The donor recognition wall (in the Newport campus commons) needs an update and Andi is working on a proposal.

b. Oregon Community College Association Liaison: Rich Emery

- A six-student panel presented to the OCCA how they were doing and how COVID impacted their lives.
- OCCA’s reserve policy is being reviewed and will present an amendment of the policy at the May meeting.

c. Other Board Reports

None

E. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 1st Read tuition and Fees recommendation (2022-2023)

After summarizing tuition information, Ryslingle recommended that OCCC does not implement a tuition increase for the 2022-2023 academic year. She suggests that staff be directed to review the fee structure as it addresses technology and develop a recommendation of the President for potential revision of general fees in light of the increasing reliance of students upon technology facilitated access. Timing of the fee increase must take into account the deadlines associated with determining financial aid packaging. Rich Emery asked if the College has ever considered reducing tuition as a marketing tool, which VP Price subsequently addressed.

b. 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

Presented by Robin Gintner, the calendar will be corrected to include approval of the supplemental budget.

F. Action Items

a. Approval of the Oregon Savings Growth Plan, the Plan Trust.

Nancy Osterlund moved to approve, Kilduff seconded. All were in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING – the next Board of Education Business meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:00pm to be held in person at the Newport campus and via Zoom.

H. ADJOURNMENT at 7:37pm.

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Minutes submitted by: Executive Assistant, Kathleen Andrews

Approved by:

Birgitte Ryslinge, PhD
Clerk of the Board