

**May 20, 2026**  
**President's Board of Education Report**  
**Dr. Marshall Mease Roache, President**



The following is a summary of the activities I have been involved in on *behalf of the college since* April 15, 2026. This is not an exhaustive list of my daily work at the college. This list highlights specific activities that align with our college mission, vision, strategies and values.

**Internal College Relations**

OCCC Spring In-Service Day  
OCCC Town Hall All-Staff Meeting  
OCCC All-Staff Lunch & Learn  
OCCC Foundation Board Meeting  
OCCC Cares Event  
OCCC College Resource Summit  
Toledo History Library Talk  
OCCC College Council Meeting  
OCCC Board of Education Meeting  
OCCC Budget Committee Meeting  
OCCC Early College Open House

**External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration**

Oregon Coast Aquarium Board Meeting  
Oregon Coast STEM Hub Board Meeting  
Newport Chamber of Commerce Event (x 2)  
Lincoln City Police Department Meeting  
Lincoln County Educational Leaders Meeting  
Lincoln City Rotary Meeting (x 2)  
Newport Rotary Meeting  
Lincoln City Rotary Food Drive  
Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation Board Meeting  
NW Oregon Works Board Meeting Presentation  
Lincoln City Community Days Siletz Bay Event  
Newport Chamber of Commerce Director Meeting  
Habitat for Humanity Meeting  
City of Newport Manager Meeting  
Loyalty Days Parade – Newport  
Newport Chamber of Commerce Cinco de Mayo Event  
Lincoln City Cultural Center Fundraiser  
Community College Baccalaureate Association CEO Hiring Committee  
United Way Student Success Planning Meeting  
Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Board Meeting  
Senator Wyden Town Hall Meeting

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## **Professional Development**

Blue Economy Summit

Oregon Collaboration Summit

## **OCCA/Legislative Relations/OPC/HECC**

Oregon President's Council – HECC Director Meeting

Oregon President's Council Board Meeting

OCCA Board Meeting

## **Academic & Student Affairs Report**

### **Dr. Bruce Clemetsen, Vice President**

Enrollment for spring is at 97.6% of last spring's FTE and a few more registrations are yet to be entered.

For the year, we are currently above 600 FTE, up 8.6% for the year.

Biology Instructor Sam Loftus is conducting a licensed survey of the bat species visiting the OCCC Newport campus. Sam has obtained all permits and permissions to collect the bats. Our biology students will be involved in the project as part of Sam's course.

WCAG 2.0 ADA compliance in Canvas shells is nearly at our 90% benchmark due to great work by faculty implementing training and guidance provided by our Deans and Accessibility Services Coordinator.

We welcome Dr. Carla Schubiger to her new role as Dean of Aquarium Science, and Mr. Steve Vogel from the Oregon Coast Aquarium to be our new Director of the Teaching Aquarium.

The AQS Fall 2026 cohort will have 24 students - the largest class in recent memory. The applicant pool was also near a record size. We welcome 4 students from the WOU BA in the aquarium science program to the cohort. With the securing of a NOW grant, two AQS student interns will be hired to assist with the tear-down and reconstruction of the systems as part of the floor renovations this summer. This will meet their internship course requirement.

If all goes as planned, on Friday, May 29 WOU President Peters and OCCC President Roache will be signing two agreements. They will renew the program articulation agreement linking two pathways for the WOU BS in Aquarium Science and the OCCC Certificate in Aquarium Science. They will also sign our initial Degree Partnership Program MOU, allowing students to be admitted to both institutions, benefit from coordinated financial aid, shared advising, access both class schedules, and access to student services.

Similarly, by the end of the month we anticipate signing a renewed Degree Partnership Program MOU with our longtime partner, OSU. This continues to provide benefits for all who intend to attend OSU and supports our Natural Resources students in a meaningful way.

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Laura McClister, Director of Curriculum and Effectiveness, completed and submitted our required program review on Dual Credit to the HECC. This is a review of the program every 5-7 years to ensure we meet standards. It undergoes a peer-review like accreditation. We will have commendations and recommendations in early fall. Laura spent HOURS putting this together. The good news is that she is confident we have satisfied past recommendations and will meet all standards. She notes that in the process she learned that 25% of our dual credit students identify as Latinx, equal to the county demographic. Laura also compared learning outcome achievement in dual credit to regular college courses. We just implemented this assessment possibility this year. Good news - dual credit students are essentially meeting course learning outcomes to the same extent college course students are succeeding.

## **Engagement Report**

### **Dave Price, Vice President**

#### **SBDC**

The new Non-Profit SBM successfully launched on May 14. Notably, the class was switched from in-person to largely Zoom delivery. This decision was made to address the impact of rising gas prices on participants across our 1,200-square-mile county, the closure of Hwy. 229, and other factors.

The YEP event on May 13 was a smashing success. The winning high schooler is a 17-year-old from Newport, who will use their \$2,000 winnings to purchase natural pigments to produce toxin-free clay-based paints for eco-minded artists.

For only the second time in its 30-plus year history, the Oregon Coast SBDC has been named the Region X Center of Excellence & Innovation by the U. S. Small Business Administration. The public turned out to celebrate on May 5. Thanks to all who attended.

On May 13, Dave P. delivered the SBDC's annual report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Both commissioners attended the Youth Entrepreneurship Program later that evening; the College appreciates the Commissioners' engagement with its SBDC.

#### **Marketing**

Work continues on OCCC's new website; expect accelerating progress in the late spring. Big projects in May include ArtMil staff crafting new program-page templates for the College's many academic programs, including new Psychology and Natural Resources offerings.

The OCCC Marketing Department has launched its streaming ads campaigns for the spring. Listen for President Marshall now on Spotify, Pandora, Sirius XM and wherever else you stream your favorite tunes.

OCCC will host a professional photographer next week for day on campus to get fresh student, classroom, and OCATT construction photos.

#### **Foundation**

Big news at the Foundation this month is that, as of this meeting, volunteers are busily reading scholarship applications. More than 120 were received this year. After May 22, these will be

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submitted back to Jeanette and Kelsey, who will gather a small team of staff to award scholarships informed by this careful scoring process. Thanks to all involved for your dedication to our students.

## Grants

Dan Lara has been BUSY. To date, we have raised \$1.809M in grant funding out of an estimated \$2.281M required for the first year of operating programs out of the OCATT. We are continuing to actively pursue additional funding.

The College received notification that Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden have advanced OCCC's FY27 Community Initiated Funding request of \$1.896M to fund a Commercial Fishing Academy forward to the U.S. Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the College will also be receiving a visit from Senator Merkley's Education Policy Advisor, Becca Damante to tour the campus and discuss College priorities. The Senator and his team are particularly interested in learning more about our Maritime programming and Emergency Medical Services pathways, both related to recent College grant requests.

## Community Education

Community Ed revenue increased another \$2,000 since our April Board Report, now north of \$18,500 for spring term. There are 27 participants in this year's Non-Profit SBM program. Right now, the program is spooling up recruitment for Fall 2026, which promises to be a busy term. For this term, watch for some fun events, including the final 'Sea Shanties' class, which will be held outdoors on the Bayfront, where the class will serenade all of us – and the sea lions. (That session will be around 6:30pm on May 28, in case you'd like to watch.)

## Administrative Services Report Robin Gintner, Vice President

### Finance:

- Finance staff attended the various module trainings for Sage and are now replicating their daily processes in a sandbox environment to become familiar with the new system. The staff are also working their way through test scripts that are designed to find any problems with the configuration. Additionally, historical data from SharkNet is being compiled for import into the new system for use in future reporting.
- Fieldwork for the FY 25-26 audit has begun.

### IT:

- There was a compromise of the Instructure/Canvas system in early May. The threat actors used the "Free Teacher Account" system to create low-permission accounts into the system, and to gather non-protected data. As of this report, there is no evidence of protected data being gathered.
- DarkTrace processed 363,403,665 raw events, of which 241 triggered network model alerts. 8 of those model alerts were followed up as incidents, and of those incidents, 2 were found to be critical incidents involving data exfiltration. The data was from lecterns uploading information from science experiments into cloud systems.
- DarkTrace's email system scanned 41,309 inbound emails, and 6,795 outbound emails. 3,575 suspect email messages were managed by moving them to Junk, locking suspect Web

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URLs, or converting the attachments to text.

**Facilities and Public Safety:**

- More than half of the footings for the OCATT foundation will be poured by Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The work on the AQS chilling system resumes Monday the 18th.
- The North Center tie over for the new building management system is nearing completion. Ainsworth will then move to the Central campus (main building) and start with high priority issues.

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