

Oregon Coast Community College
Board of Education Meeting
Minutes of Regular Session –Wednesday, August 20, 2014
OCCC –South County Campus
Waldport, OR 97394

REGULAR SESSION – 6:01pm

A. Call to order & roll call

Chair Chris Chandler called the Regular Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board members attending: Chandler, Kilduff, Krabbe, Nelson, Nelson-Robertson, Ouderkirk and Ryer

Board members excused: None

B. Communications

1. Written:

a. Thank you card was received from Kate Brown, Oregon Secretary of State.

2. From the Audience:

a. There were none.

C. College Reports

1. Financial Report:

Cherie Chevalier, Interim Chief Financial and Business Affairs Officer, commented on the report she distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. The highlights of the report were: Increase in the balance of the General Fund will allow for discussion for use after the September enrollment is confirmed and tuition and fee revenues are reviewed for 2015. The 2004 General Obligation Bond projects and the 2012 Lottery Bond projects will all be complete by the end of fiscal year 2015.

2. President's Report:

Dr. Birgitte Ryslingle, OCCC President, presented her report.

- 1) General Update: As addressed in last month's board meeting, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) requested additional information from OCCC and Portland Community College (PCC) in order to make a decision on the extension of accreditation to OCCC under the new agreement with PCC. As a result, summer students were not eligible for financial aid. The alternative supports offered by the college were very successful, and only 4 students withdrew for financial reasons. The final total summer FTE was 26.58, compared with 40.87 for summer 2013. Lower summer offerings also contributed to the lower FTE. OCCC should receive a response from NWCCU between August 15 and September 1. On August 11, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) released their recommendation to the Governor for the funding of Oregon public higher education. The HECC recommended level of funding for the 2015-2017 support fund is \$519 million. General consensus among Oregon

community colleges is that this recommendation is a step in the right direction, but is not a reinvestment budget that would support the ambitious goals of 40/40/20. There are many more steps before the state has a final budget, and OCCA, OPC and individual presidents will continue to advocate for funding aligned with goals throughout the legislative process.

- 2) Community Engagement Presentation: Ryslinge presented a PowerPoint to the board that she will use while visiting various organizations in Lincoln County. The PowerPoint includes information about OCCC as well as information about its students.

D. Information and Discussion Items

1. Student Success at OCCC: Cindy Carlson, Dean of Students, and Laura Hamilton, Basic Skills Instructor, presented their report. In 2011 OCCC began participating in a program called Achieving the Dream (ATD). The focus of ATD is on student completion. This program allows the college to collect and map data based on groups of students that attend OCCC. Each cohort is made up of 100 students beginning in Fall term that are working towards earning the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT). Using this data the college looks for ways to help students to complete and earn their degree. It was found that the current areas that needed to be worked on were in remedial courses and student persistence. 57% of incoming students need remedial courses and were on average placed 4.5 classes below college level courses. It was also found that about 20% of OCCC's students do not return each term with only 45% of the original cohort returning to OCCC the following Fall term. The average time it takes for a student to graduate with their degree at OCCC is 4.9 years. In 2013 Hamilton taught an accelerated Writing 90/115 course. Students who placed in WR90 benefited from being able to take WR115 at the same time. Those students who took the course were ready to take WR121 the following term. To address the remedial math courses a group of math instructors, dubbed the "Math Maniacs," met each month to develop plans to help their students pass the remedial courses quickly. One of these plans was the development of the Math 08 course, a one week course to help those who placed into Math 20 to refresh their math skills and to test into a higher course.
2. Board Policy Discussion: OCCC will complete a full review and update of current board policies, this must be done before filing for accreditation applicant status. There are 92 policies and nine of those have been updated so far. Goal is to complete the update by April 2015. Groups of related policies will be brought to the board together to be approved at once.

E. Approval of the Minutes

Ouderkirk moved to approve the July Board meeting minutes. Nelson seconded and the minutes were approved. Nelson-Robertson abstained from voting.

F. Action Item

1. Approval of Updated Board of Education Policy 220 and the deletion of Board of Education Policies 235, 805, 810,815, and 840. Ouderkirk moved, Kilduff seconded and motion passed.

G. Announcement of future meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the OCCC Board of Education will be held at the OCCC Central County Campus at 400 SE College Way in Newport on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

1. Audubon Society Project
2. Approval of the Vision and Mission Statements
3. Systematic Board Policy Reviews and Revisions.