

Oregon Coast Community College
Board of Education Meeting
Minutes of Regular Session –Monday, February 23, 2015
OCCC –Central County Campus
Newport, OR 97366

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00pm

A. Call to order & roll call

1. Co-Chair Cliff Ryer called the Regular Session to order at 6:01 p.m.
Board members attending: Kilduff, Krabbe, Nelson, Ouderkirk and Ryer
Board members excused: Chandler and Nelson-Robertson
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Ouderkirk moved to approve the January Board meeting minutes. Nelson seconded and the minutes were approved. Ryer abstained from voting.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda was accepted with no changes.

B. Communications

1. Written:
 - a. OCCC received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for its 2014-2015 budget document.
2. From the Audience:
 - a. There was none.
3. Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Report for February was presented to the board.

C. OCCA Annual Update: Andrea Anderson, OCCA Executive Director, presented her report. Change of Oregon's governor has caused quite a shakeup in Salem. OCCA has a good rapport with Oregon's new Governor Kate Brown. Governor Brown has indicated her support for community colleges and adult basic skills. Budget for community colleges is currently proposed for \$535 million but could be raised to \$550 million, this falls short of what is needed for community colleges to meet 40-40-20. There will be a hearing on February 24 for free community college tuition. This would apply only to students who are one to five years out of high school. Pell eligible students would not benefit. Anderson said that this should be for all students and informed the board that this likely will not pass during this session. Another bill that will be presented during this session would rewrite how k-12 and community colleges work together. It would fit everything into one funding structure and focus on students earning college credits through high school rather than a community college. It would also eliminate any online college courses offered to high schools. Anderson noted that the best option for any student would be to take college courses on a college campus. There may also be a problem with courses transferring correctly. OCCC President Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge acknowledged and expressed her gratitude for the help that OCCA provided during the accreditation agreement transfer from Clatsop Community College to Portland Community College (PCC) last summer.

D. College Reports

1. President's Report:

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

- 1) Accreditation Report: OCCC's Comprehensive Self- Evaluation Report will be delivered to PCC on the 25th, and submitted to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) the week after as part of PCC's Year 7 accreditation review. Target date for OCCC to submit the application to initiate the independent accreditation process with NWCCU is October 30, 2015, with a fallback date of March 30, 2015. The NWCCU Evaluation Team Visit will be on April 27-29.
- 2) Veterans: On January 28 the Oregon Employment Department, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and American Legion Post 116 hosted the first annual Lincoln County Veteran Stand Down event. Julie Anderson, AmerCorps VISTA and Veteran Student Service Coordinator at OCCC, spoke with veterans at the event about using veterans' educational benefits at OCCC and other OCCC resources.
- 3) Aquarium Science (AQS): Seven industry professional leaders from around the country participated in the AQS program's annual National Visiting Committee meetings on February ninth through eleventh. The committee visited classes, reviewed course materials, lab spaces, program processes and provided feedback and recommendations for improvement of the AQS program. They also delivered mock interviews to AQS students. All AQS students will have an opportunity to attend the Regional Aquatics Workshop that will be held at the Monterey Bay Aquarium this March.
- 4) Nursing: OCCC Nursing students travelled to Salem to attend the annual "Nurse Lobby Day" on February 10th.
- 5) Small Business Development Center (SBDC): On February 19th, the SBDC Director signed a contract with Toby Winn, director of Neighbors for Kids in Depoe Bay. \$13,000 of the SBDC's Community Development Block Grant will be devoted to Neighbors for Kids.

2. Financial Report:

The OCCC Interim Chief of Finance and Operations, presented her report. The highlights of the report were:

- 1) Preparing this years budget. Tuition and fees will be proposed in March.
- 2) More online tools will soon be available for students. She will be looking into the possibility of a technology fee, she suggested that a tech fee per credit would be appropriate.

3. Student Success Report: Cindy Carlson, Dean of Students and Instruction, presented her report. Had a student call night. 287 students were called by ten

volunteers. These calls were made to check up on students and to answer any questions about classes or OCCC services that they may have. 82 of the students had no questions but gave positive responses to the call. six had financial aid questions. Over all the call night was well received by students. A survey for students was conducted in the commons to determine if they knew or if they were able to do things at OCCC such as getting their books by the first week of class or knowing how to request a tutor. Some results from the survey showed that a few students were not able to get their books by the first week of class and a few students didn't read the e-mail nor watched the video on OCCC's Pay Your Way to Success policy. This may be a reason that 22 students who attended OCCC during Fall term 2014 didn't enroll this Winter due to a financial hold.

E. Information and Discussion Items

1. Board Policy Review: Policy packet was reviewed.

F. Action Item

1. Approval of 2015 Board of Education Budget Committee. Ouderkirk moved, Ryer seconded and motion passed with the understanding that there may be changes to the list.
2. Approval of updated Board of Education policies 120, 210, 742 and 760. Kilduff moved, Ouderkirk seconded and motion passed.
3. Approval of deletion of Board of Education policies 240, 245 and 763. 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 North County Center at 3788 SE High School Drive in Lincoln City on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 directly after the OCCC Board of Education Budget Committee Training Session at 6:00 PM.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

1. Systematic Board Policy Reviews and Revisions

Approved by:

Birgitte Ryslinge, PhD
President OCCC