

## OCCA BOARD MEETING

**Location:** Linn Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus, Portland, Oregon

**Date:** February 26, 2010

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE:

Ernie Keller, President (Columbia Gorge)	Frank Toda (Columbia Gorge)	Harold Williams (Portland)
John Turner (Blue Mountain)	Dave Fenwick (Columbia Gorge)	David Rule (Portland)
Ed Taber (Blue Mountain)	Brett Rowlett (Lane)	Peter Angstadt (Rogue)
James Middleton (Central Oregon)	Greg Hamann (Linn Benton)	Dean Wendle (Rogue)
Joyce Lynn Garrett (Central Oregon)	Ron Mason (Linn Benton)	Patty Scott (SOCC)
Julie Huckestein (Chemeketa)	Ann Brodie (Linn Benton)	Julie Kremers (SOCC)
Ed Dodson (Chemeketa)	John "Ski" Sygielski (Mt. Hood)	Ann Swaim (TBCC)
Joanne Truesdell (Clackamas)	Dave Shields (Mt. Hood)	Randy Griffin (TVCC)
Chuck Clemans (Clackamas)	Pat O'Connor (Oregon Coast)	Blaine Nisson (Umpqua)
Lindy Overton (Clatsop)	Preston Pulliams (Portland)	Andrea Henderson (OCCA)

### OTHERS

Cam Preus (CCWD)	John Wykoff (OCCA)	Karen Smith (OCCA)
Rebecca Cozart (OCCA)	Joe Johnson (OCCA)	Megan Jensen (OCCA)
Roger Bassett		

### Call to Order

Ernie Keller, OCCA Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

#### A. Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

#### B. Consent Agenda

1. 12/11/2009 Board Minutes
2. January/February Executive Committee Minutes

**MOTION:** Joyce Garrett moved to approve the consent agenda.

**SECOND:** Ed Dodson seconded.

**VOTE:** Passed, no opposition.

#### C. Discussion Items

##### 1. Oregon Higher Education Alliance (Jim Francesconi/Liz Kaufman)

Andrea provided an overview of the proposed partnership with the Oregon Higher Education Alliance. Liz Kaufman introduced herself and provide background information. Jim Francesconi noted that the alliance is intended to meet the needs of the whole state and not just businesses or community colleges, but that community colleges are vital to the group's success. Jim also commended Andrea for working to expand the original mission of the alliance.

Current Oregon Higher Education Alliance board members:

Jim Piro – President and CEO, Portland General Electric  
Carol Dillin – Vice President, Customers & Economic Development, Portland General Electric  
Mark Edlen, Sr. – Managing Principal, Gerding Edlin Development (Portland)

Jill Eiland – Director Public Affairs, Intel  
Tom Imeson – Director, Government Affairs, Port of Portland  
Gregg Kantor – COO/President, NW Natural  
Margaret Kirkpatrick – VP, General Counsel, NW Natural  
Rod Ray – President and CEO, Bend Research  
William (Bill) Thorndike, Jr. – President and CEO, Medford Fabrication  
John Carter – Board Chair, Schnitzer Steel

The group is looking for more board members whose top priority is investing in post-secondary education.

**MOTION:** Jim Middleton moved to authorize OCCA staff to continue to work with the Oregon Higher Education Alliance towards an agreement.  
**SECOND:** Blain Nisson seconded.  
**VOTE:** Passed, no opposition.

## **2. Capital Construction -2011 (Joe Johnson)**

Each college has been asked to respond to a memo from the state board asking for the top three tier projects from each college. Those projects deferred during the past legislative session will become the top priorities. Other projects on the current priority list will be prioritized in existing rank order and new projects or projects that have significantly changed in scope will be prioritized by the capital construction committee in early March. Once projects are prioritized, there will be an Executive Board meeting to review the outcome of the ranking and the Commissioner's proposed request for funding. That will be followed by a review by the Oregon Presidents Council and then a presentation to the State Board of Education. The OCCA Board will see a final list at the May Board meeting. Final State Board of Education action is expected in May,

## **3. Funding Request – 2011 Session (Andrea Henderson)**

For the last several years, the legislative ask for the Community College Support Fund has been developed through a series of joint meetings with the OCCA executive committee and the State Board of Education Executive Committee. Jointly, they have worked to develop a set of principles used to frame the funding request. Andrea recommended that the process continue this year. Working together, the two executive committees can develop a funding request for both boards to consider at their May board meetings.

## **4. Applied Baccalaureate Update (Andrea Henderson/Cam Preus)**

OCCA has not yet taken a position on offering applied baccalaureate degrees. More conversation is necessary to discern if there are gaps to be filled and whether it is appropriate that community colleges fill them.

## **5. OCCA 2010-11 Budget (Jim Middleton)**

The fundamental budget is similar to last year. This year, there is a legislative assessment because of the 2011 legislative session. The annual conference cost is higher because it will return to its original format. There are no salary increases for OCCA staff.

## **6. Kitzhaber's Education Proposal (Andrea Henderson)**

Andrea stated that John Kitzhaber attended the OPC meeting by telephone to discuss his proposed education policies and ask for input from community colleges.

The main policy goals include guaranteeing two years of education beyond high school and creating one single investment board for all preschool through post-secondary education budgets. One issue is what to do with the existing education boards. There is emphasis in job skills, pathways, and accountability from the business community. Mr. Kitzhaber will have specific proposals before the primaries. Andrea will email his policy proposals to the board when OCCA receives them.

#### **7. Whistleblower Bill (Andrea Henderson)**

Andrea stated that Senator Martha Schrader, the bill sponsor, strongly believes that elected officials should be able to speak directly with any employee about any matter but understands that community college boards operate differently. Amendments were considered during the February session. OCCA will have an opportunity to present amendments in the 2011 Legislative Session.

The board agreed create a task force to look at the issue and recommend amendments to the bill.

**MOTION:** Chuck Clemens moved that board president Ernie Keller appoint a task force, with majority being board members.  
**SECOND:** Ed Dodson seconded.  
**VOTE:** Passed, no opposition.

Members include: Joyce Lynn Garret, Chair, Chuck Clemens, Dean Wendle, Ed Taber, and David Rule.

#### **D. Action Items**

##### **1. Executive Committee Nominations**

2010-2011 Vice President – Susie Johnston, Nominee  
2010- 2011 Secretary– Jim Middleton, Nominee  
2010- 2011 Treasurer– Patty Scott, Nominee  
2010-2011 At-Large Board Member – Judith Ervin, Nominee  
2010-2011 At-Large Board Member – Dean Wendle, Nominee

Ernie Keller opened up nominations to the floor. There were none.

**MOTION:** Dave Shields moved to accept the slate of nominations.  
**SECOND:** Ann Swaim seconded.  
**VOTE:** Passed, no opposition.

#### **E. Reports**

##### **1. President – Ernie Keller**

Ernie distributed an ACCT fact sheet listing their federal priorities, including the American Graduation Initiative and Pell Grant funding. (<http://www.acct.org/advocacy/priorities/>)

##### **2. Executive Director – Andrea Henderson**

- **Special Session Wrap-Up**

The special session legislative report is complete and can be found on the OCCA website. Andrea discussed the pros and cons of the February session. Community colleges got an additional \$9.7 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant and helped part time students qualify for the OOG. But the session also brought the whistleblower bill without amendments. The annual sessions bill will go before voters this year. Andrea recognized John Wykoff and Brett Rowlett for their work on the opportunity grant issues. Other legislation from the session included necessary changes made by Karen Smith to the automated defibrillator bill and the "Buy American" bill, which OCCA had concerns about and did not pass. Joyce Garret, board member at Central Oregon Community College, volunteered her time at the OCCA office during session to learn about the legislative process. Andrea noted that the 2011 session will be critical with regards to funding issues. Community colleges have gained credibility with legislators.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Student Scholar – April 8. Governor Ted Kulongoski will attend the ceremony at the capitol. Lunch will be held at the Creekside Golf Club.
- Board training – July 22-23, Oregon Garden, Silverton. OCCA is not charging for the training (attendees will pay for their own lodging.)
- Annual convention – November 4-6, Sunriver.

**3. Finance Committee Chair – Jim Middleton**

The budget was presented earlier in the meeting.

**4. Presidents Council Chair – John Turner**

OPC is working on growth issues and is applying for a grant through CCWD from the American Graduation Initiative.

**5. State Board of Education – Brenda Frank**

No report.

**6. SBHE– Preston Pulliams**

The board is working to attract more students of color to universities. There is also discussion about how universities can have some level of autonomy from the state.

**7. Quality Education Commission – Mary Spilde**

No report.

**8. Oregon Education Association – Louanne Whitton**

No report.

**F. Wrap-Up**

**Upcoming Dates and Events**

- a) April 8 – Student Scholar Luncheon Event
- b) July 22-23 – OCCA Board Training