

OCCA BOARD MEETING

Location: Oregon Coast Community College – Newport, Oregon

Date: October 8, 2010

Time: 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Albright (Lane)	Jim Harper (PCC)	David Shields (MHCC)
Peter Angstadt (Rogue)	Susie Johnston, OCCA President (Lane)	David Squire (PCC)
Bob Bell (Umpqua)	Ernie Keller (Columbia Gorge)	John "Ski" Sygielski (MHCC)
JoAnne Beilke (Chemeketa)	Julie Kremers (Southwestern)	Frank Toda (Columbia Gorge)
Chuck Clemans (Clackamas)	Ron Mason (Linn-Benton)	Joanne Truesdell (Clackamas)
Ed Dodson (Chemeketa)	Blaine Nisson (Umpqua)	John Turner (BMCC)
Judith Ervin (Clackamas)	Patrick O'Connor (Oregon Coast)	Dean Wendle (Rogue)
Larry Galizio (Clatsop)	Preston Pulliams (PCC)	Dana Young (TVCC)
Connie Green (TBCC)	Cheryl Roberts (Chemeketa)	Patty Scott (Southwestern)
Greg Hamann (Linn-Benton)	David Rule (PCC)	Gerald Hamilton (Klamath)
Craig Morgan (LCC)	Andrea Henderson (OCCA)	

OTHERS

Rebecca Cozart (OCCA)	John Wykoff (OCCA)	Karen Smith (OCCA)
Louanne Whitton (OEA)	Joe Johnson (OCCA)	Michelle Miller (OCCA)

Call to Order

Susie Johnston, OCCA Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

A. Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

B. Consent Agenda

No Consent agenda items.

C. Discussion Items

1. Budget Update

Henderson provided the board with an overview of the current service level (\$477 million) and indicated that the mid-November revenue forecast will have an impact on the current biennium and the upcoming session. She told the board that the \$477 million level would be a starting point and it is not feasible to expect to be funded at this level. The starting number will more than likely be \$417 million. There will be another forecast in March and again in May at which time the proposed budget must balance to the May forecast. If the forecast goes up after the session concludes the kicker will go back to the taxpayers.

Henderson reviewed the Maintenance of Effort issue indicating that the law requires that the state maintain an investment in education at the 2006 level. Before the new cuts, the MOE is \$34 million below what is required. The legislature may redefine the MOE. If additional funds go into MOE, then the legislature will determine how much money is distributed to OHSU, OUS and community colleges. Legislators won't consider the issue until at least February.

2. Statewide Governance

Henderson told the board that the Legislative Workgroup on Post-Secondary Education met on October 1 to hear further recommendations from Aimes McGuinness and Dennis Jones of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems as well as David Longanecker from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. In their recommendation, they dropped the proposal to have a separate community college board at the state level. Also, they further clarified the duties of the new board. The workgroup will meet again in early November to review a legislative draft on these changes.

In anticipation of this proposed legislation and in an effort to be prepared to agree or rebut points in the proposed bill, Henderson asked the board to work in small groups to answer two questions:

1. What critical decisions should always be made at the local board level?
2. What is going well at the state level and what is not?

The result of this discussion is attached. The Governance Committee will draft a position for a first reading at the December OCCA board meeting. Local boards will have a chance to review the document and the document will be adopted at the January OCCA board meeting. President Johnston has appointed a Governance Committee to continue to review this issue. Members are: Joanne Truesdell, Greg Hamann, Connie Lee, David Bridgham and Jim Harper. The Committee hopes to have a telephone conversation with both Longanecker and Jones to get a better understanding of their recommendation.

3. Legislative Positions

Wykoff reviewed the draft OCCA Legislative Principles and Positions with the board. The board will adopt these positions at the December meeting.

He explained sections where changes have occurred from the previous year. Most of the changes address issues related to the current economic conditions. Wykoff noted that in light of the State Treasurer's recommendation to halt further bond sales, it is critical that commitments made for community college capital construction projects are honored. With regard to the Opportunity Grant, Wykoff indicated that the policy reflects the need for OSAC to support institutions so that they can create access (there needs to be a seat before there is money) before providing financial aid. Also, Wykoff told the board because of budget cuts, OCCA may need to be more forceful this session with regard to state mandates. In the area of expanded options/dual credit, Wykoff pointed out that there must be incentives created for colleges to offer dual credit and those dual credit programs must benefit the students. In the area of accountability he added that as more discussion of performance-based funding surfaces, it is important to guild on the good work already accomplished by the colleges. Wykoff said OCCA will continue to point out that keeping statewide workforce initiatives and SBDCs alive are critical partnership to keeping Oregon solvent.

4. OSBA/OCCA Relationship

Harper reported that the recent joint meeting was well-received and that the driving force behind both organizations focus is “student success”. He added that OSBA wants to work with community colleges so that students move into colleges better prepared. Henderson and McCann will develop a report for review by the group which will ultimately be presented to the OCCA and OSBA boards of directors. In addition, OSBA requested that someone from their organization sit on the OCCA board.

D. Action Items

1. OCCA 2011 Priorities

MOTION: Made by Keller, seconded by Wendle and carried to adopt the OCCA 2011 priorities as presented.

2. Approval of OCCA Vice President

MOTION: Made by Clemans, seconded by Keller to approve the appointment of Ed Dodson as OCCA Vice President for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

Dodson thanked the board for their support during this critical time and told them he is committed to supporting OCCA and will be back to attending meetings in January 2011.

3. Review and Acceptance of OCCA Audit Report

MOTION: Made by Keller, seconded by Mason and carried, to accept the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2010

Henderson commended Cozart for her fine work on maintaining the books and assuring a balanced budget. Wendle asked Henderson about whether the new bank which purchased Shorebank will honor the New Market Tax Credit transaction. He also asked whether this is a paper transaction or if there is still risk to OCCA. Henderson explained to the board that according to the OCCA attorney the transaction is a paper transaction and that the only risk to OCCA was in the one day time frame in which the funds moved through OCCA's accounts to Shorebank. Henderson indicated she would confirm with legal counsel that the sale of Shorebank would not place OCCA at risk.

E. Reports

1. President – Susie Johnston

Johnston thanked everyone for their support and told the board she looks forward to working with them and OCCA staff in the upcoming year.

2. Executive Director – Andrea Henderson

Henderson told the board that the majority of the OCCA staff's energies are focused on the session. She encouraged members to attend the OCCA conference in Sunriver and thanked Cozart for putting together a great program.

3. Finance Committee Chairman – Patty Scott

Scott told the board that other than the review of the audit there was no financial report at this time.

4. Oregon President's Council Chairman – Preston Pulliams

Pulliams recognized Sygielski as AACC president and asked that he update the board about the White House Summit on Community Colleges. Pulliams recognized members of the Growth Committee for their work on this issue and indicated that the group although not in complete agreement has provided Commission Preus with a recommendation to take to the State Board of Education. He said the council discussed the rising costs of health insurance through OEBC and ways to keep the premiums under control. He added that the group is pleased the semesters issue has been set aside but will keep the applied baccalaureate discussion open.

5. State Board of Higher Education – Preston Pulliams

Pulliams told the board that the governance discussion began as a tuition control discussion and has now focused on the push for more autonomy. Much of the board's time has been spent on the governance discussion.

6. Oregon Education Association – Louanne Whitton

Whitton reported that OEA is working with student groups to get as many people registered as possible including setting up phone banks to support pro-education candidates. OEA opposed the adoption of the semesters plan at this time due to the cost. OEA will also be talking about the governance issue and is in support of continued local control of critical decision-making. She added that in the upcoming legislative session, OEA will continue to work with OCCA on common issues and as one voice when possible.

Wrap-Up

Sygielski and Toda briefed the board about the White House Summit on Community Colleges. They indicated the summit was quite valuable in that it allowed for intimate discussions about a variety of issues with the secretaries of most federal departments (education, labor, etc) and with individuals such as Jill Biden and Melinda Gates. Sygielski hopes to bring Arnie Duncan to Oregon for a statewide summit similar to the one held in Washington, D.C.

- **Upcoming Events**

- OCCA Annual Conference – November 4-6, Sunriver
- OCCA Legislative Summit – February 23, Salem Conference Center

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Statewide Governance

1. What critical decisions should always be made at the local board level?

- accountable to electorate
- meet needs of local community
- set policy to align with accreditation standards
- determine tuition and fees
- oversee collective bargaining
- oversee curriculum and programs
- creation and implementation of mission/vision
- approve budget
- coordinate capital construction
- hire/fire president
- bonding authority
- development of strategic plan
- maintenance of local business support
- development and implementation of entrepreneurial activities to benefit the college

2. What is going well at the state level and what is not?

Going well:

- CCWD Data
- Program approval
- Relationships
- Autonomy
- Accountability
- Understanding of goals (CCWD/ SBE/ OCCA)
- The joint boards work
- UEE
- Performance measures

Not going well:

- Accountability
- Data collection
- financial aid
- consistency of credit transfer
- data sharing
- teaching credentials

What is needed at the state level:

- Sensitivity to timing of any changes
- outcomes and policy
- promotion of the overall community college mission
- accountability for performance
- annual requirement to publish satisfaction survey about performance levels