

OCCA BOARD MEETING

Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Oregon

December 10, 2010

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

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Susie Johnston, OCCA Board President (Lane)	Frank Toda (Columbia Gorge)	Dave Squire (Portland)
John Turner (Blue Mountain)	Ernie Keller (Columbia Gorge)	Peter Angstadt (Rogue)
Ed Taber (Blue Mountain)	Gerald Hamilton (Klamath)	Dean Wendle (Rogue)
James Middleton (Central Oregon)	Mary Spilde (Lane)	Patty Scott (Southwestern Oregon)
Joyce Lynn Garrett (Central Oregon)	Pat Albright (Lane)	Connie Green (Tillamook Bay)
Joanne Bielke (Chemeketa)	Ron Mason (Linn Benton)	Dana Young (Treasure Valley)
Joanne Truesdell (Clackamas)	Jim Huckestein (Linn Benton)	Peter Lawson (Treasure Valley)
Chuck Clemans (Clackamas)	John "Ski" Sygielski (Mt. Hood)	Bob Bell (Umpqua)
Judith Ervine (Clackamas)	Dave Shields (Mt. Hood)	Rita Cavin (Umpqua)
Larry Galizio (Clatsop)	Preston Pulliams (Portland)	Andrea Henderson (OCCA)
		Ann Swain (Tillamook Bay)

OTHERS

Rebecca Cozart (OCCA)

John Wykoff (OCCA)

Karen Smith (OCCA)

Megan Jensen (OCCA)

Joe Johnson (OCCA)

Dayna Haynes (Portland)

Matt McCoy (Mt. Hood)

Guy Faust (OCCC)

David Rule (Portland)

Linda Gerber (Portland)

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

1. 9-20-10 Executive Committee Minutes
2. 10-28-10 Executive Committee Minutes
3. 11-16-10 Executive Committee Minutes
4. 11-18-10 Executive Committee Minutes
5. 5-21-10 Board of Directors Minutes
6. 10-8-10 Board of Directors Minutes

MOTION: Made by Clemens, seconded by Shields and carried to approve the consent agenda.

C. Discussion Items

1. Legislative Update/Planning – Andrea Henderson/John Wykoff

John Wykoff distributed a handout with an update on the upcoming legislature.

- The Governor's Office

John Kitzhaber announced the leadership for several of his transition teams, including his higher education team, which will be led Mary Spilde (Lane Community College president) and Duncan Wyse

(president of the Oregon Business Council and State Board of Education member.) Spilde explained that Kitzhaber has requested information on what a flat budget over the next two years would look like for state agencies. Draft recommendations are due by December 22 with final recommendations due on January 3.

Kitzhaber has also requested the resignations of 24 department heads, with the idea that they can re-apply but must agree to changes and performance measures he wants implemented. OUS Chancellor George Pernsteiner was on the list; however Cam Preus, Commissioner for CCWD, was not.

While early reports had been that Governor-Elect Kitzhaber would release a preliminary budget in early December, a full budget is likely to be released in early January.

- **The Legislature**

While the House Republicans and Democrats continue to negotiate how to run the evenly split chamber, caucus leadership positions have been announced and the Senate leadership has also been set. However, chairs of individual committees have not yet been announced for either chamber, with the exception of Ways and Means on the Senate side, which will be co-chaired by Senator Richard Devlin who was the Democratic Majority Leader in the Senate Last session.

- **Senate Leadership**

Democrats (16 seats) - Senate President, Peter Courtney; Majority Leader, Diane Rosenbaum; Ways and Means Co-Chair, Richard Devlin
Republicans (14 seats) - Republican Leader, Ted Ferrioli

- **House Leadership:**

The major question still confronting House members is how to run the evenly split chamber. The most likely scenario appears to be co-speakers. Because each side has chosen their caucus leaders, we know who those people will be but how they will organize the power-sharing is still being negotiated by the two sides. Both sides hope to reach an agreement by this weekend.

Democrats (30 Seats) - Co-Speaker Nominee – Arnie Roblan; Caucus Leader – Dave Hunt
Republicans (30 Seats) - Co-Speaker Nominee – Bruce Hanna; Caucus Leader – Not yet announced

- **Governor Kulongoski's Reset Report Update**

Recently, Governor Kulongoski issued an update of his Reset Report that outlined an array of cuts to bring the state budget into balance and on a more sustainable trajectory moving forward. The recommendations did not include new revenue but included cuts such as the removal of the PERS six percent pickup by the state. In his report, he recommends the state reduce the budgets of community colleges and K-12 by the amount currently represented by the six percent pickup.

Wykoff discussed the organization of the 2011 Legislature. There is a 30/30 split in the House and 16/14 split in Senate which means each bill will require more work than usual to pass. Community colleges will need to maintain strong connections with local legislators on every key issue.

Henderson noted that there will be regular legislative calls and requested that board members review significant bills and the positions taken. She also requested that colleges inform OCCA of who they would like to have included on the legislative calls. OCCA will send out an email in early January organizing the call. Some of the legislative calls will use Elluminate Live for the meetings.

2. Budget Update – Andrea Henderson

Henderson noted that there will be slightly more money in the 2011-13 biennium but the cost to deliver the same level of service has gone up faster than the incoming revenue so funding will remain flat at best. A draft budget should be available for discussion at the January board meeting, at which time the board will need to discuss the community college funding request.

3. OHEA – Andrea Henderson/Hans Bernard (Hubbell Communications)

OHEA has hired a consulting firm to develop and execute a plan around advocacy for higher education budgets and the OUS governance change. Hans Bernard provided a work plan overview. Hubbell Communications work will be centered on building support for the coalition's 2011 legislative agenda, which is to enact modifications to the governance structure for OUS while protecting OHSU and community college budgets from significant programmatic cuts. Bernard explained the company will first develop the message and conduct research, then initiate a series of public events and communication activities to identify, educate and recruit a growing database of credible, influential allies. Hubbell Communications will also make use of web and social media exposure as well as email blasts.

Board members expressed concern that the OHEA launch will get lost amid the proposed OUS governance changes. Bernard explained that the overall focus will emphasize the groups involved in investments in education. Board member Clemans noted that community colleges have strong bonds with local businesses and the OHEA group is a positive change.

D. Action Items

1. Adoption of Legislative Positions -John Wykoff

Wykoff explained changes made during the last board meeting.

MOTION: Made by Keller, seconded by Beilke and carried to adopt the OCCA legislative 2011 positions as presented.

2. Adoption of Preliminary Position on LC 2861-Andrea Henderson

Executive Director recommendation: Conceptually support the concept of a Higher Education Coordinating Council so long as its authority is limited to recommendations on the state level with no direct governing authority over community colleges.

MOTION: Made by Keller, seconded by Bielke and carried to adopt the preliminary position on LC 2861.

MOTION: Made by Keller, seconded by Bielke to adopt the preliminary position on LC 2861 as amended. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT: Made by Green, seconded by Bielke to conceptually support the concept of a Higher Education Coordinating Council so long as its authority is limited to recommendations on the state level with no direct governing authority over community colleges *and* ensure that it looks at ways to improve student transitions and success. Amendment carried.

E. Reports

1. President – Susie Johnston

Johnston thanked everyone for their participation in the OCCA Annual Conference and noted that she enjoyed attending the SWOCC board meeting with Andrea.

2. Executive Director – Andrea Henderson

Henderson thanked Rebecca for her work on the conference and also thanked CCWD for paying for Byron McClenney to give his presentation in Portland. She noted that OCCA is focused on the upcoming legislative session. Henderson has attended several community college board meetings with more on the calendar, and she acknowledged Chemeketa Community College board members, who have decided to attend one other community college board meeting each year. She noted that OCCA is working on the budget for the following year, which will not include salary or dues increases. Two board meetings have been added to the schedule during the legislative session to allow time to discuss the complex issues that will be raised. The OCCA Legislative Summit will be held on February 23 and 24 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Henderson noted that Monday's Oregon Business Council Summit will include a breakout session on education and OCCA staff will bring some key ideas to the session to focus on community college issues.

3. Finance Committee Chairman – Patty Scott

Scott noted that the annual conference made about \$2000. The OCCA budget cycle is about halfway through the year with 48% of the bills paid and 93% of the revenue in.

4. Oregon President's Council Chairman – Preston Pulliams

Pulliams thanked Henderson for working with Cam Preus on the proposed coordinating council to remove language that includes community colleges. OPC recently voted to support a change in the growth formula that will be presented to the State Board and Growth Committee discussions are continuing. OPC also voted to for a group to work with the Student Success Initiative to promote and support its efforts to adopt national core standards.

5. State Board of Higher Education – Preston Pulliams

Pulliams noted that discussion at the recent board meeting revolved around governance changes. OUS would like more operating flexibility and would like to use the block grant funding model. The University of Oregon has proposed to be outside of the entire system but the state board does not support that idea. Preus noted that the state board had a first reading on growth and enrollment management and is leaning towards its adoption in January.

6. Louanne Whitton – No Report

F. Wrap-Up

• Upcoming Events

- OCCA Board of Directors – January 28, Local Government Center, Salem
- OCCA Legislative Summit – - February 23-24, Salem Conference Center
- OCCA Board of Directors - February 24, Oregon State Library, Salem

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.