

**OCCA BOARD MEETING**  
State Library, Salem Oregon  
February 24, 2011  
12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Susie Johnston, OCCA Board President (Lane)	Chuck Clemans (Clackamas)	Dean Wendle (Rogue)
John Turner (Blue Mountain)	Ernie Keller (Columbia Gorge)	Patty Scott (Southwestern Oregon)
Ed Taber (Blue Mountain)	Frank Toda (Columbia Gorge)	David Bridgham (Southwestern Oregon)
Joyce Lynn Garrett (Central Oregon)	Gerald Hamilton (Klamath)	Connie Green (Tillamook Bay)
Cheryl Roberts (Chemeketa)	Greg Hamann (Linn Benton)	Jon Carnahan (Tillamook Bay)
Ed Dodson (Chemeketa)	Ron Mason (Linn Benton)	Dana Young (Treasure Valley)
Judith Ervin (Clackamas)	Pat O'Connor (Oregon Coast)	Bob Bell (Umpqua)
Larry Galizio (Clatsop)	David Rule (Portland)	Rita Cavin (Umpqua)
Jim Middleton (Central Oregon)	Peter Angstadt (Rogue)	Andrea Henderson (OCCA)

**OTHERS**

Rebecca Cozart (OCCA)	John Wykoff (OCCA)	Karen Smith (OCCA)
Megan Jensen (OCCA)	Joe Johnson (OCCA)	Krissa Caldwell (CCWD)
	Michelle Miller (OCCA)	Shalee Hodgson (CCWD)

**Call to Order**

Susie Johnston, OCCA Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**A. Introductions**

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. 2-3-2011 Executive Committee Minutes
2. 2-10-2011 Executive Committee Minutes
3. 2-17-2011 Executive Committee Minutes
4. 1-28-2011 Board of Directors Minutes

**MOTION:** Made by Albright, seconded by Ervin and carried to approve the consent agenda.

**C. Discussion Items**

**1. Summit Debrief**

The group shared information about their visits with legislators. Common discussion topics included governance, veterans' and capital construction issues.

**2. Legislative Update – Andrea Henderson**

- SB 9 (Requires public universities and community colleges to provide financial aid to students with unmet financial need under the federal aid formula when the university or community college raises tuition more than \_\_ percent) - Sen. Courtney has agreed to remove community colleges from the bill. Henderson thanked the business officers that provided information on the financial impact to community colleges.
- HB 2963 (Directs Joint Boards of Education to prepare a report on strategies for reducing higher education textbook costs) – The bill is moving forward in the process.

- HB 2866 (Requires Joint Boards of Education to adopt a comprehensive articulation and transfer system for students of community colleges and state institutions of higher education) – There is interest in making sure the bill continues to move forward.
- Revenue and kicker reform legislation – OCCA has not yet weighed in on the conversation. Two funds are being discussed, one of which is a post-secondary fund. OCCA is following the issue and will bring it back for discussion at a later date.
- SB 301 (Reconnects the Oregon tax code to the federal tax code) – The bill impacts students by allowing a tuition tax credit. The bill has received some opposition, but OCCA has not yet weighed in on the bill.
- SB 242 (Creates Higher Education Coordinating Commission) – The bill has not made much progress, as there is uncertainty about how it might work with the Governor Kitzhaber’s executive order. Amendments were adopted at last week’s hearing that did not include the OCCA’s -2 amendments, which was a technical error that will be addressed. There are also larger issues relating to OUS and OSAC.
- Capital construction – Some legislators have indicated a desire to fund some capital construction projects this session. If there are any colleges not interested this session, please contact OCCA so other projects can move up the list.
- PERS –PERS reform legislation has been introduced but it is not likely that there will be any major changes to PERS this session.

### **3. Discussion of Governor’s Executive Order - Andrea Henderson**

Governor Kitzhaber has announced the membership of the Oregon Education Investment Team. Mary Spilde (Lane Community College) is a member. There is currently no one from OUS in the group.

The group discussed issues around completion, with the consensus that community colleges would like to participate in the process. Henderson asked the board to consider the role of OCCA for discussion at a future board meeting.

### **4. Discussion of OSBA Representation on Board – Andrea Henderson**

For many years, the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) has welcomed an OCCA board member on its board in an ex-officio capacity. Currently Jim Harper sits on the OSBA board representing OCCA. OSBA has asked that OCCA consider including an OSBA member as an ex-officio member of the OCCA board. Members noted that they think a connection would be good.

## **D. Action Items**

### **1. Position on JOBS Budget Cut – Andrea Henderson**

The Governor’s budget contains a significant cut in the Human Services budget to the JOBS program, which is designed to help Oregonians get into jobs. A number of our colleges receive funding from the Department of Human Services to deliver the services in the program. Impacted colleges include Portland, Mt Hood, Linn Benton, Blue Mountain, Umpqua, and Chemeketa. The loss of money is significant and would cause a large number layoffs at those colleges.

Henderson asked the group what OCCA’s role in lobbying the issue should be. OCCA generally lobbies for the support fund and financial aid, so this would be a different type of issue.

**MOTION:** Made by Keller, seconded by Garrett and carried to support a valid use of Human Service dollars, to be a partner but not advocate that

community college dollars directly fund the program, and that Henderson will draft a message of support.

Henderson noted that OCCA will work with the colleges that have JOBS programs to share information with legislators about the impacts.

## **2. Position on Charter School Bill - Andrea Henderson**

As a result of conversations from Chemeketa Community College, Rep. Betty Komp is introducing legislation allowing community colleges to sponsor charter schools as well as deliver educational services as a charter school. Legislation allowing the creation of charter schools was first passed in the 1999 legislative session. While there was some discussion regarding community colleges as potential sponsors of charter schools, ultimately only the local school district and the State Board of Education were granted the authority to sponsor charter school. Currently, those wishing to create a charter school must first apply to their local school board to sponsor the school. If the local school board refuses to sponsor the charter, the charter proponents may seek sponsorship from the State Board of Education. This legislation would allow a petition to be made directly to a community college for sponsorship, thus bypassing the local school district. If approved by the community college board, the charter school would be available to students within the community college district.

Once a charter school is approved by a community college district, the ADMw money for the students enrolled flows directly to the charter school. By statute, at least 80% of the ADMw for K-8 students must go to the charter school while 95% of the money follows a high school student. Charter schools can be created as a new school or an existing school or portion of a school may be converted to a charter school. The proposed legislation adds to that list an existing community college program. If this were to pass, a community college could take an existing program that serves high school students and turn it into a charter school.

School districts will likely be extremely concerned with this legislation as it potentially allows a community college to serve their students and collect the ADMw funds without having to seek approval or negotiate with the local school district. This is one of two proposals about charter schools and essentially allows community colleges to sponsor a charter school. The other, HB 3475, would allow community colleges to be a charter school.

**MOTION:** Made by Angstadt, seconded by Turner to oppose both charter school bills. Motion failed.

**VOTE:** Aye: Blue Mountain, Rogue, Klamath, Central Oregon  
Nay: Chemeketa, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia Gorge, Linn Benton, Oregon Coast, Portland, Southwestern Oregon, Tillamook Bay, Treasure Valley, Umpqua

There was discussion of whether being a charter school would benefit community colleges and that perhaps the K-12 system to take care of the charter school issue on their own. Henderson suggested that the board take a neutral position and make it clear to K-12 that OCCA will not push the bill.

**AMENDMENT:** Made by Roberts, seconded by Clemans to remain neutral and to revisit that position if there is movement on the bill. Amended motion carried.

**VOTE:** Aye: Central Oregon, Chemeketa, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia Gorge, Linn Benton, Oregon Coast, Portland, Southwestern Oregon, Tillamook Bay, Treasure Valley, Umpqua  
Nay: Blue Mountain, Rogue, Klamath

**3. Nomination of Executive Committee – Ernie Keller**

2011-2012 President – Ed Dodson, Nominee  
2011-2012 Vice President – Judith Ervin, Nominee  
2011-2012 Secretary– Patty Scott, Nominee  
2011-2012 Treasurer– Larry Galizio, Nominee  
2011-2012 At-Large Board Member –Bob Bell, Nominee  
2011-2012 At-Large Board Member – Joyce Lynn Garrett, Nominee

Johnston opened the floor for nominations. Hearing no additional nominations, Johnston closed the floor for nominations.

**MOTION:** Made by Lee, seconded by Keller and carried to accept the slate of candidates.

**E. Reports**

**1. President – Susie Johnston**

Susie thanked the group for their support of her as board chair.

**2. Executive Director – Andrea Henderson**

No report.

**3. Finance Committee Chairman – Patty Scott**

The committee will meet to discuss the budget at the April 1 board meeting.

**4. Oregon President’s Council Chairman – Preston Pulliams**

No report.

**5. State Board of Education/CCWD – Camille Preus**

No report.

**6. State Board of Higher Education – Preston Pulliams**

No report.

**7. OEA - Louanne Whitton**

- The new executive director for OEA, Richard Sanders, has been appointed to the Governor’s investment team. OEA is working to update him on community college issues.
- Working Wonders campaign - Stories about student success can be submitted to the OEA website (<http://www.oregoned.org/workingwonders>) for possible inclusion in a promotional video. Whitton encouraged participation by community college students as well as K-12 students. The deadline is April 11.
- OEA will join with AFTO on March 7 for the post-secondary education rally at the capitol.

**F. Wrap-Up**

• **Upcoming Events**

1. OCCA Board – April 1
  - Noon to 4:00 p.m., Oregon State Library
2. All Oregon Academic Team – April 21
  - Presentation – 9:30 a.m., State Capitol
  - Luncheon – 11:45 a.m., Salem Conference Center

**G. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.