



OEIB Meeting Update

While the members of the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) have not yet been confirmed, the group held an informal meeting on September 30. John Tapogna, president of ECONorthwest, presented information regarding how Oregon spends education money on the various learner groups. The work group also heard updates about one of the state's efforts to seek waivers from the No Child Left Behind Act and to develop a data system. Finally, participants from the Learnworks group talked about what a learner-centered, outcome-based system might look like. The OCCA board will have an opportunity to hear more about Learnworks at the October 7 board meeting in Salem. The work group will meet on the following days:

- October 10, 1 pm - 5 pm
- October 26, 1 pm - 5 pm
- November 10, 8 am - Noon
- November 21, 1 pm - 5 pm
- December 7, 1 pm - 5 pm

Oregon IDEA Board Meeting

The Oregon IDEA board met on September 28 to discuss next steps in its advocacy efforts for community colleges, the Oregon University System (OUS) and Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU). Among the attendees were community college board members Charlie Miller (Central Oregon Community College), Dean Wendle (Rogue Community College) and Chuck Clemans (Clackamas Community College); Preston Pulliams (President, Portland Community College); and Andrea Henderson (Executive Director, Oregon Community College Association.)

The board adopted a work plan that focuses on securing the 3.5 % funding holdback during the 2012 legislative session and advocating for increased funding for the 2013 session. The board agreed to support recommendations from the Oregon Education Investment Board only if there is agreement from community colleges, OUS and OHSU for the changes.

TVCC Mourns Death of Rodeo Coach

Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) rodeo coach Sonny Hansen died Thursday morning as a result of injuries sustained after being thrown from his horse during rodeo practice at the Malheur County Fairgrounds on Tuesday night. TVCC's rodeo team, students and staff mourn the loss of Hansen and in his honor,

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National News in Education

The House passed a funding measure on September 29 to continue funding the government until October 4 (five days past the September 30 expiration.) The five-day extension will give the House additional time to consider a longer Senate-passed funding bill that would expire on November 18 or move a different bill. Also, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education released a draft of the FY 2012 appropriations bill, which maintains the maximum funding level for the Pell Grant at \$5,550, yet makes significant eligibility changes to the program. Read more on the ACCT website [here](#).

OCCA Annual Conference October 27-29 Salishan Resort Gleneden Beach, Oregon

Donna Zajonc will open the conference by helping you broaden your leadership perspective. Throughout the course of the conference, you and your board members will be challenged to look at every aspect of community college life, from budgets to student success to – you name it – and walk away with that “new perspective” for your particular college and your particular community. General session speaker Dennis Jones will provide practical suggestions about the policies and procedures that Boards of Trustees and Presidents should put in place to create an environment to achieve the “40/40/20” goal. Dr. Katherine Boswell will close with a session detailing the 10 educational public policy issues topping the list so you can be prepared for the road ahead. And, in between, you'll hear from legislators about the 2011 session and what to expect in the coming years, learn about how Oregon's community colleges are defining their own new perspectives, and

will dedicate the upcoming Chukar Rodeo on Oct. 14-16, 2011, to his commitment to the program. You can read more about the life of Hansen [here](#) and [here](#).

Funeral services are scheduled for noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at TVCC and a scholarship in Sonny's honor has been established. Those wishing to make memorial donations can contribute to: *The Sonny Hansen Rodeo Scholarship, TVCC Foundation, 650 College Blvd, Ontario, Oregon 97914.*

Lane's Transition Program Profiled

Lane Community College has been selected as one of ten outstanding high-school-to-college transition programs across the nation to be profiled by the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) organization. OCCA will post the profile after it is completed by CCSSE in the coming months.

Oregon Consortia Receives \$18.6 Million Grant

The Obama administration has awarded the first installment of a \$2 billion national investment in grants to community colleges for job training and workforce development to help economically dislocated workers who are changing careers. Of the nearly \$500 million initial disbursement, \$18.6 million has been allocated to the Clackamas Community College Consortium (made up of the seventeen Oregon community colleges) to support the Oregon Credentials, Acceleration, and Support for Employment (CASE) Consortium, a statewide collaboration that includes the community colleges, Oregon Employment Department/Trade Act, employers, and community partners.

A description of the project priorities can be found [here](#), as well as links to the Department of Labor press release and the list of grant recipients across the nation.

spend some time reviewing board development issues. And don't forget about the exhibitors!

The opening party at the art-filled Lawrence Gallery will get your creative juices flowing and help open your eyes to a new way of seeing things. Don't miss this fun-filled evening in a gorgeous venue with lots of food and some surprises. The Howard Cherry banquet will be the place to be Friday night for music and a chance to honor this year's recipients as well as members who have served on their college's board.

Click [here](#) for program and registration information. Be sure to make your lodging reservations early...the cut-off date is **September 26**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPC/OCCA Board Meetings
October 6-7, 2011
Salem, Oregon

ACCT Conference
October 12-15, 2011
Dallas, Texas

State Board Meeting
October 20-21, 2011
Salem, Oregon

OCCA Annual Conference
October 27-29, 2011
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

AAWCC Conference
November 17-18, 2011
Tigard, Oregon

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