



NEWSLETTER
November 16, 2011

OCCA Conference Wrap-Up

Over 130 people attended the OCCA annual conference last month at Salishan Resort on the Oregon coast. Donna Zajonc (Bainbridge Leadership Institute) opened the event with a series of mental challenges designed to help leaders broaden and shift problem-oriented mindsets to an outcome perspective. Later in the day, Dennis Jones (National Center for Higher Education Management Systems) provided practical suggestions about policies and procedures that boards of trustees and presidents could enact to help the state reach its 40/40/20 goal. On Saturday, closing session speaker Katherine Boswell (Higher Education Management Service Center) discussed the top policy issues facing community colleges, from declining state support to issues of access and sustainability. Fifteen breakout and special sessions covered a variety of topics and many participants commented that this year's conference was both informative and relevant.

Recognition was given at the Friday evening Howard Cherry Awards banquet in celebration of the contributions to community colleges by local advocates, administrators and board members. This year's Howard Cherry Award recipients include:

- Outstanding Community College Administrator:
Jon Carnahan, President Emeritus, Tillamook Bay Community College
- Outstanding Community College Board Member:
Jim Harper, Board Member, Portland Community College
- Outstanding Community College Advocate:
Duncan Wyse, President, Oregon Business Council

Conference session presentations and pictures of award recipients can be found on our website [here](#).

Student Success Task Force

The Student and Institutional Success Task Force held its first meeting last week, beginning a discussion about what measures of success Oregon should use as the

National News in Education

From ACCT: Pell is currently facing a \$1.3 billion shortfall in FY 2012. The Senate had initially proposed eliminating a student loan interest subsidy to cover the shortfall, however that option will now only yield \$400 million for FY 2012. With \$900 million still needed to eliminate the shortfall, eligibility changes to Pell are currently being debated. The House FY 2012 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations draft bill contains significant eligibility changes to the Pell Grant program. These changes will eliminate over 500,000 students from the Pell Grant program and reduce the average award by \$240. Due to the nature of the changes, the impact would be felt greatest amongst working and non-traditional students.

Visit the [ACCT website](#) for more details on the impact of Pell eligibility changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oregon Presidents Council
November 17-18, 2011
Tigard, Oregon

AAWCC Conference
November 17-18, 2011
Tigard, Oregon

State Board
December 1-2, 2011
Salem, Oregon

Oregon Presidents Council

legislature and governor's office move toward outcome-based education funding.

The task force arose from HB 3418, passed in the 2011 legislative session. It was one of several pieces of legislation passed that look at changing the way Oregon coordinates and budgets for education services. The task force is co-chaired by Ed Dodson, OCCA board chair, and Jim Francesconi, an Oregon University System board member.

Specifically, the legislation calls on the task force to:

- Consider institutional and statutory barriers to student success and completion of programs
- Examine methods for students to acquire basic skills and career preparation skills
- Review alternative funding options for providing necessary services to students and promoting best practices for student success and completion
- Compare alternative funding options instituted in other states for improving student and institutional success

The group's first discussion touched on a wide range of topics, including helping students move from remedial to college level courses to expanding educational opportunities for minority students.

December 8-9, 2011
McMinnville, Oregon

OCCA Board
December 9, 2011
McMinnville, Oregon

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