

OCCA Board Meeting

December 8, 2006

Oregon State Capitol

Salem, Oregon

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Marilyn Lane (Board President, Clatsop); Chuck Clemans (Board Past-President, Clackamas); Mike Rose (Lane); John Turner (BMCC); Preston Pulliams (PCC); Blaine Nisson (UCC); Greg Hamann (Clatsop CC); Tom Keel (UCC); Connie Lee (COCC); Mike Holland (LBCC); Wes Price (LBCC); Sharon Davidson (Rogue); Judith Hansen (Southwestern); David Bridgham (Southwestern); Fred Smith (KCC); Don McCasland (KCC); Dean Wendle (RCC); Ernie Keller (CGCC); Frank Toda (CGCC); Andrew Bone (Chemeketa); Brian Freeman (MHCC); Bob Silverman (MHCC)

OTHERS:

Cam Preus-Braly (CCWD); Paul Fisher (OEA); Andrea Henderson, Kathryn Dysart, Karen Smith, Lori Sattenspiel, Cindy McKinney, Wendy Thorp (OCCA).

CALL TO ORDER:

Marilyn Lane, OCCA Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Lane introduced Sharon Davidson from Rogue Community College, Rem Nivens, Senate Communications Director, and former OCCA staff member, and Wendy Thorp, new OCCA staff member. Lane also asked attendees to introduce themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lane asked for a revision of minutes. Blaine Nisson asked that he be added as attending the Executive Committee Nov. 9, 2006.

MOTION: Mike Rose moved to adopt the consent agenda.

SECOND: Fred Smith

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

REPORTS

1. President's Report (Marilyn Lane)

Lane discussed the Oregon Board of Education meeting she attended this morning.

- Strategic Plan and ties to Workforce Investment Plan and Board of Education
- Governor's budget generally positive, challenges include development suffering from equalization formula

2. Legislative Committee Chair (Connie Lee)

Lee said the weekly OCCA Legislative Committee conference calls start Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. Agendas will be sent in advance of the calls, and brief minutes will be shared. Colleges will have 24 hours in which to give input on positions taken on the call. Please share phone lines at the same college/location to cut costs.

3. Executive Director Report (Andrea Henderson)

- Legislative session starts one month from today, busy getting ready at OCCA.
- Planning Convention in Southern Oregon in 2007.
- Recognized and thanked Cindy McKinney, who is moving to South Carolina later this month. Andrea presented Cindy with a gift for her fine contributions to OCCA.

4. Presidents Council Chair (Frank Toda, substituting for Jim Sorenson)

State Board continues to work on high school graduation requirements and plans to adopt those by Jan. and are getting much public input, including public forums and over 3,000 responses to surveys. The outside company analyzing the responses reports that more than 60% are in favor of increasing graduation requirements in math and science. Another item discussed was reimbursement for contracts out of district services. Oregon has a long history of providing a little seed money for community colleges to outreach into the community districts that have not joined a community college district. Proposing a different method, along with OPC, that does not conflict with local control.

5. State Board of Education (Cam Preus-Braly, substituting for Brenda Frank)

OUS has a very large ask next session based on the quality education model. Discussed ballot measures 41 & 48 and their impacts on higher education. How can community colleges get a little bit ahead of the session to clarify what community colleges are doing with regional universities?

6. OSAC (Dean Wendle)

OSAC received funding for a program called Aspire, who has volunteers and paid staff that work with high school students applying for college. Past funding has come from various grants from foundation, but now it will be a permanent part of the Governor's budget. The opportunity model is also part of the Governor's budget to increase Oregon Opportunity Grant the dollar amount and the range of people who can receive grant. The median family income amount will increase so that more students will be eligible to receive funds in the second half of the biennium. The Head Start program, work force training funds and more will go before the legislature. Last year part-time students were eligible for the Opportunity Grant, but many did not apply, and funds remain on the table to be used. Encourages those who work with students to convey that students taking 6-11 hours can get an Opportunity Grant. Wendle said he will send a press release to OCCA about the Opportunity Grant so that it can be placed in the OCCA publication.

7. No reports from State Board of Higher Education, or OCCSA

Lane made a request of those giving reports in the future to pass along any written copies to the OCCA representative taking notes so the reports can be included in the final meeting minutes.

Business--Discussion Items

1. Preview of Legislative Session (Andrea Henderson)

Lori Sattenspiel is OCCA's legislative director, and Rick Levine has been hired to lobby as well. Lori will be handling money issues such as funding and capital construction, and Rick will be handling education program issues, such as work force. Bills will be read daily and those that impact community colleges will be tagged. Major bills will be sent out from OCCA on Friday via e-mail. Your input will be critical and must be timely as often a hearing is imminent, and we have a narrow window of opportunity to respond. We will take a position those bills and go through that information on our weekly calls on Monday. Some of the bills will be sent to CIA, CSSA and others to get their reaction. A measure tracking system will be sent out to review bills online. During session, please feel free to stop by OCCA before or after your visits to the Capitol.

Preview of issues:

- Unions supporting statewide insurance pool, mandatory for K-12, optional for community colleges. We have asked that community colleges not be forced in, but have option to participate. However, if bill passes the OSBA pool will disappear. Also the bill may mandate who is eligible to participate; it may mandate health insurance for part-time employees.
- Other legislation around part-time faculty, mandatory ratios, mandatory health benefits
- Legislation to grant health insurance to classified employees

As these issues come up, we will be asking for fiscal impact from the colleges so we can have a strong sense of what the cost impact might be if the legislation were to pass. Our default position is that these decisions should be made by the local boards.

- SB 300, 11th-12th graders; sticking issue is the money and how the dollars flow from K-12 to us

- Specifics on workforce from House side expected, interesting opportunity for us to get the messages out about what we want the workforce to say.
- SB 364 workforce task force. There is a lot of talk about how it will go with the apprenticeship program, although no unified message yet.
- Continuing talk on timing of legislative session. Proposing delay of floor sessions to March, completing session by June 30, and coming back for 30 day session in 2008.
- Running out of increase in corporate minimum, lots of discussion about corporate kicker, beer and wine tax

2. Governor's Budget (Andrea Henderson)

Key items on support fund: The Governor put \$483 million in support fund, which is \$46 million short from the \$529 million requested. We'll continue to push for the \$529 and characterize the shortfall as investment money. It is a large increase from last year, but there are some legitimate reasons we want to frame the increase around policy issues. Our priority and position should be money to the support fund to \$529 million. Discussion about priorities, and capital construction and operating funds, and how we balance that. The Governor fully funded the financial aid piece, but is short on the support fund. We don't need to rank everything right now, as we don't know what proposals will be on the table, but later in the session we will need to take a position.

MOTION: To state our priority as a package is \$529 million for the support fund, our capital construction projects and \$104 million for financial aid.

SECOND: Don McCasland

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

Henderson further stated that of the \$483 million in the support fund, \$2 million is earmarked for professional and technical programs. No specifics have been determined on the way the money will be distributed; it is up to community colleges to determine that.

MOTION: OCCA Board recommend for distribution of money for professional and technical programs to take to lobby Legislature.

SECOND: Greg Hamann

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

Discussion of the Governor's budget and funding of 12 of the 15 submitted capital construction projects. The three projects not funded were for MHCC, Klamath CC, and the second Chemeketa project. Do need a recommendation from OPC Board about how to proceed. Three options include: 1) promote the original list; 2) 12 of 15 is good, support the 12 projects; or 3) choose from the dropped 3 which to fund. Speculation and discussion as to why three projects were dropped. Henderson and Preus-Braly said that some decisions are made as part of the political process, we don't know why or how they are made. We may never know the reasons or have any clear answers.

MOTION: To support the original capital construction list

SECOND: Chuck Clemans

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

3. Insurance Trust (Andrea Henderson)

Recommending that OCCA create an insurance trust. No motion sought today, as the issue needs further exploration. The issue is important due to statewide pooling of healthcare insurance. If that bill passes and our colleges are not in it, we will have to look at alternative ways for colleges to pay their health insurance. We may want to add community colleges pool together. If that does happen it will be to our advantage to have started that process to create the insurance trust. If the bill doesn't pass, it is unlikely that we will have to do anything with an insurance trust. Henderson suggests putting together a small group of business managers from community colleges to start the process. Discussion ensued and included how community colleges might be added to other trusts, such as city and county public entities. Special districts currently have liability and property insurance coverage at competitive prices with bigger payoff than a trust created just for community colleges. Currently 13 or 14 colleges obtain insurance coverage through OSBA.

Business-- Action Items

1. OCCA Strategic Plan

MOTION: Lane took the option of the Chair and moved for adoption

SECOND: Blaine Nisson

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

2. OCCA Legislative Positions: (Karen Smith)

Legislative positions from Legislative Committee is a document staff uses during session to help us position the association when issues come up. The format has been changed slightly this year, created basic principles on front, views that we hold and use to evaluate bills as they are introduced. We have a number of issues that were outlined specifically tied back to Strategic Plan. This has gone out to local boards for feedback and discussion, and no substantial changes are needed.

MOTION: Blaine Nisson made a motion to adopt the OCCA Legislative Positions

SECOND: Don McCasland

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

3. Governance Recommendations

Lane states need to need to define roles and responsibilities of our various partners at community college. This work directed by our Strategic Plan. The intention of this document is to generate discussion, question where we are going, how we work with other partners in workforce investment, State Board of Education, and other areas. Much discussion followed, with suggestions including changing the tone of document, looking at communication goals, doing a better job of defining roles at leadership in community colleges, and possibly working toward a more powerful position than we currently have. Lane suggested a new version of the document, given the comments and discussion. The document is intended to be discussed further at OCCA Board level before it is taken to the individual boards. Karen Smith said she appreciated the discussion, and that it was a difficult document to draft, as it is not a linear issue. She will continue to work on the document and get something out that everyone can comment on and can relate to that will capture the complexity of this issue.

4. At-Large Executive Committee Member: (Marilyn Lane)

Lane opened the nominations for an At-Large member of the Executive Committee. Sharon Davidson, Rogue CC Board, has agreed to have her name placed on the ballot.

MOTION: Ernie Keller moved to close the nominations and the announced ballot cast.

SECOND: Dean Wendle

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

5. OCCA Rental Policy (Andrea Henderson)

Henderson asked the Board adopt the policy for the rental and use of the OCCA office facility. The draft policy includes the terms of usage and the proposed rates we would charge for various events. The policy includes free usage of the facility for any community college and related business, as well as the Local Government Center, as we continue to have the privilege of free usage of their facilities.

MOTION: Ernie Keller moved to close adopt the policy

SECOND: Greg Hamann

VOTE: Passed, no opposition

WRAP-UP

1. Upcoming Events

- Legislative Summit in Salem (January 23-25, 2007). Lane gave an overview of the program: OCCA Board meeting, Legislative Summit on January 23; meetings with legislators on January 24, OPC meeting the afternoon of the 24th, and morning of the 25th.

Lane recognized and thanked Cindy McKinney and said how much the Board would miss her.

There was a question about whether the OCCA staff would be at work on Jan. 15, 2007, MLK Day. Legislative Summit Henderson stated that as the Legislature would be working, we intend to be there and hold the weekly Legislative Committee call.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.