

President's report to the UCC Board of Education – February 2023

- The Dental Assisting program offered a **free community dental clinic** on February 3rd. Dr. Norman and his staff worked alongside our dental assisting students to serve 18 patients. They performed 4 cleanings, took x-rays, adjusted nightguards and performed one oral cancer screening.
- **The Friendly Kitchen** is open in the UCC 'receteria' and serving students and staff. They are already known for a great breakfast burrito and the lunch service is beginning to catch on with students. Staff and faculty are also gathering more frequently to eat.
- UCC received a new grant award from the Southern Oregon Workforce Investment Board in the amount of **\$150,000 to provide financial training aid to second year, low-income nursing students.**
- UCC has received a **\$34,000 grant to install 3 electric vehicle charging stations.** They will go in the parking lot close to Wayne Crooch Hall.
- **The gym bleachers will be replaced on March 17th.** UCC is excited to offer a more comfortable and safe experience for our supporters of athletics.
- **The Woolley Center staff has been working on adding workplace ready certificates** to the offerings to Adult Basic Skills and GED students. This is so that students can earn credentials to enter employment at the same time as upgrading their academic skills. CPR/First Aid classes are already scheduled, and Woolley Center staff are looking at other certificates like this to add value to student resumes.
- The theatre department, in honor of literacy awareness month, is hosting "Wake up to Reading", a play written by the career academy class and including Umpqua singers, UACT and students from other regular college courses. **3500 students from local area elementary schools** are signed up to attend the show which will be held on various dates from 2/17 through 2/28 in Jacoby Auditorium.
- UCC hosted **Senator Jeff Merkley** for a community town hall on Saturday February 4th. Over 100 community members attended the event, and several students were able to ask questions and interact with the senator.
- I have been hosting sessions to socialize the new UCC **Strategic 'doing' Plan** with the college prior to board adoption. As is appropriate, there is excitement around many of the goals and also apprehension in regards to some of the bold initiatives. ASUCC students were very engaged in the new plan and excited about many of the initiatives that will improve their experience. Over the past two weeks over 300 have attended a session to interact with the plan.