

OCCA Report
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Doris Lathrop, Trustee

- Board Forum
 - Topics discussed at the board forum in addition to the legislative ask and process of connecting with legislators included moving toward open resource textbooks and differential tuition for different classes (especially nursing). Most of the colleges are moving in that direction.

- OCCA Board Meeting
 - In preparing the literature for the legislative ask, presidents will be asked to submit information outlining what achievable goals their college will accomplish with additional funding.
 - If Measure 101 fails, we won't get more money. The legislature will make budget cuts but community colleges won't get a cut because we've already been cut.
 - Andrea highlighted three bills that could have an impact on some or all community colleges. They don't have a bill number yet. They are LC92, LC164, and LC183. (LC=Legislative Concept)
 - Discussion was held regarding whether to increase OCCA dues this year by 2% in order to hire an administrative assistant in the OCCA office, or leave it the same with no hire. A vote will be taken at the March meeting, however, the majority of members present are leaning toward the increase. If not this year, we will have an increase for sure next year.
 - The president from Coast Community College noted that the self-assessment for board evaluation from the GISS is worth using, and asked Andrea to look into purchasing that tool from ACCT.
 - Andrea gave a very informative presentation on the legislative process.
 - Elizabeth gave a quick presentation on the current status of working with universities on the transfer project. House Bill 2998 was passed in 2017 to streamline transfer between Oregon's community colleges and universities to establish common foundational curricula of a least 30 credits and major-specific unified statewide transfer agreements that create clear and comprehensive pathways for community college students in Oregon as they transfer to Oregon's public universities.
 - There was no time for departmental reports, however, the presidents received this information in their OPC meeting.

- The next OCCA meeting will be held in March at Clatsop Community College in Astoria.