

OCCA Report
October, 2020
Doris Lathrop, Trustee

The OCCA Board met Friday, October 9, 2020 in a zoom setting. I have attached the agenda to give those of you who are fairly new to the board an idea of the kinds of issues we tackle in a meeting.

BOARD FORUM

A board forum always precedes the general board meeting. As you know, the OCCA board is made up of the president and one board member of each college. The board forum consists of only the board members sharing what is happening at their colleges, as there is not time for such valuable discussion at the actual board meeting. Each participant reported how the fires and COVID-19 are affecting their campus and if they are offering classes online, in person or hybrid. They also gave an enrollment update for their campus. The average enrollment is about 12% declined. (Lane is -10%, BMCC is -12%, Central is -14%, etc.) PCC is not open for any classes on any of their campuses and will not be next term either. They are down 17% in enrollment. They returned all parking fees and other fees that can't be used because they're online. Columbia Gorge CC reported an increase in enrollment. Treasure Valley CC reported that they are using face to face instruction, but enrollment is down.

OCCA BOARD MEETING

Please register for the fall OCCA conference. There is no fee and you can attend any or all sessions online. Steve sent you the link.

It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of Ron Fox, our OCCA Board chair. This meeting was to be Ron's first meeting to chair. He passed suddenly and unexpectedly two weeks ago. We observed a moment of silence in respect for him. The vice chair, Stephen Crow, took over as chair. We are in the process of searching for a new vice chair.

Treasurer's Report: OCCA is in the process of hiring a communications director.

OPC (Oregon President's Council) Report: The presidents set goals and priorities for the year. Because there were so many goals to accomplish, they delegated some work to other organizations such as CCWD, OEA, etc. who will report back to OPC.

Enrollment: There is a broad range of declines and increases across the state.

OCCWD: Governor Brown has awarded \$10M for immediate needs from COVID-19 to higher ed. Six million dollars will be coming soon, followed by \$4M in a couple weeks dedicated for online and remote learning. OCCWD is creating transfer maps. Associate of Arts in English literature, Associate of Science in Biology and Elementary Education have been approved.

Karen Smith, our general counsel, reviewed election requirements regarding campaigning.

Student Success Center report: Elizabeth Cox reported that the third cohort of six new colleges has launched which makes 16 out of the 17 community colleges in Oregon actively implementing Guided Pathways.

OSBA Report: The main take-away from the report is that the staff at all the colleges want to be kept safe, they want transparency, they want to be heard and they appreciate our support.

EMSI (Economic Impact of Oregon Community Colleges): We contract with EMSI for a capital analysis and economic impact study. The average earnings for someone with an associate degree is \$35,600. The report is online and very interesting to review.

Executive Director Evaluation: The bottom line is that we are incredibly happy with Cam's leadership. We authorized a 2% salary increase and extended her contract until November, 2021, at which time she plans to retire.

The three OCCA Strategic Goals and Priorities are:

1. Secure adequate funding to fulfill the mission of community colleges and achieve our goals.
2. Continue strengthening OCCA as an organizational entity.
3. Student Success: equitable, eliminate achievement gap, and students prepared to engage with the world they encounter.

Legislative Update:

OCCA has continued working preparing for the upcoming legislative session as the summer lurched from the COVID-19 pandemic to the largest wildfire season in Oregon history. Following that, what was expected to be another weak state economic forecast in September, became a shock for state economists as Oregon saw a revenue increase of over \$2 billion from the previous forecast. State economists cautioned that some of the increase could come from federal stimulus dollars still working there through the system, but overall, it was unexpectedly good news for the state revenue picture. Prior to that, Oregon faced a nearly 20 percent funding shortfall to state current service level (CSL). At the current forecast, the shortfall to CSL could be closer to 5 percent. However, the forecast remains somewhat fluid, and we won't have a clearer picture until upcoming forecast show if the trend continues.

The next meeting will be held December 4, via zoom.



OCCA Board of Directors Meeting - Corrected

Friday, October 9, 2020,

Board Forum 9:00 – 10:00am

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Board Meeting 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Time	Item	Docket	Presenter
9:00 AM	Board Forum – Topic: Roundtable on COVID-19 response, wildfires, and Fall term		Stephen Crow – President
10:00 AM	A. Moment of Silence for the life and legacy of Ron Fox		Stephan Crow
10:00 AM	B. Call to Order and Roll Call		Stephen Crow
10:05 AM	C. Consent Agenda 1. Minutes a) Board Meeting 5-15-20 b) Special Board Meeting 06-24-20 c) Executive Committee 07-01-20 d) Executive Committee Retreat 08-06-20 e) Executive Committee 09-02-20 f) Legislative Committee 07-08-20 g) Legislative Committee 08-12-20 h) Legislative Committee 09-09-20 i) Member Services Committee 06-24-20 j) Member Services Committee 07-29-20 k) Member Services Committee 09-11-20	C-1	Stephen Crow
10:15 AM	D. Reports 1. OCCA Executive Director 2. Treasurer 3. Oregon Presidents Council (OPC 2020-21 Priorities) 4. CCWD 5. General Counsel 6. Student Success Center 7. OSBA 8. OEA Community College Council	D-1 D-2 D-3 D-5	Cam Preus Mark Mitsui Cathy Kemper-Pelle Patrick Crane Karen Smith Elizabeth Cox Brand Invited – Patti Norris Invited – Traci Hodgson
11:00 AM	E. Discussion/Action Items 1. Vice President (Action) 2. Committee Membership (Action) 3. Executive Director Evaluation (Action) 4. Draft OCCA Board Strategic Goals and Priorities 5. Draft OCCA Board DEI Statement 6. Legislative Update	E-1 E-2 E-3 E-4 E-5 E-6	Stephen Crow Stephen Crow Annette Mattson Stephen Crow DEI Workgroup John Wykoff
12:00 PM	F. Adjourn		Stephen Crow