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ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Sharon Davidson called the Rogue Community College (RCC) Board of Education (Board) to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at the Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, Oregon. Due notice was given.
2. **Determine Presence of Quorum** – A quorum of the Board was present including, Ms. Davidson, Jim Dole, Pat Huycke and Dean Wendle. Mr. Warren, Dr. Talbert and Dr. Trump were absent due to pre-arranged traveling plans. Advisory Committee members Dawn Welch and Midge Renton also attended.
3. **Introduction of Guests** – ASRCC-RWC student representative Kevin Hopper, faculty representative Jerry Bryan, and management and staff including Priscilla Goulding, Rand Hill, John Lopez, Jennifer Wheatley, Christine Murff, Shirlee Willis-Haslip, Jeanne Howell, Larry Mullaly, Bart Van Syoc, Mike Laam, Curtis Sommerfeld, Galyn Carlile, Lynda Warren, Peter Angstadt, and Denise Swafford also attended. Guests, Cam Preus-Braly, Commissioner, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, and Caroline Kohn, Artworks Consultant and planner also attended.
4. **Presentations/General Discussion**
 - A. **Oregon State Board of Education (SBE) Policy Paper** – Cam Preus-Braly discussed board packet materials marked 4.B “Oregon State Board of Education Notice of Policy Review and Request for Comments Regarding Alignment and Adequacy of Oregon’s Education Standards, Requirements and Assessments within K-12, Between K-12 and Postsecondary Level, Adopted at the State Board Meeting on September 16, 2005.”
 - B. **Discussion RE SBE Policy Paper** – The SBE’s purpose for this effort was an attempt to shift to a set of proficiencies students should have when they complete a course of study. The paper was designed to assure all high school graduates are “college ready.” Board members agreed the policy could be improved by changing “college ready to “college and workforce ready” throughout. There are more assessments/testing built into this program and an emphasis on critical thinking and computer scores and an attempt to teach attitude and work ethic.

One RCC Board member felt, and others agreed, that the testing and analysis process may just be another hurdle that can discourage students from achieving their goals and perhaps even have the opposite of its intended effect. His opinion was 1) testing in the high schools should be designed to be meaningful for students in terms of college placement; and 2) if the state is going to develop a testing measurement, the system should be implemented with a purpose; and not on a trial basis for a year or two; otherwise, it will be viewed as meaningless paperwork. Students need a seamless transition from high school to college. Community colleges’ philosophy is that *all* students are welcome and worthy of educational opportunities.

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RCC Board members also agreed that maintaining continuity, with flexibility in the process is very important.

Approximately one-half of current students are achieving their CIM requirements. That rate may be more successful, if the state would offer students a guarantee that certain proficiencies would get them somewhere. Otherwise, the CIM achievement may look good on a resume; but, does not make a difference in generating enthusiasm for the students' overall success.

Denise Swafford was asked to email these comments to the State Board via Cam Preus-Braly. Cam said the SBE shares the same concerns that RCC expressed this evening and is interested in amending the policy to improve student learning outcomes. The SBE is also interested in the Board's written response to any/all of the questions outlined in the Policy Paper (described above).

The SBE plans to make changes to high school graduation requirements and the state assessment system in approximately one year. First round comments are welcome and due by **December 16**.

C. Artworks Consortia/Strategic Planning Process and Status

Caroline Kohn, ArtWorks Consultant provided an overview of the RCC ArtWorks Community Initiative and explained the interconnection of arts in Grants Pass among local individuals, businesses, city/government and the College. An advisory group of about 25 members has been working on ArtWorks to make it a source for workforce training, community education, college transfer courses, helping to increase jobs and revenue for the community and creating facilities for exploration and ongoing skill development in art.

She shared four specific objectives (handout) with the Board and Pat Huycke suggested they work on providing a tool for measurability of achievement of the goals. RCC is not managing the entire ArtWorks effort. The Chamber and others are also playing a major role. Tommi Drake, John Lopez and Nancy Maxwell are working on the project with SOU and intend to provide an annual progress report.

5. Committee Advisory Reports

- A. Students, Faculty, Classified** – Kevin Hopper reported for ASRCC about some of the events planned for the rest of the semester. He said the RWC health director is doing a great job. She has organized blood drives on November 15, March 2 and May 25 and a Great American Smokeout event, with guest speaker on November 17. Students are involved in providing a free defensive driving

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clinic for all city and county schools in Josephine County and the high school outreach campaign is also going well – currently four students are assisting RCC’s new coordinator to get the news about RCC to high school students through live presentations and virtual tours followed by visits to the

College. School counselors and their students will be invited to sit in on RCC classes. Kevin also told the Board about a holiday raffle designed to raise \$3,000 that will be donated to North and South Middle schools in Grants Pass.

Jerry Bryan reported for faculty that a number of eligible faculty are considering retirement. He commented on the proficiency discussion above (see Item 4.B) and explained the situation creates a quality/quantity dilemma for faculty who get engaged in proficiency but must focus on funding, which is all based on FTE. The State’s initiative is a great idea but creates a disincentive for faculty because it can cause the College to lose important funding.

Christine Murff reported she is the new classified association vice-president and Mark Petersen is the new association president. She will be reporting for the OSEA in Josephine County and Mark will be reporting when the Board is in Jackson County.

- B. Advisory Committee** – Peter met with the Jackson County Advisory about two weeks ago and discussed the RCC/SOU joint building. He is meeting with the Josephine County Advisory group Friday, November 18.
- C. Facilities** – No meeting for the Facilities Committee; however, there was a recent meeting regarding the RCC/SOU joint building. Lynda Warren attended. She said the attorney general has suggested RCC participate in an Emergency Board hearing for re-distribution of the 11 G bonds which would increase RCC’s and lower SOU’s share and ownership in the joint building, but solve the dilemma of SOU’s shortfall for the project. Advisory member Skip Patterson is assigned to the joint building committee as a MURA representative.
 - a. Joint Building Steering Committee** – see discussion above
- D. Finance and Audit Committee**

The financial audit work is complete and a report is coming up next month. The Internal Revenue Service has added 75 agents assigned specifically to audit colleges and universities and RCC will be audited this year for the first time.

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- E. Board Executive Committee** – The Committee met during the OCCA conference last week and reviewed today’s agenda.
- F. OCCA/Legislative/OSBA** – See discussion regarding SBE Policy Paper (4.B above). The OCCA Board had a meeting last week prior to the OCCA retreat. Peter Angstadt, Kevin Talbert and Sharon Davidson attended.

The were as important discussion regarding Board ethics at the recent OSBA Conference (see agenda item 7.A below).

- a. OCCA Retreat** – The OCCA Board worked on future goals, objectives and ways to retain access, affordability and governance for all 17 colleges to work together on important issues. \$150 million per biennium is available from the state for workforce development through the Job Council. It may be productive to begin exploring the one-stop centers for RCC with the Job Council again. Chemeketa will be the administrator of the funds, although there is some conflict with the various County Commisions on this. Currently there is no one area in the state where performance of workforce efforts is failing; however, it is still an issue that may require further discussion.

Further information about the OCCA discussions were included in the President’s monthly report emailed to the Board earlier in the week.

- G. Foundation** – Next meeting is tomorrow, November 16. The audit will be on that agenda for approval. Also, the annual report is underway.

6. Consent Agenda

Pat Huycke moved, seconded by Dean Wendle that the RCC Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. October 18, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Human Resources**
 - a. Full-time Faculty Retirement (Computer Science) – Denise Maas**
 - b. Full-time Faculty Retirement (ABE) – Sue Calkins**
- C. Grants – None**
- D. Financial**
 - a. Monthly Financial Data Report – October 2005**

The motion was carried 4 to 0.

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7. Other Action/Information Items

- A. Review Board Policy Handbook Sections I.C.010, I.C.020, I.C.030, and I.C.040 (First Reading)** – First reading. No suggestions made for second reading, no action taken. However, Dean Wendle did encourage the Board to review, in particular, Board Policy 010 – Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

B. Resignation of Advisory Committee Member Carl Wilson

Mr. Huycke moved seconded by Dean Wendle that the RCC Board approve the resignation of Carl Wilson from the RCC Advisory Committee effective November 3, 2005. **The motion was carried 4 to 0.**

Note: Peter is working on recommendations from Jim Dole and Dean Wendle for a replacement from Josephine County.

C. Approve Redwood Campus (RWC) Primary Power System Upgrade for Early Childhood Education Center (ECE)

Mr. Dole moved seconded by Pat Huycke that the RCC Board adopt Resolution No. B31-05/06 approving Valley Electrical Contractor's, Inc. to implement the RWC Primary Power System Upgrade for the ECE for the amount of \$51,900. **The motion was carried 4 to 0.**

D. Approve RWC Sanitary Sewer Upgrade for ECE

Mr. Wendle moved seconded by Jim Dole that the RCC Board adopt Resolution No. B32-05/06 approving Copeland Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Grants Pass to implement the gravity sanitary sewer upgrade for the ECE on the RWC for the amount of \$92,536.49. **The motion was carried 4 to 0.**

8. President's Report

- A. Staff, Faculty, Student Recognition, Campus Leaders' and Grant Summary Report** – See November 2005 report.

B. Administration/Organization/Information Items

Peter has discussed the College's projected budget shortfall, due to the state's new funding formula, with Cam and others in the state legislature to seek assistance for dealing with the problem.

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He has also been visiting classrooms in recent weeks and is very impressed with skill level of students. For example, in a Spanish class he attended today, he found a very dynamic learning experience going on. He said RCC has a tremendous faculty and equally outstanding students.

- a. **FTE Report** – Up-to-date reports are showing a 2% increase, but by the end of the term, due to 2+2, tutoring and other factors, RCC will likely have no increase in enrollment. Many of the other community colleges in Oregon are also holding the line or experiencing decreases in enrollment.

9. **Executive Session** – The Board adjourned for executive session at approximately 5:30 p.m. with Dean Wendle, Jim Dole, Sharon Davidson and Pat Huycke as well as Midge Renton, Nancy Maxwell, Lynda Warren, Peter Angstadt and Denise Swafford. The purpose of the session was to discuss issues under ORS 192.660(2)(b) Discipline of Public Officers and Employees; ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiations. The meeting was returned to regular session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

10. **Old Business**

- A. **Pending Items List** – RWC facilities and other needs planning continues.
- B. **OSBA** – Dean Wendle reminded all of a discussion at a past meeting about doing something with the community that will benefit the College along the lines of job training and/or workforce development – something to bring attention to the Table Rock Campus. It was suggested that board members from all the Jackson County School boards be invited to tour the Table Rock Campus. Peter will work with staff on organizing this.

11. **New Business** – Sharon Davidson provided Board members with a brochure distributed by the Medford Urban Renewal Agency provided at the Medford Chamber luncheon Monday.

12. **Board Round Table** - None

13. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Denise Swafford, Assistant to the President

Sharon Davidson, Chair, RCC Board of Education

Dated: December 20, 2005
