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ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

1. **Call to Order** – Chair, Kevin Talbert called the Rogue Community College (RCC) Board of Education (Board) to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Avenue, White City, Oregon. Due notice was given.
2. **Determine Presence of Quorum** – A quorum of the Board was present including Dr. Talbert, Sharon Davidson, Jim Dole, Pat Huycke, and Dean Wendle. David Trump and Charly Warren were absent due to pre-arranged plans. Advisory Committee members John Harelson and Midge Renton were in attendance .
3. **Introduction of Guests** – Cam Preus-Braly, OCCWD Commissioner and Andrea Henderson, OCCA Executive Director attended. There were no student, faculty or classified representatives in attendance. Management, faculty and staff including Peter Angstadt (via conference call), Cindy Hauser, Rand Hill, Cheryl Markwell, Nancy Maxwell, Linda Renfro, Curtis Sommerfeld, Lisa Stanton, Lynda Warren and Denise Nelson were in attendance.
4. **Presentations/General Discussion**
 - A. **Presentation – OCCWD**

Cam Preus-Braly, OCCWD Commissioner distributed the 2007-2009 Oregon Community Colleges Budget Picture (see handout on file). The document, designed to help local College Board members understand what has been happening to community college funding and what they may expect during the coming biennium, was reviewed and discussed. Topics included the following:

 - a) What’s been happening with enrollments?
 - Both student head count and FTE had been experiencing decreases. Head count is starting to increase while FTE is minimally increasing.
 - Community colleges are serving more part-time students and it takes a larger number of part-time students to increase FTE.
 - b) What’s been happening with funding?
 - The Governor’s recommended budget proposes \$483 million which equates to \$2,700 per student, the highest level since 1994.
 - The State Board of Education and the OCCA Executive Committee proposed \$529 million for community college funding.
 - c) What does this mean for Oregon community college students?
 - In 2003/04 course sections dropped from 93,000 to 81,000. This includes a lot of adult continuing education, which in 2002/03, the State was required to stop reimbursing. Professional/Technical programs were also cut because community colleges could not afford to provide them.
 - Over the last five years, average community college tuition rose 61%. Oregon community college tuition ranks third highest of the 15 western states.

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- d) What does this mean for educational attainment in Oregon?
 - New goals have been set for educational attainment by 2025: 20% of residents with a high school diploma, 40% with a postsecondary credential or associate's degree, and 40% with a bachelor's degree or higher.
- e) What's going on with capital construction?
 - Ms. Preus-Braly provided an update on capital construction. The Governor's recommended budget proposes \$87 million in Article XI-G bonds to provide needed matching funds for capital construction at twelve community colleges.

Statistics show 60% of college students are employed, and in some areas, the percentage raises to 80%.

B. Presentation – OCCA

Andrea Henderson, OCCA Executive Director, provided an update on the 2007 legislative session to date. Challenges include union issues and the related fiscal impact on community colleges across the state. She indicated a study will be conducted on the insurance trust and also discussed the impact of HB2578. Opportunities presented with this legislative session include an increase in funding for community colleges. OCCA is encouraging all community colleges to support the drive toward \$529 million dollars in the Governor's budget. Twelve community colleges are trying to obtain funding for capital construction. The corporate kicker was also discussed.

5. Committee Advisory Reports

A. Students, Faculty, Classified

There were no student, faculty or classified reports.

B. Advisory Committee, Josephine and Jackson Counties – Midge Renton reported the Josephine County Advisory Committee met and primarily discussed the Kerby building project in Illinois Valley. Peter Angstadt reported Jackson County libraries will be closing April 7. RCC will maintain the ability to provide service to students.

C. Facilities

RCC/SOU Joint Facility Advisory Council – This committee did not meet prior to the Board meeting, however, President Angstadt mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony in downtown Medford will be held March 23, 1:00 p.m..

D. Finance and Audit Committee – Dean Wendle reported the committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed financial statements for December and January (two months were covered due to cancellation of January Board meeting due to inclement weather). He reported revenue is up 6% over prior year. Current tuition figures reflect a decrease of \$470,000 (23 fewer students). An increasing amount of students are taking less hours. (The average student is taking 8 credits.) Suggestions were made regarding different methods of reporting this information. Bookstore profits

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reflect an increase of 40% due to contracting cafeteria services and retirement of 2 employees. Temporary help in the bookstore is obtained during peak times.

- E. Board Executive Committee** – Kevin Talbert reported the Executive committee met and reviewed the proposed Board meeting agenda. The committee discussed bringing a resolution to the March Board meeting regarding naming a building after Esther Bristol. They also discussed the \$300,000 grant for the Kerby building and a proposal from Brady Adams for Patriotic Days, a community event to take place in 2008. Jim Dole and Charly Warren will not be running for re-election on the Board. Advertisements have been placed in the paper regarding the open seats and Board members were encouraged to attend open-houses, hosted by Peter, to meet potential candidates on 2/26 in White City (TRC) and 2/27 in Grants Pass (RWC). Discussion occurred regarding board member evaluation. Kevin Talbert requested this item be placed on the Board’s Pending Items list.
- F. OCCA/ Legislative/OSBA Reports** – Dean Wendle complimented Andrea Henderson and staff for their excellent work with SB426 (insurance pool) and provided an update on other proposed bills.
- G. Foundation** – Jim Dole reported he met with Peter and Jennifer Wheatley recently and discussed possible opportunities for the college and foundation to work together. The Illinois Valley project, Kerby building, was identified as a possibility. Jim is going to prepare a proposal for the foundation regarding the Innovation Awards. The Morris Family Foundation grant was discussed. Jim also reported along with recent staffing and program cuts, the college had to reduce financial support to the foundation.

6. Consent Agenda

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

- A. December 19, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Human Resources - None
- C. Grants
 - a. Oregon Leadership Mural Project (Hispanic Opportunities)
 - b. College Goal Oregon (Financial Aid)
 - c. TRiO Talent Search (TRiO)
 - d. Asante Employment & Training Services (Nursing)
 - e. Oregon GEAR UP Summer 2007 Enrichment Program (Student Support)
 - f. Health Care Interpreter Training Scholarships – Gordon Elwood Foundation (Short Terms Skills Admin)
 - g. Health Care Interpreter Training Scholarships – AHEC (Short Term Skills Admin)
- D. Financial
 - a. Monthly Financial Data Report – December 2006
 - b. Monthly Financial Data Report – January 2007
 - c. Quarterly Budget Transfers (October – December 2006)

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

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7. Other Action/Information Items

A. Review Board Policy Handbook Sections I.D.160 (Second Reading)

Sharon Davidson moved, seconded by Dean Wendle, that the RCC Board adopt Resolution No. P52-06/07 approving Board policy Article I: Board of Education, Section D: Meetings, 160 – Minutes of Board Meetings.

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

8. President's Report

A. Campus Leaders' and Recognition Report - See February 2007 report (on file).

B. Administration/Organization/Information Items

Peter discussed the following items:

- A good effort is being made regarding the \$300,000 USDA grant to go toward the Illinois Valley Kerby building. Approximately \$20,000-\$25,000 will be needed for architects/engineering. This money has to be committed by end of year. Peter will work with the foundation and others regarding this need.
- The procedure was changed on counting 2+2 students for FTE. This is not "new" FTE, it had just not been counted before.
- Nancy Maxwell distributed information regarding the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) (see handout on file). This information consisted of an IPEDS summary description including its design and components and a list of variables that can be examined and compared with peer institutions.
- Pat Huycke suggested indicating the impact that grants may have on FTE in the Grant Report, and do the same with topics from the Campus Leaders' Report as applicable. If there is no anticipated impact on FTE, indicate why.

9. Executive Session – The Board adjourned for executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) – Labor Negotiations at 5:36 p.m. with Board members Dr. Talbert, Ms. Davidson, Mr. Dole, Mr. Huycke, and Mr. Wendle in attendance. The Board returned to regular session at 5:56 p.m.

Upon return from executive session, Sharon Davidson moved, seconded by Pat Huycke, to accept the settlement agreement between RCC and the RCC Education Association/OEA/NEA as presented (see handout on file) pending ratification by Faculty.

Discussion regarding continuing insurance and tuition waivers for employees affected by a reduction in force was tabled until the next Board meeting.

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Andrea Henderson was invited to discuss her concerns about HB2769. Ms Henderson prefers this bill not be introduced during the legislative session. She does not believe the bill would be helpful to RCC or any other college and would be detrimental to obtaining \$529 million for community colleges in the Governor's budget. She believes this bill will not pass in the legislature and could prove to make things worse for RCC. Instead, the OCCA Executive Committee has committed to discussing the distribution model in the next interim. She believes this is the best forum to handle this issue and feels it is critically important not to pursue the bill. Pat Huycke commented this is an important issue that needs to be discussed and he is disappointed it hasn't been addressed by the OCCA before now. He's glad to hear OCCA recognized the need to discuss the funding formula and is willing to address such a difficult situation. Andrea indicated this is the first year OCCA has provided her with direction to address the funding formula. In the past, OCCA's executive committee has made the decision to not get involved in discussions on this topic. Kevin Talbert added RCC is willing to support a \$529 million community college funding request in the Governor's budget, but if this attempt is unsuccessful, there is no alternative plan to assist RCC and other community colleges in the similar position. Local delegates have listened to the problem and are willing to make an effort toward resolution. Dean Wendle added concerns about the funding formula were brought forth by the previous RCC President who also provided examples of inequities. He added this problem needs to be discussed on the State Board level. Sharon Davidson indicated, when the conversation takes place regarding this issue, the discussion has to include equity. Jim Dole commented there are obvious inequities when there are winners on one end and losers on the other, which is clearly the case with the current funding formula.

Cam Preus-Braly was invited to offer her perspective. She indicated the funding formula is very complex. When the formula was being developed, the State Board's decision was based on the student, and less on the institution. Because RCC has a higher rate of collection per student, RCC does not receive the same amount of state general funds. She explained that no one college should lose more than 3% annually in funding. RCC has not reached that cap. Lynda Warren identified a problem unique to RCC in that RCC annexed into a county twice the size of the original county served. As a result, RCC has not experienced the maturity level that other more established colleges in the state have. With total public resources support, RCC will eventually serve 7% of the population but will receive only 4.9% of total public resources. When funding is based on past students served, you cut out any potential students RCC has not yet been able to establish. Rogue's situation is unique. It is very unusual for a community college to be annexed into another county twice its size. RCC has not been able to establish a student base on population served, because the college does not have the necessary funding access to obtain the base. Under the current funding formula, the college will not be able to build enrollment. Sharon Davidson is concerned that if community colleges cannot work through the funding formula, as a unified system, it could eventually become a governance issue. Ms. Preus-Braly indicated it takes a majority to agree the conversation needs to happen and to provide a non-defensive environment. She believes the State Board will recognize the insistence that the subject is not finished. Cam indicated she will ensure the conversation receives its just review.

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Andrea Henderson reconfirmed the commitment from the OCCA Executive Committee to use OCCA as a forum to have a conversation about the distribution model. She reiterated her opinion regarding withdrawal of HB2769 in that pursuing this bill will weaken the support of obtaining \$529 million from the Governor's budget. The likelihood of getting the bill passed is close to zero. She believes, if HB2769 reaches the legislature, there is an extremely high chance the legislature will decide to determine the community college funding formula. In her opinion, once this happens, other issues, including tuition and other decisions now being made locally will be made by the legislature; therefore she strongly recommended RCC work whole-heartedly on the \$529 million request only.

Peter Angstadt has spoken with a variety of legislators regarding this issue. Most believe achieving the additional \$101 million to reach \$529 million in the Governor's budget is not likely. RCC needs an alternate plan, so that if \$529 is not approved, Rogue will have a secured position in the situation. Peter will be meeting with Peter Buckley in a few days regarding his perception of the possibility of achieving \$529 million. He will meet with Buckley again as well as Alan Bates and Sal Esquivel while in Salem for President's Council meetings to further discuss HB276 – community college funding.

10. Old Business

A. Pending Items

- a. Demographic Study
- b. Esther Bristol, Naming of Building
- c. Board of Ethics Policy

B. Board Retreat

The Board Retreat will be held 3/13, 3:00 p.m., Grants Pass, RWC H-2.

11. New Business

A. Performance Evaluation – President Angstadt (Committee & Process)

Jim Dole will serve as chair of this committee and reported the committee will be meeting soon. Kevin Talbert recommended the committee seek alternative processes for this year's evaluation.

B. Chamber Day at the Capitol – February 22, 2007

Kevin Talbert will be attending this event and the \$60 fee has been covered by the Chamber.

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12. Board Round Table

- Sharon Davidson commended Cindy Harboldt, and those who helped her, for coordinating this year's successful Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. Cindy put a lot of effort into the fundraising event and participants had a wonderful time. The event was well organized. The online bidding (web site) was very well done.
- Jim Dole expressed his sincere interest in serving on the Advisory committee after his term expires on the Board. He is also very interested in assisting with the Kerby building effort.

13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Denise Nelson, Assistant to the President and Board of Education

Kevin Talbert, Ph.D., Chair of the RCC Board of Education

Dated: March 20, 2007
