
**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2006
ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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, March 21, 2006 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 Ms. Davidson, Jim Dole, Kevin Talbert, Charly Warren and Dean Wendle. Advisory Committee members John Harelson, Dick Rudisile and Skip Patterson also attended. Pat Huycke and David Trump were absent due to pre-arranged plans.
3. **Introduction of Guests** – Faculty representative Jerry Bryan, classified representative Mark Peterson and management, faculty and staff including Peter Angstadt, Galyn Carlile, Rand Hill, Jeanne Howell, John Lopez, Nancy Maxwell, Larry Mullaly, Mary O’Kief, Linda Renfro, Lisa Stanton, Curtis Somerfeld, Lynda Warren and Denise Nelson were in attendance.
4. **Presentations/General Discussion**
 - A. State Representative George Gilman was introduced. He provided an overview of the last legislative session indicating he felt positively about the capital construction funding accomplished for some community colleges. He believes it is important to continue talking to legislatures regarding the challenges facing community colleges. In order to gain further support for capital construction funding, he suggested working collaboratively with Umpqua Community College. General funding for education will take a clearer direction once the race for governor is complete. When asked about his thoughts on an open primary, he believes if this gets on the ballot it will pass; however, he is uncertain if enough signatures can be obtained. Peter Angstadt thanked Mr. Gilman for his efforts during the last legislative session.
 - B. Galyn Carlile provided a brief description of the 2004/05 Regional Program and Advisory Committee Report provided as a handout to board members.
5. **Committee Advisory Reports**
 - A. **Students, Faculty, Classified**

Jerry Bryan provided a faculty report and indicated faculty members are busy due to end of winter term. Faculty remains concerned about the budget.

Mark Petersen provided a classified report and indicated the process of developing a contract is going smoothly. He complimented Lynda Warren and Peter Angstadt for providing good communication.

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- B. Advisory Committee** – Skip Patterson reported this committee continues to work with the RCC/SOU building and MURA. Dick Rudisile discussed O&C funding (timber harvesting.) This funding will become non-existent September 2006. In his proposed budget, the President has included 50% of the amount historically received by O&C funding. As it relates to local county budgets, O&C funding provides approximately 20% of the general fund budget in Jackson County and about 75% in Josephine County. In real dollar terms, for Jackson County, this equates to \$20-22 million per year. If the federal government intends to fund this at 50%, the budget shortfall would equal \$10-12 million. Advisory Committee members anticipate the library district will try to get a bond issue approved. John Harelson added that Oregon school budgets will suffer somewhat due to the discontinuation of O&C funds as well. Statewide, Oregon currently receives approximately \$350 million from O&C funding. This will have a big effect on southern Oregon and communities on the Oregon coast as well.
- C. Facilities** – Charly Warren and Kevin Talbert reported the CM/GC RFP for the RCC/SOU joint building has been initiated. SOU has now received funding for 50% of the project. The current total project cost, exclusive of the land, is estimated at \$22.2 million. This translates into roughly a \$15 million construction budget. An increase in steel and other building materials has occurred. Original plans consisted of 90,000 square feet and the architect now anticipates 75,000 square feet (\$200 square foot construction cost). A discussion occurred regarding the possibility of adding square footage for possible revenue producing uses. Peter recommended keeping a snack bar/bookstore out of the new building and to utilize the facility for state of the art instructional space. RCC and SOU staff will complete a profit/loss projection over a number of years for contracted auxiliary services. Dick Rudisile said when Three Rivers Hospital was in the process of building in Grants Pass, square footage was shelled in with future needs in mind. He suggested doing the same with this building. He also added the new Jackson County library provides a location for meeting rooms and the Riverside Campus buildings may have rooms available to convert for other needs. In addition, he suggests reducing construction costs by making this structure appealing without high cost architectural features. Clear communication with the architect regarding space plans and costs for this building is needed.
- D. Finance and Audit Committee** – Dean Wendle reported the Redwood Campus cafeteria, being managed by RCC and staffed by college employees, is being closed. Alternative services include the possibility of a culinary arts program is currently being reviewed by Redwood Campus management, or contracting services through a RFP. Dean also reported the proposed 2006/07 budget process will be presented at the next board meeting. The budget will be presented for adoption at the June board meeting.
- E. Board Executive Committee** – Sharon Davidson reported this committee met last week. See agenda item 8, President’s Report, for further information.

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- F. OCCA/ Legislative/OSBA Reports** – Dean Wendle briefly reviewed OCCA’s seven strategic goals. (A board work session has been scheduled for Monday 4/3 to discuss further.) The distribution funding formula was also discussed. RCC, and other community colleges experiencing a negative impact, need to speak with legislatures about this. Peter and Lynda will be speaking with OCCWD, Cam Preus-Braly, regarding problems with the distribution formula. Peter will provide the board with an update regarding this issue. Dean indicated another upcoming issue to discuss in the near future will be TABOR. Sharon Davidson suggested providing each board member with information regarding this issue prior to discussion. Sharon reported the legislative committee will meet 3/28 and 4/6.
- G. Foundation** – Jim Dole reported Foundation staff are preparing for the scholarship award process. Two different proposals were presented to their board members that include a need for fundraising. The Title III grant has an endowment component and another project in development stage for a health care consortium.

6. Consent Agenda Items 6.A, B.a, C.a,b,c, and D.a

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

- A. February 21, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Human Resources
 - a. 2006/07 Faculty Renewal List
- C. Grants
 - a. 2005/07 Incentive Grant
 - b. Junior League of Jackson County
 - c. Workforce Development Scholarships
- D. Financial
 - a. Monthly Financial Data Report – February 2006

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

Consent Agenda Item 6.B.b

After clarification was received regarding the policy to pay insurance benefits for retirees, Dean Wendle moved, seconded by Kevin Talbert that the RCC Board approve consent agenda item 6.B.b. Full-time Faculty Early Retirement – Dale Turner.

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

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7. Other Action/Information Items

A. Approve Board Policy Handbook Section I.E.010 and I.E.020

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by Jim Dole, that the RCC Board approve Board Policy Handbook sections I.E. 010 and I.E. 020.

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

B. Approve Proposed 2006/07 Tuition

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by Dean Wendle, that the RCC Board approve the 2006/07 tuition schedule as presented.

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

C. Approve Proposed 2006/07 Fees

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Kevin Talbert, that the RCC Board approve the 2006/07 fee schedule as presented.

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

D. Approve CM/GC Competitive Bidding Class Exemption

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Dean Wendle, that the RCC Board approve the CM/GC Competitive Bidding Class Exemption.

The motion was carried 5 to 0.

8. President's Report

A. Staff, Faculty, Student Recognition, Campus Leaders' and Grant Summary Report – See March 2006 report.

B. Administration/Organization/Information Items

Peter discussed the following items:

- FTE has increased 2% in comparison with last fall. A review of the most recent FTE report was provided (see handout).
- RCC has asked the college Foundation to write a guarantee letter in support of the Early Childhood Education Center. This was needed due to timing issues of receiving grant funds.
- Feedback regarding the College's new web page has been positive.

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- Faculty emeritus information was provided as requested at the previous board meeting. Sharon Davidson suggested processing a press release when this occurs.
- RCC-AAWCC, the RCC Foundation and Family Friends will be holding a fundraising event on the Redwood Campus in May. Peter will provide details at the next board meeting.

9. Executive Session – The board adjourned for executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) – Labor Negotiations, at approximately 5:45 p.m. and returned to regular session at 6:06 p.m.

10. Old Business

A. Pending Items List – See handout.

B. Legislative Committee/Campus Action Plan 2006 - See OCCA/Legislative/OSBA report (agenda item 5.F.)

11. New Business - None

12. Board Round Table

A. Dean Wendle provided a reminder that using college email for political purposes is against Oregon statutes.

13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Denise Nelson, Administrative Secretary

Sharon Davidson, Chair of the RCC Board of Education

Dated: _____