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**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2010  
ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

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1. **Call to Order** – Joseph Zagorski, Chair, called the Rogue Community College (RCC) Board of Education (Board) Special meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m., April 16, 2010 at the Redwood Campus, Coates Hall, Room 10 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR. Due notice was given.
2. **Determine Presence of Quorum** – A quorum of the Board was present including Pat Ashley, Kevin Talbert, Dean Wendle and Joseph Zagorski. Joe Davis, Joe Keith and Tim Johnson were absent due to pre-arranged plans.
3. **Introduction of Guests and Public Comment** – College staff including Peter Angstadt, Kori Bieber, Curtis Sommerfeld, Lynda Warren and Denise Nelson attended. There was no public comment.
4. **Historical Statistics**

Lynda Warren distributed a folder titled “Financial Strategies Workshop” dated April 16, 2010 (see file) and also provided the information on screen via Power Point presentation.

The following data was reviewed and discussed:

- RCC 2001-2010 History – data table of FTE, Headcount, Tuition Amount per Credit, Average Credit Load for Credit Students, General Fund Tuition/Fee Revenue, General Fund Total Revenue, General Fund PT Faculty Expenditures, General Fund Total Expenditures, Medford Unemployment Rates (Note: Medford unemployment rates only. Does not include Grants Pass)
- General Fund Revenue FY2004 to FY2011 column chart
- General Fund Revenue as % of Total FY2004 to FY2011 column chart
- General Fund Expenditures FY2004 to FY2011 column chart
- General Fund Expenditures as % of Total column chart
- RCC FTE & Headcount line chart
- RCC Headcount, FTE & Medford Unemployment line chart
- RCC Headcount, FTE & Tuition Rates line chart
- RCC 18-65 Year Old Population column chart
- RCC Headcount & FTE Compared to Statewide Average column chart

Discussion occurred regarding the increase in Latino population within our region. RCC’s ESL classes are full, with waitlists.

Peter commended faculty and staff for their work during this time of increased enrollment.

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Lynda provided the following State of Oregon information:

- State of Oregon entered this biennium (2009-2011) with a \$4 billion deficit
- Legislature cut \$2 billion from all state services
  - Community college funding decreased from \$500 million to \$450 million
  - Each student used to be supported at apx. \$3,200; they are now supported at apx. \$1,300 (RCC)
- Legislature still had \$2 billion deficit after cuts
  - Used \$800 million in new taxes (M66/67)
  - Used \$400 million in state reserves
  - Used \$800 million in federal stimulus dollars
- Latest economic forecast shows \$180 million deficit

Peter reported the next state forecasts are due May, September and December. He reviewed the report titled “Tentative 2011-13 Budget Projections – Before 2010 Legislative Actions.” The line graph titled “Long Term Budget” reflects the decrease in state funding and continued increase in the deficit through 2019.

State Future

- 2011-13 Budget Projections indicate an approximately 14% deficit
- What happens when the federal stimulus goes away and reserves are no longer available?
- Will Oregon ever support community colleges at previous levels?

**5. Break** – 2:35 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**6. Future Direction**

The following spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed:

- RCC General Fund Projections dated 4/14/2010 including revenue and expenditures FY2008/09 Actual, 2009/10 Original Budget, 2009/10 Projected and projections through FY2014/15. A list of assumptions and variables was reviewed (see file.)
- Lisa Stanton developed a “10 Year Budget Projections Assumptions Sheet” which can be used as a development tool that triggers other entries and feeds off of assumptions. Peter commended Lisa on her work this. Great job Lisa!

Kevin Talbert suggested it would be good to look at the average class size as a variable. Curtis Sommerfeld will obtain data on the current average class size. Kori Bieber added that class size is a negotiated item in the Bargaining Agreement.

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Joseph Zagorski requested data on capacity per campus. Staff will look into this.

Distance learning was discussed. The amount of classes containing some form of distance learning is increasing. There are different variables to this category depending upon the class.

Some ideas to further discuss:

- From the Budget Advisory Group
  - Establish a rainy day fund to maintain a floor of funding equal to the prior two years
- From the Tuition and Fee Committee
  - Keep tuition stable
  - Refrain from tying tuition to any other indicators (average in state, a % of other colleges, increase by an index, etc.)
  - Use fees in a mechanism to expand and contract with enrollment
  - Associate fees with specific activities/materials

Joseph Zagorski commented it is important for the Board to set the standards for the district through board policy and provide direction for administration to do the work.

Pat Ashley suggested, with the 5 year budget projection estimated to be a deficit of \$11 million, it would be good to explore a differential funding method.

Kevin Talbert agreed with continued exploration of fees and differential tuition.

Joseph Zagorski commented it is important to review income and expenses.

Peter concluded with the following:

- He will meet with Joe Keith, Joe Davis and Tim Johnson to review the information provided at this meeting.
- He will review class size data, tuition and fees, and enrollment projections with the Finance Committee
- The beginning of fall term, sometime in September, he would like to hold another Board work session to develop a long term outlook, isolate parts and work on building a model for the future.

**7. Old Business - None**

**8. New Business - None**

**9. Board Round Table - None**

**10. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at apx. 4:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Nelson, Assistant to the President and Board of Education

Board Action:           Approved          

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Joseph Zagorski, Ed.D., Chair, RCC Board of Education

Date:   May 18, 2010  

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