
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 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 4:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at the Riverside Campus, 202 S. Riverside Avenue, Medford, Oregon. Due notice was given.
2. **Determine Presence of Quorum** – A quorum of the Board was present including Ms. Davidson, Jim Dole, Kevin Talbert, David Trump, Charly Warren and Dean Wendle. Advisory Committee members John Harelson, Skip Patterson and Dawn Welch also attended. Pat Huycke was 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, Margaret Bradford, Mary Louise Doran, Paul Fisher, Priscilla Goulding, Cindy Hauser, Mike Laam, Nancy Maxwell, Mary O’Kief, Linda Renfro, Teresa Schawo, Lisa Stanton, Denise Swafford, Nancy Warren, Shirlee Willis-Haslip, and Denise Nelson were in attendance.
4. **Presentations/General Discussion**

- A. State Representative Peter Buckley was introduced. He reported a legislative special session is scheduled April 20. Community college funding is not on the agenda. In addition, the issue of utilizing corporate kicker funds in support of education will not be addressed until 2007 despite efforts to push this into the forefront during 2006. Recent poll results reflect 62% in favor of utilizing these funds for education. Discussion occurred regarding the amount and distribution possibilities of corporate kicker funds.

An idea to change the tax system is being developed reducing income and capital gains taxes, and creating a consumption tax. Projections indicate this change would provide one billion dollars additional revenue for the state.

Peter Angstadt thanked Rep. Buckley for being a friend to RCC and for his receptiveness to RCC students. Peter expressed his gratitude for the assistance and good communication he received regarding funding for the RCC/SOU joint facility.

There was some discussion regarding inconsistent PERS status reports. Rep. Buckley attended a recent presentation regarding the status of PERS at which an optimistic report was provided. Skip Patterson, however, provided conflicting information. Rep. Buckley intends to look into this.

Kevin Talbert indicated Jackson and Josephine County tax payers are paying a higher rate for college services than other counties throughout the state. He believes the equity budget is a disservice to residents of southern Oregon. The rate of decrease in state funding is severely restricting college growth throughout the state.

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5. Committee Advisory Reports

A. Students, Faculty, Classified

Jerry Bryan provided a faculty report. Faculty continues to be involved with budget discussions.

Mark Petersen provided a classified report indicating it is important to classified staff to help solve problems in a fair and adequate way. They continue to be involved with budget discussions.

There was no student report.

B. Advisory Committee – Skip Patterson reported the existence of MURA will be extended upon participation in a project with Lithia. Medford City Council will be conducting a hearing regarding this issue Thursday, April 20.

C. Facilities – Kevin Talbert reported the RCC/SOU joint facility will consist of 75,000 square feet. During initial planning, the facility was estimated at 93,000 square feet. The reduction in space, and elimination of other leased buildings on the Riverside Campus, means the new square footage will mainly consist of classrooms. The architects have made a recommendation for a three-story design which provides some space for growth. A space-holder has been placed as a potential expansion area consisting of 9 additional classrooms. After the committee reviewed proposals from two finalists, Adroit Construction was selected to serve as the Contract Manager/General Contractor. An agreement has been reached between RCC and SOU regarding scheduling of the building. There has also been a tentative agreement reached indicating RCC will provide building services for the facility. Attempts are being made to make the building energy efficient. Skip Patterson suggested contacting the Department of Energy to determine if they could provide assistance with costs. Riverside Campus will be hosting the May Program meeting at which an update on this facility will be provided.

D. Finance and Audit Committee – Kevin Talbert reported this committee met at 2:30 p.m. today to review the financial statements for period ending March 31. Enrollment is steady, although tuition revenue has decreased somewhat. This decline is due in part to classes for which FTE can not be counted.

E. April Program Meeting – Dean Wendle reported the April Program meeting included a tour of Redwood Campus buildings in need of upgrade. In particular, the science area has logistical facility problems. There are other buildings in which the facility does not match the need. The meeting also included a master plan for the entire campus. Nancy Maxwell pointed out the need for an effective “front door” to the campus. Harvey Bennett made a suggestion to clearly state the need for RWC improvements when communicating to the public (the need is due to upgrade of facility, not deferred maintenance.) Nancy Maxwell and team were commended for their efforts in coordinating this presentation.

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- F. Board Executive Committee** – Sharon Davidson reported this committee met last week. See agenda item 8, President’s Report, for further information.
- G. OCCA/ Legislative/OSBA Reports** – Dean Wendle reported the Legislative Committee had a meeting with Lori Sattenspiel. It is important to make contact with legislators now and ensure they are aware of our needs. The committee discussed how to communicate with legislators in the future. Dean distributed information regarding the TABOR initiative. He indicated TABOR did not work in Colorado. Under TABOR, Colorado’s schools got worse and the cost of college increased. Peter reported Colorado voted to suspend TABOR for five years.
- H. Foundation** – Jim Dole reported the Foundation is in the midst of the scholarship award process and their annual award ceremony is scheduled for May 24.
- I. Josephine County Bond Levy** – Jim Dole reported he has met with Dean, Peter and Nancy Maxwell to discuss this issue. They are in the process of obtaining more detail from the architect regarding building site designs and costs to estimate a bond proposal. A series of community forums will be scheduled in lieu of polling. (There are five dates scheduled between May 15 and June 1.) The forums will provide RCC with a sense of voter response.

6. Consent Agenda

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

- A. March 21, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Human Resources
 - a. Full-time Faculty Early Retirement (Margaret Cunningham)
- C. Grants
 - a. Manufacturing Support (Manufacturing/Engineering Technology)
 - b. SOREDI Workforce Development Scholarship (Workforce Training)
 - c. Boys Trade Fair Project (Workforce Training)
- D. Financial
 - a. Monthly Financial Data Report – March 2006
 - b. Quarterly Budget Transfers – Period Ending March 31, 2006

The motion was carried 6 to 0.

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7. Other Action/Information Items

A. Review Board Policy Handbook Sections I.D.010-I.D.040 (First Reading)

No recommendations, no action was taken.

**B. In-state Residency for Enrolled Members of Native American Tribes
(First Reading)**

No recommendations, no action was taken.

C. Resolution in Support of State-wide Community College Capital Projects

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Charly Warren, that the RCC Board approve Resolution P76-05/06 encouraging the Governor (and his staff) to include one capital project for each community college in the proposed state budget for the next biennium, 2007-09.

The motion was carried 6 to 0.

D. Resolution in Support of Upcoming Fundraising Event

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Charly Warren, that the RCC Board approve Resolution P77-05/06 in support of the RCC-AAWCC, RCC Foundation and Family Friends fundraising event.

The motion was carried 6 to 0.

E. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Obligations

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by David Trump, that the RCC Board approve Resolution B78-05/06 authorizing the issuance, sale, execution and delivery of tax and revenue anticipation obligations and related matters.

The motion was carried 6 to 0.

F. CM/GC Selection, Medford Higher Education Facility

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by Dean Wendle, to approve Resolution B79-05/06 to enter into a contract with Adroit Consutrction Co., for construction services.

The motion was carried 6 to 0.

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8. President's Report

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

B. Administration/Organization/Information Items

Peter discussed the following items:

- John Anhorn assisted Peter with fundraising letters in support of the Early Childhood Education Center. An estimated \$40,000 is needed to complete the first phase of this project.
- Lynda Warren and Peter spoke with Cam Preus-Braly regarding the distribution formula. Cam indicated it is not necessarily equity causing RCC's problem, whereas over the last three years, RCC has lost 15% FTE. Peter reported even though the state is providing \$18 million to community colleges, RCC will be losing \$800,000 next year. Peter recommended sending a letter from Sharon Davidson, on behalf of all board members, to the chair of the State Board of Education expressing RCC's concerns regarding the distribution process. Peter and Lynda will compose a draft letter for board review. The next step will include working on a strategy to change the funding formula and share it with legislators.
- The FTE report reflects an increase of 35 FTE in comparison to spring term last year. When comparing winter and spring term of this fiscal year, a decrease in 4.5 FTE is noted.
- The Workforce Training Activity List provides an overview of businesses, industry and community partners involved with RCC. Peter plans to share this information with legislators. He commended staff for their hard work in this area.
- RCC will be submitting an application to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for a new, one-year certificate entitled Dental Assistant. This is an independent certificate program, but all credits are applicable to the Associate of General Studies degree. If approved, the program would begin in the 2006/07 academic year.
- Peter and Lynda Warren will contact Earl Potter at SOU to strategize discussion regarding land value of the property owned by RCC now known as the new building site for the RCC/SOU joint facility.
- The Jackson County Library is interested in forming a district and has asked for background information from Peter regarding this.

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 6:12 p.m.

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10. Old Business

A. Pending Items List – See handout.

B. President Review Committee – Kevin Talbert reported surveys were distributed to board and advisory board members, deans, associate deans, staff, faculty and a number of community members. A cover letter accompanied the survey, requesting a return date of May 5. Postage paid, pre-addressed envelopes to be returned to the offices of Cauble, Dole and Sorenson were also included.

11. New Business - None

12. Board Round Table

A. Jim Dole discussed the student walk out at Umpqua Community College due to an immigration issue.

B. Kevin Talbert reported the Foundation scholarship reader event was successful. He noticed more involvement from AAUW volunteering as readers.

C. Dean Wendle can provide a referral to obtain demographics for all registered Josephine County voters.

13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Denise Nelson, Administrative Secretary

Sharon Davidson, Chair of the RCC Board of Education

Dated: May 16, 2006
