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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 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 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, Kevin Talbert, David Trump, Charly Warren and Dean Wendle. Advisory Committee members Midge Renton and Dawn Welch also attended.
3. **Introduction of Guests** – Faculty representative Jerry Bryan, classified representative Christine Murff and management, faculty and staff including Peter Angstadt, Galyn Carlile, Mary Louise Doran, Rand Hill, Mike Laam, Nancy Maxwell, Cheryl Markwell, Jenny Rossknecht, Lisa Stanton, Curtis Sommerfeld, Denise Swafford, Lynda Warren, Jennifer Wheatley, Shirlee Willis-Haslip and Denise Nelson attended.
4. **Presentations/General Discussion**

- A. State Representative Susan Morgan was introduced. She provided historical information regarding funding for K-12 and community colleges. Community college funding was cut with the decline of Oregon's economy. In response, community colleges in general had to raise tuition and fees. Negotiations for K-12 and community college funding were challenging during the last legislative session. In addition to budget restraints there was poor communication between the Senate and House. In the end; however, capital construction projects were approved. This type of project had not been approved in 28 years. Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) is having a positive impact with part-time students now being eligible for OSAC aid.

Peter Angstadt commented he has appreciated working with Representative Morgan. She has always been straight forward and honest. He discussed his concerns regarding the distribution formula and its negative impact on RCC, providing examples of loss in FTE during the 2001/02 academic year and distribution of property taxes.

Representative Morgan shared her experience with the distribution formula in its development stage. Community college presidents worked together to develop the formula and she believes it would not be good to bring this topic into the legislative arena now. She suggested continuing discussions within the community college system and working together for a positive result.

In providing an overview for the 2007/09 legislative session, Representative Morgan explained the state will once again have fiscal constraint issues to deal with. Legislators are hopeful the state's economy will continue to grow thus the revenue will reflect the same. Complicating this, the corporate kicker and personal kicker will kick in the next legislative session. Beginning the session with an expectation the

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State's budget will grow significantly does not provide a good starting point. The Governor has proposed increasing the K-12 budget by 10%. It is not apparent where funding for this increase will come from. There is not enough money with the corporate kicker to fund the K-12 initiative.

Sharon Davidson indicated community colleges are locally driven. It is difficult to come up with a way to find equity so that colleges are providing a similar service across the state while retaining local control.

Pat Huycke suggested it may be time to critically analyze the educational system. Other than implementing the cooperative capital construction programs with community colleges and universities, there has not been obvious outcomes as a result of creative thinking in this area. Representative Morgan responded by saying a great deal of energy has been put forth toward a new program titled, "More, Better, Faster." In this program, an attempt has been made to create seamless lines between the 11th and 12th years of the K-12 system, the first 2 years of the college transfer system and the first 2 years of the university system. Significant investments have been made in two data systems which assist with moving student information more efficiently. In addition, performance measures are now in place to gauge the progress made in this arena. One of the most challenging hurdles in the educational arena is the turf battle that ensues with the possibility of changing the paradigm of K-12, community college and four-year systems. Community college and university systems have been working successfully together and there has been a significant increase in reciprocal enrollment agreements between campuses over the past two years. The data system now in place will help facilitate information to help move this process along quickly. The objective is to obtain a continuum of education from pre-K through the four-year system in which students can move through as quickly and efficiently as possible while maintaining benchmark standards. Construction of the educational system dictates 60 cents out of every dollar spent is applied toward education; however, legislators have no authority to control this spending. She added it is an odd system, but at the same time, most legislators place a very high premium on local control.

5. Committee Advisory Reports

A. Students, Faculty, Classified

Jerry Bryan provided a faculty report. The faculty association will soon be electing a new president.

There was no classified report.

B. Advisory Committee – Members from both counties have attended committee meetings. A replacement for the advisory committee position vacated by Carl Wilson has been selected (see agenda item 7.E).

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- C. Facilities** – Pat Huycke reported a number of meetings have been held to discuss the RCC/SOU building design. Sub-committees have completed site visits to Reno and Salt Lake City to obtain a comparison of other cooperative ventures of this nature. A memorandum of understanding is being developed between RCC and SOU regarding building operation, and another between RCC and SOU with MURA. Discussion occurred at the last steering committee meeting regarding the vision for this project and the need to translate the vision into definitive goals and an operating plan. Jim McNamara has been selected as Project Manager for the RCC/SOU joint facility project. Upcoming meetings will be held on May 24 and June 5.
- D. Finance and Audit Committee** – Dean Wendle indicated the finance committee met and reviewed the financial statement prior to the board meeting.
- E. May Program Meeting** – Sharon Davidson reported the May Program meeting was held in Medford and a presentation was given by the Riverside Campus team regarding the RCC/SOU joint facility. Mary Louise Doran provided an update on the facility and architectural renderings were provided to offer a visual presentation of the building.
- 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** – Sharon Davidson reported she attended the OCCA Board and Governance Committee meetings in Salem. The issue of local control versus state control was discussed at the Governance Committee meeting. As a result, a position paper will be developed and distributed to community college board members for review. The objective of this is to have a common vision of governance. The OCCA Board meeting consisted of reviewing the governance workshop and discussion regarding the strategic plan. An election was held for the position of OCCA President. In regard to the budgeting process for the next legislative session, OCCA will develop a budget encompassing community college needs and Community College Workforce Development will develop a budget they believe is a reasonable budget to propose.
- Dean Wendle provided a report on the OCCA Legislative Committee meeting held at Blue Mountain Community College. Dean and Peter attended via teleconference and experienced some technical difficulties. Discussions occurred regarding funding and PERS.
- H. Foundation** – Jim Dole reported the Scholarship Award Ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 24. RCC Foundation Executive Director, Jennifer Wheatley, reported 368 scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$410,000. Project grant awards for the 2006/07 academic year total \$49,000. Pat Huycke asked if the Foundation could play a role in boosting FTE by developing a plan to spend more money on scholarships now, and less, later. This would create immediate FTE

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growth through increased scholarships and could be saved back at a later time. Jennifer responded it would be difficult to do so, because the Foundation can not borrow against future earnings. Another funding source would have to be located to accomplish this. Jennifer and Peter will discuss this issue.

- I. Josephine County Bond Levy** – Jim Dole reported focus group meetings have been held with good participation. A good perspective of the potential bond levy will be provided at the next board meeting. Sharon Davidson thanked Jim Dole for his time and effort put forth on this issue.
- J. President’s Evaluation Committee** – Kevin Talbert reported this committee met recently and has initiated a preliminary evaluation.

6. Consent Agenda

Dean Wendle moved, seconded by Pat Huycke, that the RCC Board approve the consent agenda, with the removal of item 6.B.a (see agenda) by request of President Angstadt, as follows:

- A. April 18 (Budget) and April 18 (Board) Meeting Minutes
- B. Human Resources - None
- C. Grants
 - a. Chemeketa Community College Nursing Program Consultation (Nursing Department)
 - b. Medical Translators (Medical Healthcare Interpreter Program)
- D. Financial
 - a. Monthly Financial Data Report – April 2006

The motion was carried 7 to 0.

7. Other Action/Information Items

A. Revise Board Policy Handbook Sections I.D.010-I.D.040 (Second Reading)

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by David Trump, that the RCC Board adopt Resolution P74-05/06 approving Board policies Article I: Board of Education, Section D: Meetings, 010-Time and Place of Meetings, 020-Special Board Meetings, 030-Parliamentary Procedure, Quorum and Board Discussion and 040-Executive Session. The motion was carried 7 to 0.

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

Dean Wendle moved, seconded by Jim Dole, that the RCC Board approve Resolution P75-05/06 approving in-state residency for students who are enrolled members of Federally recognized tribes of Oregon or who are enrolled members of a Native American tribe which had traditional and customary tribal boundaries that included parts of the state of Oregon or which had ceded or reserved lands with the state of Oregon. The motion carried 7 to 0.

C. Agent of Record – General Insurance

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Dean Wendle, that the RCC Board approve Resolution B84-05/06 to continue the contract for RCC Agent of Record for General Insurance with Hart Insurance of Medford and Grants Pass, Oregon as of July 1, 2006. The motion carried 7 to 0.

D. Agent of Record – Employee Benefits

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by Jim Dole, that the RCC Board approve Resolution B85-05/06 to appoint Elements Health Plans of Portland and Ashland, Oregon, as RCC Agent of Record for Employee Benefits Insurance, beginning June 1, 2006 for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional years based on performance in the initial contract year. The motion was carried 7 to 0.

E. Approve Advisory Committee Replacement

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Charly Warren, that the RCC Board approve Resolution B86-05/06 approving the appointment of Jerry and Sharon Work for a term of three (3) years to replace Carl Wilson on the Advisory Committee. The motion was carried 7 to 0.

F. CM/GC Selection, Medford Higher Education Facility

Jim Dole moved, seconded by Dean Wendle, that the RCC Board adopt Resolution HR81-05/06 approving the management renewal list for 2006/07. The motion was carried 7 to 0.

G. Annual Board Organization

Sharon Davidson initiated discussion regarding the annual board organization. It was determined that sub-committee would be formed consisting of Ms. Davidson (Chair), Dr. Trump and Mr. Wendle.

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8. President's Report

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

B. Administration/Organization/Information Items

Peter discussed the following items:

- FTE has increased 3% in comparison to this time last year. This positive growth equates to 40 FTE.
- Construction on the Early Childhood Center is ahead of schedule. Grant money has been received from different foundations/entities for this project. Whenever a project of this magnitude occurs, and working in collaboration with other entities, issues will arise. Last week the Paul Allen Foundation advised Head Start they would not send the money granted to them because Head Start still needed to file required tax exempt paperwork. Meanwhile, the construction company required payment. To rectify the situation, RCC made payment to the construction company and Head Start provided a signed promissory note to reimburse RCC. The City of Grants Pass hired a representative to manage this project's contracts. RCC is watching this process closely.
- A draft letter to Dr. Nikki Squire, Chair of the State Board of Education was distributed as a handout to all Board members. Members were asked to review the letter and provide comments and suggestions to Sharon or Peter.
- Pat Huycke discussed ways to utilize the concept of reducing the tax levy in exchange for passing more bonds. He suggested carefully pointing this out to the State via written correspondence. This would validate the problems with the funding formula. Charly Warren agreed this suggestion is a good way to bring this problem to the forefront. Sharon Davidson recommended looking into different scenarios and providing an analysis prior to written correspondence.
- Spring In-service was held at the Table Rock Campus and was well received. Sal Esquivel provided a refreshing message to staff and faculty.

9. Executive Session – The board adjourned for executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) – Labor Negotiations and ORS 192.660(2)(i) Performance Evaluations of Public Officers and Employees, at approximately 5:45 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

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10. Old Business

A. Pending Items List – See handout.

11. New Business

A. Upcoming Graduation Ceremonies – Graduation ceremony sign-up sheets were circulated.

12. Board Round Table – None

13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Denise Nelson, Administrative Secretary

Sharon Davidson, Chair of the RCC Board of Education

Dated: June 20, 2006
