
Rogue Community College Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2012

1. **Call to Order** – Joe Davis, Chair, Rogue Community College (RCC) Board of Education (Board) called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at the Redwood Campus, Conference Room H-2, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, Oregon. Due notice was given.
2. **Determine Presence of Quorum** – A quorum of Budget Committee members were present including Pat Ashley, Joe Davis, John Harelson, Tim Johnson, James Patterson, Midge Renton, Dick Rudisile, Kevin Talbert, Dawn Welch, Jerry Work, Sharon Work and Joseph Zagorski.
3. **Introduction of Guests** – Students: Aaron Barber, Travis Bently, Arlene Bruni, Marcus Hardesty, Larry Holcomb, Alexxis Lombardo, Lilli Ogden and Patti Stiers. Community members: Burt Eikleberry, Michele Kyle and David Mannix. Media: Jared Dill, KAJO/KLDR and RCC district employees: Peter Angstadt, Wayd Drake, Cheryl Markwell, Lisa Stanton, Curtis Sommerfeld, Denise Swafford and Denise Nelson.
4. **Appoint Budget Committee Chair for Budget Process**

Joe Davis moved, seconded by Pat Ashley, that Budget Committee member James Patterson serves as 2012/13 Budget Committee Chair. Mr. Patterson accepted the appointment.

The motion unanimously carried.

5. **Review Budget [Oregon Budget Law, Chapter 294 (Oregon Revised Statutes)]**

A. Review 2012/13 Budget Process

Curtis Sommerfeld, Chief Information Officer/Vice President of College Services (interim) welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated the 2012/13 Budget information, in addition to being provided via handout, will be accessible via RCC's website at http://www.roguecc.edu/budget/2012_13/proposed/ upon conclusion of the meeting. He added that in legislation enacted March 2012, the Oregon Legislature directed community college districts to enter into annual achievement compacts with the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) beginning with the 2012/13 school year. The timeline for completing achievement compacts will be tied to the timeline for adopting a budget. The timeline is compressed this year; however, since legislation was recently passed in March. Mr. Sommerfeld introduced Lisa Stanton, Interim Chief Financial Officer, who explained the responsibilities of the Budget Committee:

April Meeting

- Receive the Budget Message
- Proposed Budget is aligned with the College's Strategic Plan and operational needs
- Provide input

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- Provide opportunity for citizen input

May Meeting

- Review the Approved Budget
- Provide opportunity for citizen input
- Approve tax rate
- Approve budget, recommending it to the Board for Adoption

Ms. Stanton indicated that creating the proposed budget takes college-wide involvement:

- Budget Advisory Team
- President's Executive Team
- Oregon Education Association (OEA)/Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) via the Classified Association Management Advisory Team (CAMAT) and Faculty Association Management Advisory Team (FAMAT) groups
- Divisional Management Teams
- Advisory Meetings

B. President's Message

The Budget Message can be found on page 1 of the 2012/13 Proposed Budget document (see file). This section provides information regarding challenges, opportunities and strategies for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 and beyond, general fund resources and general fund expenditures.

C. Review Proposed Budget 2011/12

Lisa Stanton presented the proposed budget to the committee utilizing an electronic presentation (see hard copy on file) in addition to the 2012/13 Proposed Budget document.

Operating Funds – Account for the general operations and activities of the College. There are three funds:

- General Fund
- College Service Fund
- Stability Reserve Fund

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General Fund – Revenue Assumptions

- State Operations: \$395.7 million Community College Support fund.

Note: RCC's funding from the State of Oregon has declined from **34%** of the budget in 2004/05 to only **14%** (current) with a loss of \$4.3 million over that time period

- Property Taxes: 1% increase

Note: RCC's funding from property taxes has increased slightly from 29.11% of the budget in 2004/05 to 30.65%

- Tuition: 4% decrease in enrollment from 2011/12 and \$2 tuition increase

Note: RCC is realizing a decrease in enrollment and administrators are projecting this decrease to continue for at least the next 4 years

- Transfers In: \$725,000 from Technology and Equipment Fund and \$1.7 million from College Service Fund

General Fund – Strategic Changes

Ms. Stanton reviewed a list of positions (17 total) that have either been reduced (15), or increased, as in the case of Full-time Faculty Computer Science and Full-time Faculty Nursing (2), that when combined have resulted in a total expenditure savings of \$968,034 (see file).

General Fund – Expenditure Assumptions

- Personnel (still in negotiation): 2% decreased in part-time faculty; 3 furlough days; \$682,000 available for personnel salary adjustments
- Other Personnel Expenditures: Health insurance – 6% increased; PERS – 7.79% approximate increase
- Department Materials & Services and Capital – 0% increase
- Transfer Out – Increase 7.41% over 2011/12

Future Year Assumptions – RCC's Major Sources of Revenues Will Continue to Decline

- State funding, due to the economy

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- Property tax revenue decline due to little (or no) improvement in housing market
- Enrollment decline of 4%

Questions regarding this presentation can be addressed to Curtis Sommerfeld or Lisa Stanton:

Mr. Sommerfeld – (541) 956-7238; curt@rogucecc.edu

Ms. Stanton – (541) 956-7024; lstanton@rogucecc.edu

6. Public Comment – the following public comment regarding theater art classes was received:

a. Lilly Ogden, Grants Pass, OR,

Ms. Ogden explained that she was not good at interacting with people, or projecting which lead to isolation and hostility. When she participated in RCC's theater class she was greeted like family. 80% of her current friends are from theater. Theater arts may be an elective but it is a life changing experience. An experience she would not have traded for the world. She would hate to see the experience, or chance, not be offered to others.

b. Aaron Barber, no city stated

Mr. Barber completed an exercise asking everyone in the room to close their eyes and remember their first time on a bicycle. Once the exercise was completed he talked about how difficult it was for him when his father passed away. RCC instructor Katie Skudstad took him under her wing. Theater art classes really affected his life. He thanked the Committee for listening and asked they consider keeping theater arts classes.

c. Markus Hardesty, Grants Pass, OR

Mr. Hardesty commented he has lived in Grants Pass for 13 years. As an African American in this community he had a difficult time getting along with people. He was depressed. Theater classes are what kept him going. If theater art classes are taken away, where would people go to make them gain the confidence that theater classes provide? Whatever choices are made regarding this, he hopes they will truly be for the best because so many people depend on theater. Not offering these classes will have a giant impact.

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d. Burt Eikleberry, Retired Grants Pass High School Teacher

Mr. Eikleberry recalled a question during the 2012/13 Proposed Budget presentation which addressed the amount of money to be saved if theater art classes would not be offered. Mr. Eikleberry calculated that tuition alone from enrollment in these classes would almost pay for the expense, just shy about \$820. He would like to compare numbers in participatory classes. He will attend the next meeting.

e. Travis Bentley, Grants Pass, OR

Mr. Bentley had never taken theater classes before and is now in his 2nd semester of classes at RCC. He has a fear of being in front of people. His best friends suggested he take acting classes. He has learned more about himself in these classes than he ever thought possible. They have helped him overcome his fear. If not for these classes he would not be a full-time student.

f. David Mannix, Serves On Local Non-profit Boards, Josephine County Libraries and Barnstormers

As an experienced Board member, whenever a reduction in expenses needs to be made, Mr. Mannix conducts a cost benefit analysis. After his review of the expense to run RCC's theater art classes, and the revenue generated from tuition, it is his opinion that it is not costing RCC to have theater classes. He respectfully requested Board members review the data.

Board member Tim Johnson posed the question, "What role do community colleges have to meet needs, and is it something we can afford to do?"

7. New Business – None

8. Adjournment – Mr. Patterson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Denise Nelson, Assistant to the President and Board of Education

James L. Patterson, Chair, RCC Budget Committee

Dated: May 15, 2012
