

Southwestern Oregon Community College

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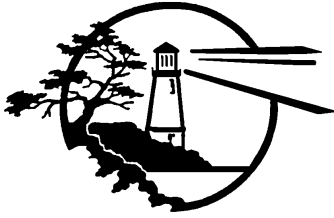
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Board of Education

Special Conference Call

Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 12:00 p.m.





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Board of Education Meeting – Conference Call

(A conference phone will be available)

Tioga Hall, Room 510, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon
Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Action Items



1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Anderson
2. AGENDA CHANGES
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Financial
 1. Dell Computers, # 3 A 1
 2. Datatel Maintenance, # 3 A 2
 3. Angel Learning Management System, # 3 A 3
 4. Contingency Fund Transfer to General Fund for Salary Adjustments and Cost of Living Adjustments, #3 A 4
3. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Anderson



Exhibit # 3 A 1
Date July 1, 2008
Approved YES__ NO__
Motion # _____

**Southwestern Oregon Community College
Board of Education**

Prepared by: Kat Flores, Director of Integrated Technology Services

ACTION UNDER CONSIDERATION

Approve the payment to Dell Inc. of \$35,964.16 for the purchase of 30 high-end computer workstations, monitors, and uninterrupted power supplies for student computer classrooms and replacement computers.

HISTORY

The College owns over 750 workstation and notebook computers. Each year the College purchases replacement computers according to the ITS 5-year replacement plan (depending on placement and usage.) In the 2006 budget year, the decision was made to use Dell Inc. as our computer workstation provider. After evaluating Dell computers and service at the end of one year, we decided to continue using Dell Inc. as our computer supplier in the 2008 budget year. Dell Incorporated is on the State contract bid list #5438-PA, NASPO/WSCA A63307.

This year the college will purchase a Storage Area Network along with the computer workstations. This is part of the College Strategic Plan, ITS Department Strategic Plan, and Title III schedule to implement a portal, ActiveCampus. The college will replace fewer computers this year and plans to look toward piloting virtual workstations in the future.

TIMING

At the beginning of each academic year, the college purchases replacement computers and other equipment according to the ITS Department five-year Strategic Plan. These computers need to be purchased and setup before fall term of that academic year. This is only possible if they are ordered at the beginning of July.

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Southwestern Oregon Community College District approves the payment of \$35,964.16 to Dell Inc.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funds are available for this proposal in the amount of \$35,964.16 in the 2008-2009 Integrated Technology Services Department budget (10-3117-53172) approved by the Board of Education.

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Date July 1, 2008
Approved YES__ NO__
Motion # _____

**Southwestern Oregon Community College
Board of Education**

Prepared by: Kat Flores, Director of Integrated Technology Services

ACTION UNDER CONSIDERATION

Approval of payment to Datatel in the amount of \$152,775 for the 2008-2009 annual maintenance and licensing fees of Colleague software.

HISTORY

Colleague is the integrated administrative database system that has been in use at the College since 1992. Colleague supports most of the administrative operations at the College including registration and records, financial aid, business office, human resources, and a web interface. We also use the Colleague system to produce many custom reports for management purposes. Datatel charges an annual maintenance and license fee for Colleague use. This fee covers updates and support. The College has been invoiced for this fee and it is now payable.

Modules purchased this year include “Instant Enrollment”, “Time Entry and Approval Online” and “Campus Organizations”. All of these will be used by Active Campus portal and WebAdvisor.

TIMING

Datatel ESSA annual maintenance and license fees are renewed every academic year. The license is valid for one year academic year, starting July 1 and running through June 30 of the following year.

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Southwestern Oregon Community College District approves the payment of \$152,775 to Datatel for annual maintenance and license fees.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funds are available for this proposal in the amount of \$152,775 in the 2008-2009 Integrated Technology Services Department budget (10-3116-53513) approved by the Board of Education.

Exhibit # 3 A 3
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Motion # _____

**Southwestern Oregon Community College
Board of Education**

Prepared by: Kat Flores, Director of Integrated Technology Services

ACTION UNDER CONSIDERATION

Approval of payment to Angel Learning in the amount of \$50,300 for the 2008-2009 annual maintenance and licensing agreement with Angel Learning for the Angel Learning Management System.

HISTORY

WebCT (Now Blackboard) has been the college learning management system for almost 5 years. Distance Education (online and hybrid) has grown rapidly during these years.

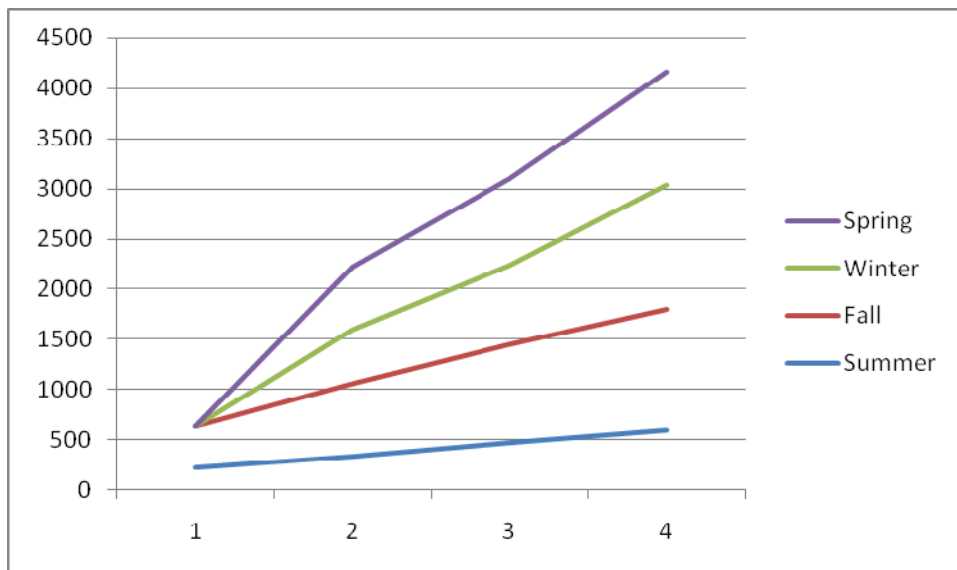


Figure 1 Distance Learning Students

Blackboard has not been able to support WebCT adequately. Please see attached justification document for additional details. RFP's were sent out to three vendors. ANGEL was the overall number one choice of the faculty group that used the learning systems from the three vendors.

TIMING

Our current annual license with WebCT/Blackboard expires on December 31, 2008. Our new LMS needs to be purchased as soon as possible so that a pilot group of instructors can migrate to ANGEL during July and August in time for fall term classes (especially sequence classes) and then help the other instructors with their migration for winter term 2009.

The license is valid for one year academic year, starting July 1 and running through June 30 of the following year.

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Southwestern Oregon Community College District approves the payment of \$50,300 to Angel Learning for annual maintenance, license, and Colleague integration fees.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funds are available for this proposal in the amount of \$50,300 in the 2008-2009 Integrated Technology Services/Instruction budget (10-3115-53517) approved by the Board of Education.

Justification for new learning management system.

WebCT issues

Admin issues

- WebCT/Blackboard Support is not helpful. Their response time is extremely slow and they often do not resolve issues in a timely manner (if at all). Promised software updates were notoriously behind schedule, and most patches and hot fixes created new bugs rather than fixing old ones.
- Back up files not available term after term.
- Newer browsers versions (Firefox 2, IE 7, etc.) are not supported. This causes constant problems for faculty and students who do not want to downgrade to an earlier version.
- Java problems – CE6 is extremely sensitive to the version of Java running on the client machine. Students and faculty often had trouble using email, chat, and other features of CE6 if they did not have the exact version of Java installed that WebCT required. In some cases, even if the correct version was installed, but an older version was also present, the older version was recognized instead. The only way to correct this is to have the user uninstall all versions of Java on the client machine, and then reinstall the recommended Java version from scratch.

Student issues

- File uploads due to browser – Java incompatibilities
- Quizzes dying in the middle and having to be reset
- E-mail not opening due to a pop up window settings that can be buried.
- E-mail never arriving in the Inbox in various courses.

Faculty issues

- File uploads due to browser – Java incompatibilities
- Not all assignments showing in dropbox at the correct time
- Green alerts to new mail and discussion never go away.
- HTML editor often crashed, loaded very slowly, or failed to load at all.
- Too many tabs in the grade book, not clear to faculty what drives what.
- Cannot mark individual email messages as read or unread, you must mark them ALL read or unread.
- Cannot attach a file in a reply email.

Based upon the above stated issues with WebCT/BlackBoard a Learning Systems Committee was formed to evaluate Learning Systems. (Karen Matson, Kat Flores, Katie Paulson, Brenda

Brecke, Bruce Locker, Sharon Smith, Anna Chavez, Renee Menkens, Cathy Meier, Diana Schab, Leigh Squires) .

- Evaluated 12 Learning Systems.
- Selected 3 to get shells of to create courses.
- Participated in webinars to learn how to use learning system.
- Did side by side comparison of WebStudy, e-College and ANGEL. ANGEL hands down favorite for faculty.
- Committee recommends not negotiating a new contract with WebCT/BlackBoard but changing learning systems to ANGEL.

ANGEL advantages

- #1 choice by faculty hands down in usability.
- Has the ability to tie outcomes to the courses which will be great for assessment and accreditation.
- Will display in Pacific Standard Time
- Customer service

Pricing based on 2000 user accounts - \$19,500

Gold Hosting -\$26,300

XEI Annual License Fee - \$4,500

Total - \$50,300

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**SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 Board of Education**

Prepared by: Sheldon Meyer, Vice-President of Administrative Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Contingency Budget transfer to General Fund for salary adjustments and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

RATIONALE

The General Fund Contingency has an allocation of \$816,775. The \$120,618 is for COLA adjustments for the exempt group; the \$114,169 is a previously negotiated salary adjustment for the classified employees; and the \$100,000 is for the previously negotiated salary adjustments for the faculty. The adjustments for the faculty were in a two-part disbursement, this being the second of the two.

HISTORY

The Board of Education has the authority to approve contingency adjustments during the budget year. ORS 294.450 (1) requires that the Board of Education approve appropriation transfers between budget control groups and fund groups. After the resolution transfer is approved, budget capacity is moved from of the “contingency” line item into the appropriate category where the expenses are anticipated.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Southwestern Oregon Community College District, by resolution, authorizes the Contingency Budget transfer to General Fund for Salary and Cost of Living Adjustments.

**Southwestern Oregon Community College
 FY08-09 Contingency Transfer request #1**

Available Contingency Budget as of 7/1/2008	\$816,775
Payroll adjustments:	
Exempt employee COLA adjustments	\$120,618
Classified employee negotiated salary adjustments	\$114,169
Faculty negotiated salary adjustments 2007-2008 contract year	\$100,000
Adjusted Contingency Budget balance after adjustments	\$481,988