CALL TO ORDER
Vice-Chair David Bridgham called the session to order at 5:32 p.m.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board recessed into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) from 5:32 to 5:47 p.m.:
  • (d) Labor Negotiations – Update on a faculty grievance.
  • (e) Property – Updates on District properties.

RECONVENED
Vice-Chair Bridgham reconvened the open session at 5:48 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES
None made.

PRESENTATION
C AM PREUS, CCWD

Copies of the 2013-2015 Oregon Community Colleges Budget Picture newsletter were distributed at the meeting.

Commission Cam Preus briefed the Board on several items including policy bills and budget.

Budget – Preus thanked David Bridgham for travelling to Salem recently to lend support while CCWD presented the community college budget. The Ways and Means Committee has the Community College Support Fund at $428 million, which is the same as the Governor’s budget. She doesn’t expect to hear anything until the May forecast. Rumors are that the forecast will be up slightly. There have been positive rumors that the Community College Support Fund budget may be edging up closer to $450 million. The Education Co-Chairs (Monroe and Comp) have both been very strong supporters of community colleges.
Capital Construction - No word yet. However, plenty of bonding is available. There might be more than originally thought if Washington State doesn’t pass their share of the bill on the Columbia River Crossing. She expects to get at least ten projects funded, but hopes for all 16.

Policy – There remains one bill standing on board coordination and governance. It would reauthorize the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) - HB3120. Provides HECC with a director and a budget. HECC would not be a governing board for community colleges, but rather a coordinating board. If passed, the structural changes would become effective July ’14.

Preus shared that an argument that has ensued along party lines about the membership. The bill has passed out of the House committee and is now in the Ways and Means Budget Committee.

Bill - Two bills that have impact and may have some resources for community colleges are HBs 3222 and 3233. However, only $30 million total are in these two bills so they don’t provide a great deal of money.

Enrollment - Is pretty flat. Only two of the 17 community colleges experienced increases (4-5%), which is not the growth that was seen in recent years.

Discussion occurred on the fact that statewide an enrollment increase was experienced, but funding was lost. Essentially, the dollar amount that the State provides is 40% lower than it was four years ago.

Preus explained that there is still a bit of uncertainty. If HB3120 passes, then CCWD and the commissioner will be hired by and report through the HECC director. If it doesn’t pass, things will stay as they are now but an interim commissioner would probably be hired for a year. She added that she expects there to be efficiency at the board level, but not necessarily at the agency level.

BOARD REPORTS/ INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES
The Board reviewed numerous upcoming events.

COLLEGE REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

CASE Grant – The recent review was great. Staff working on the grant are to be commended. They are using SWOCC as an example for the rest of the community colleges in the state. The spring/summer term class schedule highlights the grant.

Although we no longer have a grant writing department, we have been successful in securing some beneficial grants and are now working on submitting a Title III grant.

OCCI – Regional competition. None of the teams in the competition received gold. SWOCC’s team won silver and bronze. Chef Darrell Folck came in second as the Pastry Chef of the Year. Chef Tina Power received a Cutting Edge award.

OCCI accreditation visit takes place in a couple of weeks.

AACC Conference (San Francisco) - The opening speaker was Sal Khan (founder of the Khan Academy). President Scott mentioned that a resource such as the Khan Academy would be a nice supplement to what the College does, but there would always be a need for teachers to help students find their way. He actually calls community colleges the “sweet spot” in education. Captain Mark Kelly (husband of Gabby Giffords) spoke and shared a lot of fun stories from his being an astronaut.

A number of sessions were offered on institutional effectiveness, degree authorization, planned giving, and Achieving the Dream (developmental math, etc.). She noted that SWOCC was in the process of making changes in math and writing.
Budget – The 13-14 budget process just wrapped up in preparation for the Monday, May 13
Budget Committee meeting. It was built on the projection of receiving $428 million from the
State. She added that there had been some talk of a 2% holdback at the state.

Achievement Compact – Copies of the draft compact were distributed at the meeting. The
document will be reviewed by Managers and College Council next month as well as the Budget
Committee as it’s part of the budget process. The final will come to the Board for approval in
June.

Scott briefed the Board on the projections noting that community colleges were in all of the 40-40-
20 categories; K-12 and the universities are not.

SWOCC is now auto awarding degrees and certificates; the Oregon Transfer Module (OTM) and
any certificates that are embedded in two-year degrees. Numbers for GED are lower because GED
is computerizing and the costs are going up. The impact to students is unclear. Dual enrollment
with the high schools is increasing. The College was conservative when setting these figures last
year because they didn’t know what would happen.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, Exhibits # 7 B 1 - 4
Copies of the financial reports were included in the meeting materials. Business Manager Ron
Olson briefed the Board on the reports. He is hopeful that the College will reach the anticipated
Ending Fund Balance. In regards to Cash Flow, we are faring much better than in the past.

Discussion occurred on the maintenance of the Neighborhood Facility Building that is currently
sitting vacant. It was discovered that the water meter had not physically been read for some
time so adjustments are now being made.

CORE THEME INDICATORS
Fiscal: Responsibilities – All Funds #16, Exhibit 7 C 1
Copies of the report were included in the meeting materials and Vice President Linda Kridelbaugh
briefed the Board. This report is used for accreditation.

CONSENT
AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA, Exhibit # 8 A
Copies of the item were included in the meeting materials.

M04/13-1
Marcia Jensen’s motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, was seconded by Susan
Anderson. Upon call for the vote, the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Southwestern Oregon Community College
District approved the meeting minutes dated March 25, 2013, Exhibit # 8 A.

OLD BUSINESS
2013-14 FEES
During the March meeting some of the proposed fees were tabled resulting in several fees coming
before the Board for action at this meeting. Copies of the resolution were included in the meeting
materials and Vice President Kridelbaugh briefed the Board stating that most of these fees hadn’t
increased in approximately 10 years.

M04/13-2
Susan Anderson’s motion to approve changes in the Fee Schedule, as presented, for the 2013-
2014 academic year, effective summer term 2013, was seconded by Marcia Jensen. Upon call for
the vote, the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None heard.

NEW BUSINESS
None presented.
CORRESPONDENCE Copies of the following were included in the meeting materials.

- Letter from Steve Greif, Part-Time Faculty
- Letter from AAWCC National RE: Carrie Griffith, Scholarship Recipient

ADJOURNMENT Vice-Chair Bridgham adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bridgham, Board Vice-Chair Patty Scott, Clerk

Deb Nicholls, Recording Secretary