



General Library Item

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LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 15, 2003

1) Attendance

Chair Roger Hall called the meeting of the Lane Community College Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Board Members Robert Ackerman, Paul Holman, Larry Romine, Kathleen Shelley, and Mike Rose. Also present were President Mary Spilde; Vice Presidents Marie Matsen and Cheryl Roberts; Assistant to the President Tracy Simms; College Counsel Meg Kieran; Lane Community College Education Association President Jim Salt; Lane Community College Employees Federation (LCCEF) Past President Alen Bahret; and Associated Students of Lane Community College President Greg Dunkin. Absent were: LCCEF President Bob Baldwin and Board Member Dennis Shine.

2) President's Report

- Bert Logan, new director of Financial Aid, and Dennis Carr, new director of Human Resources were introduced.
- Last biennium, the state budget reduction totaled \$462 million; this year the amount is \$412 million. Of that, \$407 million is in the support fund. The PERS liability makes up the largest portion of the deficit for next year. Because Lane anticipated a severe reduction, projections are not far off with respect to state revenue. Lane's shortfall next year in the unrestricted general fund is almost \$5 million at this point. The Criteria Application Work Group has begun their work on reviewing templates and applying the criteria. A proposed balanced budget will be presented to the board in March or April that will include expense reductions and revenue options. Possible new revenues discussed in previous board meetings include paid parking, a student services fee, and a more aggressive summer program.
- On January 20, a rally at the Capitol is planned in support of public education. It is being organized by the Oregon Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers.
- The Oregon Communication College Association's (OCCA) Annual Convention will be held February 5-7.
- The latest poll by KATU-Channel 2 in Portland reported that 50 percent of respondents say they plan to support Measure 28, compared with 46 percent who say they'll oppose it.
- Work continues on reductions in spring term course sections, currently estimated at 160. The goal is to implement maximum cuts without compromising graduating students or those completing sequencing of courses.
- A League for Innovation in the Community College site visit is planned January 27-28 to evaluate Lane's application to retain its membership as a board college of the organization. This process is followed whenever there is a change in presidents.
- Although subject to change, winter term enrollment is up very slightly at the end of the first week.
- A letter will be sent soon from the board to the State Board of Education regarding the funding formula used by community colleges.
- Promotional work this month included the first of a series of president's forums with community groups; work on the college's first quarterly report; and posting monthly highlights on the web.
- A flyer by Volksfront, a white supremacist organization, was discovered on main campus. The president said, "While we recognize that people have the right of free speech, we want to be on record that this college intends to be a respectful and hospitable environment and a racism-free zone. This kind of thing only shows how important it is that we make that clear to everyone who come to the college, and the new signs around campus depicting this will help get this message across."

Bond Report ñ Bob Mention

Completion of the Prep Kitchen of the Workforce Training Center has been delayed until the end of January. The finishing projects for the auditorium will be completed in the next few months.

LASR Report ñ Linda DeWitt

Banner update: Go Live week began in Human Resources. Many people were acknowledged for their dedication to the Banner project while maintaining their current job responsibilities.

A Community College Week article was distributed citing, that among community colleges with over 10,000 FTE, Lane is one of the fastest growing in the country.

3) Statements from the Audience

- Dennis Gilbert, faculty, opposes cutting class sections in order to save money and believes there are reasons to question whether there would be any savings. He asked the board to reconsider this decision and requested additional information.

4) Consent Agenda

Romine moved, seconded by Rose, to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following:

- Minutes of the January 15, 2003, board meeting
- Personnel
- Appointment of Engineering Consultant for Lagoon Filtration Design and Waiver of Selection Process
- Building Management Control System, Center Building, Fourth Floor Remodel
- Controls Upgrades for Eleven Buildings, Lane Community College, Main Campus
- Supply of One Hot Water Tank
- Resolution 478, Adopting Oregon Administrative Rules 125 and 137

Motion passed unanimously.

5) Purchase of Aircraft for Flight Technology Program

Language in #4 was changed as indicated below.

Romine moved, seconded by Shelley, to approved the following revised recommendation:

1. That the purchase of the 1979 Piper Seminole N39669 be approved, and
2. That the college use up to \$101,000 from Board Contingency Funds to finance the purchase of the aircraft;
3. That the proceeds of the sale of the Piper Arrow be credited to the Board Contingency Fund immediately upon conclusion of the sale, and
4. That General Fund annual overhead expenses charged to Flight Technology be increased by \$11,800 for the next five years.

Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:26 p.m., Bob Ackerman left the meeting.

6) Benchmark

Craig Taylor reviewed the following Benchmark:

- Change in Employee Headcount

7) Asset Protection

Marie Matsen responded to questions on the monitoring report for Policy A.070, Asset Protection.

8) Financial Condition and Activities

Marie Matsen responded to questions and noted that the Quarterly Financial Report was not included because the implementation and transition to Banner has not allowed time to generate the report.

9) Reports

ASLCC President ñ Greg Dunkin

Students are working on the 'Get Out The Vote' campaign and organizing Student Forums to explain the impact of ballot measure 28. Students plan to attend the January 20 Rally in support of public education. Dunkin plans to attend the U.S. Student Association Convention. He expressed concern for unlighted parking lots and inaccessible telephones during evenings and weekends.

LCCEF Vice President ñ Alen Bahret

Classified staff are also working on the 'Get Out The Vote' campaign. Bahret explained the stress on staff caused by fewer resources due to budget reductions. Despite the cutbacks, staff continue to support students, bond projects, Banner implementation, and many other projects and areas.

LCCEA President ñ Jim Salt

LCCEA is preparing for economic reopener discussions and optimistic that the process will be a good one. Faculty are forming a Building and Environmental Health Committee. Salt explained his decision that, because budget cuts are directly tied to faculty positions and because of concerns about the budget cutting process, including the confidentiality clause, the faculty union would not be participating on the Criteria Application Work Group. He advocated for an open and democratic process in determining any budget cuts. Salt encouraged everyone to attend the January 20 Rally at the Capitol and advised the board and staff to be prepared to focus our attention on the state legislature should Measure 28 fail.

Vice Presidents

Cheryl Roberts - The open house/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Workforce Network will be held on February 10. U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio will be the featured speaker. The new Tutor Central opened on September 30 and has assisted over 700 students. Roberts thanked the Diversity Team, faculty, and others for helping to create posters that encourage building community and maintaining a respectful, kind, and compassionate environment at Lane.

Marie Matsen - All those who worked on Banner were recognized for their stellar work. Matsen emphasized, however, that dedicated employees are not the exception at Lane, but the rule. She acknowledged all staff, including classified, faculty, managers, and part-time employees.

Board Members

Mike Rose requested information on the status of federal government funds that affect student scholarships and vocational programs. He complimented Clive Wanstall and students in the Culinary Arts Program for their creative ice sculpture at the opening of the new Eugene Public Library. He encouraged attendance at the City Club's January 24 meeting to hear the president speak about Lane.

Kathleen Shelley thanked Construction Technology faculty and students for their willingness to build a second Habitat for Humanity home. She encouraged participation on the "Yes on 28" phone bank effort.

Paul Holman said it was appropriate that a twin-engine aircraft be purchased for commercial instrument operation for the Flight Technology Department.

Larry Romine participated in Lane's first interactive television course taught by Mark Harris. Harris, he said, did a good job.

Roger Hall recognized friend and Art instructor Bruce Wild, who recently retired after 35 years at Lane. Wild was instrumental in building and developing the ceramic area of the Art Department.

On behalf of work done by College Council on ways to honor retirees, Spilde recommended that retirees be presented with a personal resolution. A future board discussion will be held.

10) Date, Place, and Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be **Wednesday, February 12, 2003**, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, Lane Community College.

11) Adjournment

The board meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Roger Hall, Chair
Board of Education

Mary Spilde, President/District Clerk
Lane Community College