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Lane Community College
Board of Education Minutes
May 10, 2017

1. Attendance

Board members present: Susie Johnston, Matt Keating, Gary LeClair, Tony McCown, Melanie Muenzer, and Rosie Pryor. Absent: Phil Carrasco. Also present were: President Mary Spilde; Vice President Brian Kelly; Interim Vice President Dawn DeWolf; Lane Community College Education Association President Jim Salt; Lane Community College Employee Federation President Alen Bahret; and Associated Students of Lane Community College President Robert Kirkpatrick.

A. Chair Rosie Pryor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. President's Report

First of all, it's my honor to recognize our outgoing ASLCC President Bobby Kirkpatrick. We want to thank him for his leadership, and we have a plaque that we would like to present to him.

I would like to congratulate and thank the recipients of the President's Circle Awards for Philanthropy sponsored by the Lane Foundation. The award for individuals went to Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts and Jim Ellison. Each worked at Lane for more than 20 years, and they have continued to support students. The corporate award went to PeaceHealth Oregon Region for 15 years of support for Nursing Program faculty and students, equipment donations, and contributions to help build our Health and Wellness Building. The award for foundations went to the Tykeson Family Charitable Trust. The Trust has a long history of supporting Lane including helping transform the Center Building into a learning commons, helping finance the Health and Wellness Building, contributing to scholarships, and supporting the Harvest Dinner and the LCC Art Gallery.

Kudos to KLCC reporter Rachael McDonald for her Edward R. Murrow First Place Regional Award. Her story on the "Eugene Students Protest Presidential Election" took top honors in the Breaking News category of the annual awards issued by the Radio Television Digital News Association.

Thanks to coach Grady O'Connor for his years of outstanding coaching success in track and field and cross country. He is returning to full-time teaching. I know that students in the classroom will thrive under his guidance just as our athletes on the field have.

Our annual spring all-staff conference last Friday was a happy and sad occasion for me. I will miss many people at Lane and at the same time I'm excited about retirement. Many thanks to Rosie for opening the event, and Rosie and Susie for attending. A shout-out to the teams who pulled together the great presentations and training sessions. Speaking of retiring, I was glad to attend the April 18 Retiree Luncheon. It was my last visit as a guest. Next time I'll be there as a member.

Last week I attended the 12th Annual Gift of Literacy event put on by Springfield School District. We had 850 first graders on campus who were presented with their own beautiful, hard cover book. The students who were in this program the first year are now seniors, many of whom I hope will be headed to Lane after graduation. Lane has been a partner in this project for all twelve years, and I was touched to receive a parting gift from the organizers.

Today, our choir, under the direction of faculty member Matt Svoboda, gave me a wonderful surprise in the Longhouse. They performed three Scottish songs. I was moved by the beautiful singing and by the thoughtfulness of Matt and our students. Thank you, Matt, and please convey my thanks to our students.

I attended the annual Oregon Community College Association Student Scholar event on April 17. It was an honor to congratulate Lane's student scholars, Alejandra Collazo Gonzalez and Oshrit Livne.

You may have heard the good news from Washington last week. Congress reached a budget deal for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2017. Included in the bill is the restoration of Year-Round Pell Grants. Full-time and part-time students will be eligible for this additional disbursement which is estimated to benefit one million students annually. Students will be eligible to qualify for Year-Round Pell during the 2017-2018 academic year, beginning July 1.

On Friday, Brett Rowlett presented on our capital construction project, which is bringing the dental clinic back onto campus and building labs for the Medical Assistant. It looks very good that the project will be funded.

Spring term includes so many events, but I'll call just a few to your attention:

- Our annual employee gala will be May 17. We will honor more than 90 employees including 41 retirees, one 40-year, seven 30-year, eighteen 20-year, and twenty-four 10-year employees.
- Our annual student dance concert, The Works, will be May 18 to 20. Faculty Bonnie Simoa says we have a particularly talented class this year.

- The Presidential Lecture Series kicks off May 23 with NPR's John Hockenberry. Tickets are sold out, but I hear KLCC is looking into live-streaming his talk.

1) Personnel

The college's current personnel appointments were presented.

C. Board Agenda Review/Changes

No changes were made to the agenda.

D. Spotlight on Student Success: Program Review

Anne McGrail, English Instructor and chair of the Academic Program Review Oversight Committee, Matt Svoboda, Music Instructor, and Christina Howard, Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) coordinator, provided an overview on the Academic Program Review process.

Academic Program Review offers an opportunity to enhance education at Lane by improving teaching, scholarship, and service to the community. The process is a five-year continuous cycle, is faculty led, and is designed to be inquiry-based and discipline specific. Successful program reviews assess performance, acknowledge accomplishments, improve quality, update programs, and foster self-study and renewal. Lane's process does all of these. The process is a collaboration between faculty, staff, and managers and is explicitly tied to the institutional effectiveness work.

Improvements to the process this year include bringing on administrative support to track progress, manage communications, and maintain budgets, creating a new handbook with clear timelines, and establishing an annual calendar of scheduled orientations and evaluations.

The goal has been to move from 2 programs under review to 14-18 per year to always be part of the five year cycle.

This year 28 programs are participating. McGrail shared the list of spring site visits by peer reviewers. McGrail also [shared the new website](#).

Svoboda shared his experience with the first year of program review of the music program. Input was gathered from music faculty, and student recruitment, retention and engagement are being examined. The articulation agreement with the University of Oregon was reviewed. A new music technology degree will be offered beginning in the fall. One area that needs to be considered is the workload of music instructors, which often includes events that happen on weekends and in the evenings. With music faculty FTE reduced, it is not sustainable. Core learning outcomes and syllabi have been reviewed. The next step is to develop rubrics to see how the core learning outcomes are integrated into assignments and projects.

Howard shared that the PTA program is now in its second year of program review. A review of industry needs shows that manual therapy should be added to the curriculum, which has enabled faculty to get funding for curriculum development. Looking closely at the program and curriculum has improved the program holistically and enabled the college to be responsive to students and employers in Lane County.

Board members applauded the efforts of McGrail and her team and requested copies of the program review self studies.

LeClair left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

D. Statements from Audience

Drew Viles, English Instructor, stated that the process for budget cuts has been unclear and difficult to follow.

Randy Painter, Media Technician, advocated for the online course fee.

Paul Ruscher, Science Division Dean, spoke on the legacy of the Watershed Science program and invited the board to attend the Science Undergraduate Research Day on June 1.

Victoria Rodriguez, ASLCC Senator, urged the board not to increase tuition.

Jen McKinney, student, urged the board not to make program reductions and offered funding alternatives.

Angela Darnall, student, urged the board not to make program reductions and offered funding alternatives.

Wilgen Brown, student, urged the board to work with students when making budget decisions.

Dennis Gilbert, Physics Instructor, offered funding solutions and referred the board to the proposal he sent.

Jacob Heckerl, student, urged the board not to increase tuition.

2A. Consent Agenda

McCown moved, and seconded by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- Approval of the April 12, 2017, Minutes
- Approval of the April 19, 2017, special meeting minutes
- Approval of the April 26, 2017, special meeting minutes
- Building 18 Renovation
- Policy Review
 - Health, Safety, and Safe Work Environment, BP 405
 - Possession of Firearms, BP 410
 - Sexual Assault, BP 415

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action Items

B. LCCEA Contract Ratification

Keating moved to ratify the contract agreement between the College and LCCEA. McCown seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Sanctuary Campus

Spilde informed the board that the name of the policy was revised to "Protection of Immigrant Students."

McCown moved to approve the policy. Johnston seconded.

Keating noted that one of the board members who had advocated for this policy was not able to be present to vote. He moved to table the second reading of the policy to the June meeting. Muenzer seconded.

The motion to table the policy passed 4 – 1.

A second reading will be held in June.

C. Budget

Board members discussed the possibility of postponing the decisions on budget recommendations until after the College Council Budget Subcommittee presents its proposal. The subcommittee had asked to extend the timeline by a week in an attempt to arrive at a consensus budget proposal.

Keating moved to table the budget decisions and add an additional board meeting on May 17. McCown seconded.

Spilde informed the board that budget decisions will affect the tuition and program offerings for fall term. Fall term registration begins May 23.

Motion passed unanimously.

Spilde recapped the board direction on the budget. Beginning last summer, the board directed the administration to recommend expense reductions, stay away from one time solutions such as the ending fund balance, invest in student success, and invest in high demand programs. She asked board members if there was any change in those directions. Board members replied that they were still firm in those directions but would like to see a consensus proposal if possible.

Board members discussed the format for the next board and budget committee meetings in terms of public comment and wanted to hear from the stakeholders, i.e. employee groups and students. Some felt that sufficient opportunity had been given to hear public testimony while others felt strongly that the board and budget committee should provide opportunity for testimony.

The board took a ten-minute break at 8:23 p.m.

The board agreed to give each stakeholder group five minutes to present at the May 17 budget committee meeting.

McCown moved to follow board policy and offer 20 minutes public testimony during the May 17 budget committee meeting. Keating seconded.

Motion passed 3 -2. Pryor and Johnston dissented.

D. Mandatory Student Fee

Spilde recalled that the new policy around the mandatory student fee was revised last year and that the student activity fee committee (SAFC) has engaged in a new process for determining the distribution of the fee. SAFC completed its work in March and recommended a \$.05 increase for the Student Production Association.

McCown moved to approve the mandatory student activity fee as presented. Keating seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Accountability/Reports

A. Facilities Update

An update on the status of bond and facilities projects was presented.

B. Financial Condition and Activities: Quarterly Report, BP 255

The Financial Condition and Activities quarterly report was presented to the board.

5. Reports

ASLCC President Bobby Kirkpatrick reported that it has been an amazing year. There has been strong support for Chinuk Wawa, the students rallied for a sanctuary campus and celebrated each other's heritage. In many ways it has been a difficult year, mostly due to the budget shortfalls. He thanked everyone who worked at Lane and played a part in student success. Students have recently been discussing the administration's budget proposals and do not agree. He appreciated the work of the budget office but felt that cuts would create more harm to students. He hoped that issues with the budget subcommittee proposal would be resolved. Students are supportive of hiring new managers to assist with enrollment efforts and maintaining the position to oversee the Longhouse. Kirkpatrick thanked everyone for their support during his year as president.

LCCEF President Alen Bahret acknowledged Kirkpatrick's student leadership and commitment to Lane. He congratulated the board and faculty for completing their bargaining; LCCEF just began theirs. Classified and management are working together on securing an insurance provider. The work of the budget subcommittee started in the fall, and Bahret joined that work in winter. During the process, the administration's proposal came in after the budget committee was already engaged in their work. Bahret was hopeful for consensus. The AFT national president visited Eugene on April 26.

LCCEA President Jim Salt thanked Kirkpatrick for his leadership. He appreciated the board's support in ratifying the faculty agreement. He appreciated the support of the budget committee members to provide time for the budget development subcommittee to reach full consensus. He clarified that the proposal was submitted by the budget subcommittee, not the faculty union, and does not violate two of the four principles. He urged the board and administration to work through the budget subcommittee process.

Vice President Dawn DeWolf reported that the Spring Conference was a successful event and appreciated those board members who were able to attend. She acknowledged several Lane employees that were instrumental in helping put on the conference and lead breakout sessions. She thanked Kirkpatrick for his leadership.

Vice President Brian Kelly commented on the budget process. The budget office has populated 50 requests from the budget committee and another 50 for the budget subcommittee. It has been a transparent process. Unfortunately, the process has devolved into personal attacks. The board and budget committee have the choice to uphold values or

reward that behavior. State funds are decreasing; we need to work together and not against each other. Oregon is 46th in the country in funding higher education. Meanwhile, the board and budget committee have the responsibility to make a decision.

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Muenzer appreciated the opinions and passion of everyone but agreed that we need to stay respectful. The annual Florence scholarship night will be held on June 6. She asked the board to be mindful when using the term "sanctuary campus;" it could bring unwanted political attention and Lane could become vulnerable.

Johnston reported that she attended Spring Conference and thanked Pryor for delivering the welcome speech. She thanked Grady O'Connor for leading Lane's Track and Field program for over 20 years. She thanked Kirkpatrick for his leadership.

McCown recognized Kirkpatrick's service and wished him the best of luck in future endeavors. He appreciated the report on program review.

Keating thanked Kelly for his comments and his work. There have been some staunch education advocates whose passion has been called into question. He is in full support of President Spilde and Lane's governmental relations work. He appreciated Kirkpatrick for his leadership. He reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Pryor thanked Kirkpatrick for his leadership. She appreciated the comments and personal stories given during public comment and reminded everyone that they may not see all of the ways that the president gives to the college.

6. Date, Place, and Proposed Agenda Items for the Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, Boardroom, Building 3, Lane Community College

7. The board meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mary Spilde, President/District Clerk

Rosie Pryor, Board Chair

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