



NEWS DIGEST - February 7, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2016 Legislative Session: Week 1 Overview

Bills are moving quickly through the process given the short session and initials bills have all been heard in committee. The community college campus safety and security capital ask will have a hearing later in February. The Umpqua Community College capital proposal to rebuild Snyder Hall is scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, February 10.

There is a lot of conversation in the capitol around minimum wage. A fiscal summary has been completed by the community colleges and submitted to Legislative Fiscal Office, where LFO summarized findings in a report. To view the report,

### **February 8-11, 2016**

ACCT Community  
College National  
Legislative Summit  
Washington, D.C.

### **March 10, 2016**

OCCA Board Meeting  
Chemeketa Community  
College, Salem

### **March 11, 2016**

OPC Meeting  
Chemeketa Community  
College, Salem

### **April 9-12, 2016**

AACC Annual  
Convention  
Chicago, IL

click [here](#). The anticipated minimum wage increase impact to community college is \$5.52 million for the next biennium. The impact to universities is projected at \$16 million for the next biennium.

Hearings scheduled for next week:

### **Monday, February 10**

House Committee on Higher Education,  
Innovation, and Workforce Development  
8:30 a.m.; Hearing Room D

Work session: [HB 4021](#)- Requires State Treasure to conduct study to assess viability of establishing student loan refinancing program within office of State Treasurer.

Senate Education

3:00 p.m.; Hearing Room B

Work session: [SB 1540](#) – Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct evaluation on providing tuition waiver for students at community colleges and public universities who are pursuing mathematics-related degrees

### **Tuesday, February 11**

Senate Workforce and General Government  
1:00 p.m.; Hearing Room C

Public hearing: [SB 1526](#) – Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for Oregon Employer Workforce Training Program, local workforce investment boards and Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

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### **Wednesday, February 10**

Committee on Business and Labor

10:00 a.m.; Hearing Room E

Work session: [HB 4054](#) – Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps to \$13.50 per hour by 2019



House Judiciary

3:00 p.m.; Hearing Room 343

Work session: [HB 4075](#) – Replaces School Safety Hotline established by Department of Justice with statewide tip line established by Department of State Police for anonymous reporting of information concerning threats to student safety.

### **Thursday, February 11**

Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

1:00 p.m.; Hearing room E

Public hearing: [HB 4096](#) – Modifies law regarding requirement that public employer grant preference to veteran or disabled veteran in selection process for civil services position or eligibility for civil service position

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## **College Campus Safety Work Group Membership Named**

Governor Brown launched a college campus safety work group and recently announced the membership.

### Chair

Andre LeDuc, Chief Resilience Officer, University of Oregon

### State Agency Directors and Governor's Policy Staff

Rich Evans, Superintendent, Oregon State Police  
Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Heidi Moawad, Public Safety Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

Lindsey Capps, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

### Support

Cassandra Ferder, Executive Assistant, Office of the Chief Education Officer

### Membership

Marcey Bamba, Associate Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, Oregon State University

Mike Bamberger, Emergency Response Manager, Oregon State University

Bill Benson, Director of Security, Eastern Oregon University

Rebecca Bolante, Threat Assessment, Chemeketa Community College

Jamani LaShawn Crockett, Student, Southern Oregon University

Derrick Foxworth, Lieutenant of Public Safety, Portland Community College

Eric Judah, Lieutenant, Oregon State Police

Rob Kyr, Faculty, University of Oregon

Donna Lane, Faculty, Southern Oregon University

Donna Larson, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Clatsop Community College  
Joe Majeski, Director, Facility Operations, Oregon State University  
Chris Maples, President, Oregon Institute of Technology  
Greg Moawad, Vice President for Campus Safety, Oregon Health & Sciences University  
Jerry Moore, Chief of Police, City of Salem  
Olivia Pace, Student, Portland State University  
Ron Paradis, Public Information Officer, Central Oregon Community College  
Melody Rose, President, Marylhurst University  
Brian Roy, Risk Manager, Portland State University  
Mary Spilde, President, Lane Community College  
Dana Tasson, Counseling, Portland State University  
Mark Wahlers, Provost and Chief Operating Officer, Concordia University  
Phil Zerzan, Chief of Campus Public Safety, Portland State University

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## **Governor Brown's Council on Educator Advancement**

Last week, Governor Kate Brown created the Governor's [Council on Educator Advancement](#) by Executive Order. The purpose of this council is “to leverage expertise of exemplary teachers and school leaders across the state and streamline resources, assistance, and support from federal, state, and non-profit partners in providing all

Oregon educators open access to relevant, high quality, and culturally responsive professional development.” The Council is charged with recommending key strategies to achieve these goals, with findings delivered to Governor Brown by September 1, 2016.

The 15-member council will include six or more licensed, certified educators currently teaching in Oregon schools, as well as representatives from education institutions, nonprofits, professional and philanthropic organization with knowledge in the direct provision and support of high-quality preparation and professional learning for teachers and administrators.

Once the Council members are announced, an update will be provided.

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## **Mary Spilde to Retire in 2017**

This week, Lane Community College president, Mary Spilde, announced that she will retire at the end of the 2017 academic year. Below is the statement she released on Wednesday, February 3.

*I wanted to let you know that this evening I announced that I would be retiring from Lane in June 2017.*

*I am announcing early to give the board enough*

*time to do a search so that we can have an orderly transition. This is my 36th year in Oregon community colleges and I am ready for some changes. I won't totally disappear from the community college world after I leave Lane. My passion for community colleges remains strong and I will be considering a number of opportunities in the next several months; I simply want more time to pursue my many other interests and to enjoy my first grandchild who is expected to arrive at the end of this month.*

*In the meantime, I will be totally focused on the work that remains to be done at Lane. The board has given me a full plate of goals which I intend to accomplish. Read my full comments from tonight's board meeting [available here](#).*

*I love Lane and I love the work I do and I expect to bring the same passion for our work over the next 17 months as I have for the last 36 years. I am looking forward to continuing our work together.*

*Best wishes,  
Mary Spilde*

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## **Notice: Request for Grant Proposals**

The Oregon Employment Department has released a Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) for the Oregon Talent Council Grant, #16098s. The

proposals sought by the RFGP are activities to prepare students and incumbent workers to be quickly productive in Oregon's high-demand occupations, as identified in the Oregon Talent Plan.

Grant funds awarded as a result of this RFGP will be used to support the development of Oregon Talent serving the following industry sectors:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Information technology
- Bioscience
- Energy technologies and utilities

The opportunity can be viewed and downloaded from the [Oregon Procurement Information Network](#) (ORPIN).

Key Dates:

- Webinar: February 12, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Questions/Requests for Clarification Due: February 18, 3:00 p.m.
- Proposals Due: March 11, 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of pre-Proposal webinar is to provide additional description of the project, explain the RFGP process and to answer any questions related to the project or the process. To participate from any computer you may visit [www.gotomeet.me/OTCRFP](http://www.gotomeet.me/OTCRFP), click on "Join my meeting" and follow the on-screen prompts to be joined to the pre-Proposal webinar. Please allow



time to join the webinar prior to its start. If you do not have access to a computer or prefer audio only you may dial 1-888-204-5984 and when prompted enter access code 3799438. No RSVP is required to participate.

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## **FAFSA Changes Expected to Affect Oregon Aid Programs**

[The U.S. Department of Education plans to changes to states' access to data from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) beginning in 2017.](#) Currently, state agencies that provide student grants and financial aid have access to the full list of colleges student indicate they are interested in attending on FAFSA, including the order. Bob Brew, executive director of Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) states, "Students in Oregon community colleges generally end up attending the first school they list more than 90 percent of the time." Administrators often rely on this ranking information to plan their state aid programs accordingly.

Beginning with the FAFSA for the 2017-18 academic year, however, state agencies will no longer have access to the order students their college choices. States will continue to get the list of college that students indicate on the FAFSA, but the U.S. Department of Education will randomize the order in which the schools are list. OSAC will

monitor how this new policy will impact programs  
like Oregon Promise.

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*Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 350,000 students a year, or about 1 in 11 Oregonians.*

*The OCCA Digest updates members and the public about recent news affecting community colleges and efforts by the association to enhance student success and workforce development.*

*Do you have links to local stories or other items of interest? Please forward them to [mjensen@occa17.com](mailto:mjensen@occa17.com).*

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