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OCCA DIGEST - September 26, 2016

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Legislative Days Recap

The Oregon State Legislature met for “Legislative Days” last week receiving updates on various issues and considering potential ideas for the 2017 session.

The three days of hearings and other meetings also happened to be just days before the deadline to pre-session file bills. OCCA had a handful of bills submitted before the Sept 26th deadline including:

- Aligning high school Career and Technical programs with post-secondary pathways,
- Improving credit transfer between community colleges and public universities,
- Changing the GPA requirement for the Oregon Promise
- Technical fixes to Community College District Bonding.

Among last week’s hearings was an update by the Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC) on the Oregon Promise. HECC Executive Director Ben Cannon presented to both the House Higher Education committee and the Senate Education Committee. To read his report, please click [here](#).

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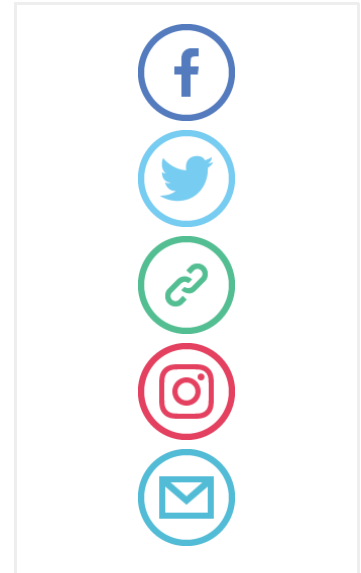
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Student Success Center Conversation at OCCC

As part of the first day of fall in-service, Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) invited Elizabeth Cox Brand, Executive Director of the Oregon Student Success Center, to engage faculty and staff in a conversation about the new Center. In particular, emphasis was on the purpose of the Center, the collaborative and supportive role of the Center for the work being done on campus and faculty priorities for professional development. If you would like to schedule a visit to your campus or would like more information, please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@occa17.com.



HECC has moved

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission agency staff are settling in to a new collaborative work space this month. The majority of HECC offices have moved to single reconfigured Salem location on the 3rd floor of the Public Service Building, where they will share a floor with the Department of Education.

All phone numbers and emails remain the same, and the new address is now 255 Capitol Street NE-Third Floor, Salem, OR 97301.

The HECC also continues to have a Eugene location (housing the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion and other staff), and a second Salem office in the Employment Dept. housing employees of the HECC's Office of Workforce Investment.

OCCA Annual Conference Registration Now Open

Join us November 2-4, 2016 for [OCCA's Annual Conference](#) at the beautiful [Sunriver Resort](#) in Sunriver, OR. This years' theme is "Navigating the Future."

[Full Registration](#)

[Student Registration](#)

Registration deadline is **October 10, 2016**.

View the [draft schedule](#).

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at a rate of \$105/night using the code "Oregon Community College Association".

Please contact [Sunriver Resort](#) directly at 855-420-8206 by October 11, 2016 to reserve a hotel room at the discounted rate.

2016 OCCA Annual Conference Featured Speakers

Affordability

Dr. Martha Kanter, Executive Director, College Promise Campaign & Senior Fellow, Steinhardt Institute of Higher Education Policy, New York University

Equity

Dr. Robin DiAngelo, Racial Equity Education

Pathways to Student Success

Dr. Mary E. Rittling, President, Davidson County Community College

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Stacey Clawson, Director, Student Success Center Network, Jobs for the Future



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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.

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