



OCCA DIGEST - February 12, 2017

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## Legislative Session Update

This week Oregon Community College Deputy Director, John Wykoff, testified on [SB 207](#), which would require each public university and community college to provide credit to students who receive certain grades on advanced placement examinations. Wykoff raised concerns community colleges have about students receiving too many elective credits that would count toward their financial aid limits.

Veterans service representatives from Portland Community College (Kimberly Douthit and Stephanie Culbreath) and Clackamas Community College (J.D. Green) testified in support of [SB 143](#), which would direct the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more

### **March 2-3, 2017**

OPC Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

### **March 22-23, 2017**

OCCA Legislative  
Summit  
Salem  
Convention  
Center, Salem

### **March 23, 2017**

OCCA Board  
Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community

programs statewide to establish campus veteran resource centers and campus veteran resource coordinators, or expand and enhance existing centers and coordinators, on campuses of community colleges and public universities to help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life, succeed in college, complete educational goals and transition from college to workforce and community.

Portland Community College president, Mark Mitsui, testified on community college affordability in House Higher Education, which held a hearing on post-secondary education affordability.

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## Hearings Scheduled Next Week

Below is a list of bills up for hearings next week that are of interest to community colleges.

### Monday February 13

1:00 p.m.

#### [HB 2167 INTRO](#)

House Business and Labor

Hearing Room E

Public Hearing

Summary: Creates unlawful employment practice and violation of Oregon Safe Employment Act for creating or maintaining abusive work environment.

3:00 p.m.

#### [SB 25 INTRO](#)

Senate Business and Transportation

College, Salem

**March 24, 2017**

OPC Meeting

Chemeketa

Community

College, Salem

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Hearing Room B

Public hearing and possible work session

Summary: Revises continuing education requirement for residential contractors.

### [SB 559 INTRO](#)

Senate Workforce

Hearing Room A

Public Hearing

Summary: Changes calculation of final average salary for purposes of Public Employees Retirement System to use five years of salary instead of three years, for salary paid on and after January 1, 2018.

### [SB 560 INTRO](#)

Senate Workforce

Hearing Room A

Public Hearing

Summary: Redirects employee contributions made by member of system from individual account program to account to be used to pay for member's pension or other retirement benefits accrued on or after January 1, 2018.

**Tuesday, February 14**

8:00 a.m.

### [HB 2070 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room E

House Human Services and Housing

Public Hearing

Summary: Extends sunset for tax credit for affordable housing lenders.

8:15 a.m.

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[SB 5 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room 343

Senate Judiciary

Work Session

Summary: Modifies laws related to student athlete agents.

8:30 a.m.

[SB 151 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room A

Senate Judiciary

Work Session

Summary: Provides for exemption from ad valorem property taxation of first \$10,000 of real market value of homesteads.

11:00 a.m.

[SB 39 INTRO](#)

Senate Floor

Summary: Provides Board on Public Safety Standards and Training and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training with powers related to suspension of private security providers.

[SB 70 INTRO](#)

Senate Floor

Summary: Clarifies Oregon State Board of Nursing process and requirements for licensure of nurses.

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2577 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room 50

House Rules

## Public Hearing

Summary: Requires lobbyist statements filed with Oregon Government Ethics Commission to identify each bill or measure introduced before Legislative Assembly lobbyist lobbied on, whether lobbyist lobbied in favor or in opposition to bill or measure, each legislative topic that was not bill or measure that lobbyist lobbied on, each person or entity that hired lobbyist and how much moneys person or entity paid lobbyist.

## Wednesday, February 15

8:00 a.m.

### [HB 2152 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room E

House Economic Development and Trade

Work Session

Summary: Permits small business development centers to use grant funds for outreach and marketing.

### [HB 2534 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room E

House Economic Development and Trade

Work Session

Summary: Establishes Community Leverage Fund.

11:00 a.m.

### [HB 2263 INTRO](#)

House Floor

Summary: Increases fee from \$500 to \$625 for third mediation session conducted by mediator assigned by Employment Relations Board to resolve labor dispute or labor controversy.

1:00 p.m.

[HB 2186 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room E

House Business and Labor

Work Session

Summary: Provides that Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services may certify self-insurance program created by intergovernmental agreement as self-insured employer for purposes of workers' compensation insurance.

3:00 p.m.

[SB 94 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room B

Senate Business and Transportation

Public hearing and possible work session

Summary: Increases threshold for estimated cost at which construction project sites must provide sanitary facilities by changing amount that triggers requirement from \$1 million to \$1.75 million.

**Thursday, February 16**

1:00 p.m.

[SB 561 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room B

Senate Health Care

Public Hearing

Summary: Exempts from prohibition on practice of dentistry and dental hygiene without valid license students of dentistry and dental hygiene engaged in community-based

or clinical study performed under indirect supervision of dental faculty member.

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2590](#)

Hearing Room 50

House Rules

Public hearing and work session

Summary: Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to issue grant to organization dedicated to addressing community needs relating to October 1, 2015, shooting on campus of Umpqua Community College.

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## HECC Meeting Recap

The full Higher Education Coordinating Commission (Commission) meeting took place Thursday in Salem. Oregon Community College Association's (OCCA) Deputy Director, John Wykoff, provided an update to the Commission on community college issues. Wykoff spoke about the following: 1) community college support fund; 2) potential impacts of budget cuts on college campuses; 3) changes the community college would like to see be made to Oregon Promise; 4) CTE alignment ([SB 138](#)); and 5) credit transfer bill OCCA is working on.

The Commission also approved several community college programs. For a full list of programs, please click [here](#).

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## Lane Hires Next President

This week, [Lane Community College Board of Education announced Dr. Margaret Hamilton as Lane's next president](#), after an 11-month national search.

“Dr. Hamilton is the right person for Lane going forward,” said Board Chair Sharon Stiles.

Hamilton is currently vice president for academic affairs, institutional effectiveness and planning at Camden County College, New Jersey. She has 28 years of experience in the community college system.

Hamilton is expected to begin sometime prior to Mary Spilde's retirement on June 30.

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## Ways and Means Roadshows

The Oregon Ways and Means Committee will hold a series of public hearings in seven cities across the state. The town hall events will offer Oregonians an opportunity to provide input into the 2017-19 biennial state budget.

The first two town hall hearings were held on Friday and Saturday this week. Representatives from several community colleges attended the hearings to show support for funding Oregon's community colleges.





The schedule for the remaining roadshows is outlined below:

**Friday, February 17 -- Hermiston**

5 to 7 p.m.

Main Commons

Hermiston High School

600 S 1st St, Hermiston

**Saturday, February 18 -- Madras**

1 to 3 p.m.

Performing Arts Center

Madras High School

390 SE 10th St, Madras

**Friday, February 24 -- Ashland**

5 to 7 p.m.

Rogue River Room

Southern Oregon University

1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland

**Saturday, February 25 -- Eugene**

1 to 3 p.m.

Rooms 308-309 Building 17 (The Forum)

Lane Community College

4000 E 30th Ave, Eugene

**Friday, March 3 -- Tillamook**

6 to 8 p.m.

Officer's Mess

Port of Tillamook Bay

6825 Officers Row, Tillamook

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## **Guided Pathways Institute**

The 4<sup>th</sup> portion of the Guided Pathways Institute, sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges and other national partners, was held in Tempe, AZ, February 2-4. As Executive Director of the Oregon Student Success Center, Elizabeth Brand was invited to attend the institute to

learn more about the process Linn-Benton and the 29 other community colleges are undertaking as they implement Guided Pathways. The focus for this institute was “Ensuring Students are Learning and Progressing Along the Pathway.” For more information click [here](#) or contact [elizabeth@occa17.com](mailto:elizabeth@occa17.com)

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## **COCC Culinary Team Wins Award in National Competition**

The Cascade Culinary Institute (CCI) at Central Oregon Community College competed in the American Culinary Federation’s Western regional competition at Joliet Junior College in Illinois, February 3-5, and won a silver medal in the team competition. This was CCI’s best showing in the competition to date.

“There were over 100 competitors participating in the two-day event,” said Department Chair Thor Erickson, “and the team returned with a record-breaking win for CCI and a silver medal in the team competition.” The two-day competition consisted of a “cooking salon,” a four-course menu prepped, prepared and plated in 90 minutes, and a “skills salon,” an 80-minute relay-style event consisting of pastry, knife and butchery skills.

For more information, contact: Thor Erickson, Chef Instructor and Department Chair, Cascade Culinary Institute, 541-318-3707.

Congratulations CCI!

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## OCCA Legislative Education Opportunity

The "Legislative Process 101" has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 11:00 am. Learn about the Oregon legislative process, how a bill becomes a law, and the work of OCCA during the legislative session.

This webinar will provide an overview of basics for anyone who has not experienced the legislative process in Oregon or for those who would like to brush up on their knowledge. Information on accessing the webinar can be found on our website [here](#).

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## OCCA Legislative Summit Registration Open

Registration for the OCCA Legislative Summit on March 22-23, 2017 at the Salem Conference Center, is now open! This is your opportunity to learn how to advocate effectively for your college and have conversations with legislative leadership and representatives from the Governor's office. You'll walk away from this summit with the tools you need to maximize your effectiveness during the 2017 legislative session.

Click [HERE](#) to register online for the 2017 OCCA Legislative Summit

**Registration Fee:** The registration fee is \$95 per person, which includes lunch and dinner on March 22, 2017.

**Registration Deadline:** March 13, 2016

**Hotel Room Availability:** A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for summit participants at a rate of \$129 per night using the code "Oregon Community College Association". Please contact the Grand Hotel at 877-540-7800 by February 19, 2017, to reserve a hotel room with the discounted rate. After February 19, 2017, rooms may be available at the discounted rate but it is not guaranteed.

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Check-In/Registration

11:30 – Noon: Welcome/OCCA Update

Noon - 1:00 p.m.: Luncheon

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Summit Sessions

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Hosted Reception

Reception hors d'oeuvres will be provided by students in the culinary arts programs at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Wine will be provided by the viticulture programs at Chemeketa and Umpqua Community Colleges.

### **Thursday, March 23, 2017**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Appointments with Legislators

REMINDER: Each college makes their own appointments with their legislators.

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*Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 295,000 students a year, or about 1 in 14 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 [katie@occa17.com](mailto:katie@occa17.com).*

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