



OCCA DIGEST - March 10, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative Session Update

On Tuesday, the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee held an informational meeting on student and career pathways. A presentation was given jointly by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission; Jessica Howard, president of Portland Community College - Southeast Campus; and the universities. To view their presentation, please click [here](#).

On Thursday, John Wykoff, deputy director of OCCA, submitted written testimony to the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development on [HB 2313](#), which would revise the types of programs considered accelerated college credit programs for purpose of requirement that school districts provide accelerated college credit programs. Wykoff's testimony included some technical fixes the community colleges would like to see in the proposed bill. To read his testimony, please click [here](#).

March 22-23, 2017

OCCA Legislative Summit
Salem Convention Center, Salem

March 23, 2017

OCCA Board Meeting
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

March 24, 2017

OPC Meeting
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

April TBD, 2017

OPC Meeting
Chemeketa

Also on Thursday in the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development hearing, Wykoff testified alongside Senator Michael Dembrow in favor of [HB 2789](#), which would require the Department of Education and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish career and technical education pathways to permit students to easily progress from secondary school to public post-secondary institutions of education.

Hearings Scheduled Next Week

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

Monday, March 13

11:00 a.m.

[SB 203](#)

Senate Floor

Summary: Defines two unique service areas for Columbia Gorge Community College District and Southwestern Oregon Community College District.

1:00 p.m.

[SB 43](#)

Hearing Room B

Rules

Public hearing and possible work session

Summary: Subject to certain exemptions, expands definition of lobbying

Community College,
Salem

April TBD, 2017

All Oregon
Academic Team
Brunch
Convention Center,
Salem

May 25, 2017

Board Meeting
Chemeketa
Community College,
Salem

May 26, 2017

OPC Meeting
Chemeketa
Community College,
Salem

June 26-27, 2017

OPC Meeting
Location TBD

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Tuesday, March 14

1:00 p.m.

[HB 2013](#)

Hearing Room D
Early Childhood and Family Supports
Public hearing and work session

Summary: Modifies requirements for preschool program administrated by Early Learning Division.

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2729](#)

Hearing Room D
Higher Education and Workforce Development
Work session

Summary: Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to work regularly with public universities and community colleges to analyze and evaluate effectiveness of previously adopted open educational resources and to increase number of open educational resources used in courses.

Wednesday, March 15

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2867](#)

Hearing Room F

Education

Public hearing

Summary: Establishes minimum education requirements for teachers of dual credit courses.

[HB 2457](#)

Hearing Room D

Higher Education and Workforce Development

Public hearing

Summary: Alters processes by which Higher Education Coordinating Commission resolves student complaints against schools.

OCCA Legislative Summit: Last Day to Register

Monday, March 13 is the last day to register for the OCCA Legislative Summit on March 22-23, 2017 at the Salem Conference Center.

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, 2017

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 to reserve a hotel room. The room block expired on February 19 but the hotel may still honor the discounted rate.

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.

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.

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