



OCCA DIGEST - March 3, 2017

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Legislative Session Update

On Tuesday, Debra Thatcher, president of Umpqua Community College (UCC), and Susan Taylor, executive director of the UCC Foundation, testified on [SB 653](#). The bill would appropriate \$504,300 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Umpqua Community College for purposes of employing security patrol persons and an information technology network security specialist.

Also on Tuesday, Greg Hamann, president of Linn-Benton Community College, and Rex Fuller, president of Western Oregon University, spoke at the informational meeting on transfer in House Higher Education and Workforce Development. To view their presentation slides, click [here](#). In addition, Ben Cannon, executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, gave a presentation on state transfer policy in the state. To view his presentation, 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

On Thursday, John Wykoff, deputy director of OCCA, testified in House Higher Education and Workforce Development on [HB 2666](#), stating that OCCA is working on amendments that better reflect the community college structure, governance, and variation between colleges.

In addition, Patty Scott, president of Southwestern Oregon Community College, and Frank Toda, president of Columbia Gorge Community College, testified in Senate Education on [SB 203](#), which would define two unique service areas for Columbia Gorge Community College District and Southwestern Oregon Community College District.

Hearings Scheduled Next Week

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

Monday, March 6

11:00 a.m.

[HB 2565](#)

House Floor

Summary: Changes how priority enrollment system is applied to continuing qualified active military and veteran students and new qualified students.

1:00 p.m.

[SB 231](#)

Hearing Room D

April TBD, 2017

OPC Meeting
Chemeketa
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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Human Services

Work Session

Summary: Establishes Task Force on Student Mental Health Support.

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2382](#)

Hearing Room F

Education

Public hearing and possible work session

Summary: Directs Department of Education to coordinate with Oregon FFA Association to increase student achievement and improve college attendance and career placement for students enrolled in agricultural education courses.

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 a.m.

[HB 2347](#)

Hearing Room E

Human Services and Housing

Public hearing

Summary: Extends for two years Department of Human Services' authority to prescribe employability assessment and orientation process for job opportunity and basic skills program and limit number of participants and activities of participants in program; to require single parent of child under two years of age to participate in job opportunity and basic skills program; to deny request of recipient in temporary assistance for needy families program to enroll in educational institution as allowable work act.

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8:30 a.m.

[SB 787](#)

Hearing Room A
Finance and Revenue
Public hearing

Summary: Requires county at higher risk of financial distress to withhold from taxing districts costs to county of assessing property and collecting property taxes.

3:00 p.m.

[SB 203](#)

Hearing Room C
Education
Work session

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

[SB 653](#)

Hearing Room C
Education
Work Session

Summary: Appropriates \$504,300 to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Umpqua Community College for purpose of employing security patrol persons and information technology network security specialist.

Thursday, March 9

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2313](#)

Hearing Room D
Higher Education and Workforce Development
Public hearing

Summary: Revises types of programs considered accelerated college credit programs for purpose of requirement that school districts provide accelerated college credit programs.

[HB 2439](#)

Hearing Room D
Higher Education and Workforce Development
Public hearing

Summary: Allows certain students who have not received high school diploma to attend community college and to use moneys that would have paid for public school to be paid for books, tuition and fees.

[HB 2789](#)

Hearing Room D
Higher Education and Workforce Development
Public hearing

Summary: Requires Department of Education and 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.

[SB 207](#)

Hearing Room C
Education

Work session

Summary: Requires each public university and community college to provide credit to students who receive certain grades on advanced placement examinations.

Success Center Listening Tour

Another informative stop on the Oregon Student Success Center listening tour! Umpqua Community College hosted Dr. Elizabeth Brand on March 1st with a full slate of meetings of faculty, staff and administrators from across campus. Discussion times were held with Instructional, Student Services and campus Leadership Teams as well as an open forum opportunity to engage more of the campus community. For more information or to schedule your college visit contact elizabeth@occa17.com

Mary Spilde Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Honor Society

[Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College, is one of nine recipients of the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award](#) given by Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. Spilde will receive the award at Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee, April 6-8.

Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented to retiring college presidents or campus CEOs and system directors at two-year colleges. The award recognizes consistently outstanding support to Phi

Theta Kappa.

Congratulations, Mary Spilde! To see the Phi Theta Kappa news release, please click [here](#).

Ways and Means Roadshow Schedule

The schedule for the remaining roadshows is outlined below:

Friday, March 3 -- Tillamook

6 to 8 p.m.

Officer's Mess Hall

Port of Tillamook Bay

6825 Officers Row, Tillamook

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, 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.

Do you have links to local stories or other items of interest? Please forward them to katie@occa17.com.

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