



OCCA DIGEST - April 29, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative Session Update

Oregon Community College Association Executive Director Andrea Henderson testified in the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee Tuesday raising concerns about the current language in [SB 274](#), which would require each post-secondary educational institution that provides housing for students to provide to each student enrolling or registering at institution for first time information on vaccine-preventable diseases known to occur in individuals between 16 and 21 years of age. Henderson pointed out that the bill should be amended to reflect the very low number of students in campus housing on the few community colleges that actually offer it.

The House Higher Education and Workforce Development committee held an informational hearing Thursday on different aspects of the Oregon Promise. A major focus of the hearing was on the various ways colleges utilized state dollars for first-year experience programming for students. John Hamblin, Executive Dean of Student Development at Mt. Hood Community College; Jim Eustrom, Chemeketa McMinnville Campus President; and Patrick Crane Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development all testified.

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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Hearings Scheduled Next Week

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

Monday, May 1

1:00 p.m.

[HB 2929 A](#)

Hearing Room A
Revenue
Public hearing

Summary: Establishes subtraction from personal income taxes for amounts that taxpayers pay in student loan interest.

Tuesday, May 2

11:00 a.m.

[SB 203](#)

House Floor

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

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2147 A](#)

Hearing Room C
Education
Work session

Summary: Requires each post-secondary institution of education to provide Department of Education and Higher Education Coordinating Commission with number of Oregon high school graduates from each school district enrolled at institution and graduation rate at institution for Oregon high school graduates from each school district.

[HB 2565](#)

Hearing Room C
Education
Work session

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

AACC Conference Overview

Community college leaders from across the nation gathered in New Orleans earlier this week to attend the [American Association of Community Colleges 97th Annual Convention](#).

Keynote speakers included Robin Sharma, author of fifteen books on leadership; Wes Moore, a Phi Theta Kappa, United States veteran, and Rhodes Scholar; and Jenna Bush Hager, author and chair of the Next Generation Initiative which focuses on reducing global childhood mortality. Convention breakout sessions and workshop topics included college readiness and completion; faculty engagement; the American skills gap; organizational strategy; policy and governance; and leadership development.

The convention provided an opportunity to engage in professional development as well as the opportunity to network and share with other professionals in the field of community college higher education.

Developmental Education Redesign Team Lead Meeting

Thursday, April 27th, marked the final meeting for the team leads for developmental education redesign work. Leads from each campus have been convened quarterly for the past two years to discuss challenges with implementation of recommendations and to share ideas for moving the developmental education work forward. During this final meeting, team leads reviewed the original workgroup recommendations, charted their campus' progress on a change management continuum, and discussed how this work is not ending but serves as a launch pad for the Oregon Student Success Center's focus on Guided Pathways for the coming years. Some of the greatest accomplishments shared included implementation of the non-STEM math pathway, application of multiple measures for student placement,

and integration of reading and writing courses. A huge **thank you** to these individuals who have shepherded this important work!

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Community College Statewide Data Summit

On Friday, April 28th, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Office of Research and Data, in coordination with the Office of Community College and Workforce Development, held the second annual Data Quality Summit. Teams from community colleges across the state gathered in Salem for the event.

This year's agenda included discussion on data quality factors, intermediate report presentations from Treasure Valley Community College and Clackamas Community College who received Data Quality Grant funds, and the resulting outcomes seen in 2016-17 data submissions. There was also ample time for community colleges to network and discuss potential solutions to data quality issues they may be facing.



2017 DRU West Summit

The 2017 DRU West Summit, hosted by the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Washington State University and the University of Washington, will be held Thursday, June 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Portland, Oregon.

The 2017 DRU West Summit will feature presentations by subject matter experts, group discussions, and networking sessions led by Higher Education professionals. The Summit will highlight findings from the National Center for Campus Public Safety, the DRU Network's 2016 needs assessment, and Oregon's 2016 Campus Safety Work Group recommendations, as well as an overview of the advances in the new National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement.

Summit topics will include ways to advance and implement organizational resilience on West Coast campuses. The summit will allow for a sharing of lessons learned from recent events in Oregon (e.g., meningitis outbreaks and Umpqua Community College shooting) and the importance of mutual-aid not only for the response but also for continuity and recovery. The Summit will also include networking opportunities around pressing issues that participants want to discuss and connect with peers on as determined by a pre-summit survey.

Who should attend?

- Emergency management
- Environmental health & safety
- Public safety and law enforcement
- Communications
- Risk management
- Student affairs
- Administrators
- Or anyone who has a role in making our campuses more resilient!

Date/Time:

Thursday, June 15, 2017 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Location:

Portland, Oregon – University of Oregon White Stag Building

Cost:

\$85 (includes Summit, light breakfast, and lunch)

Individuals and teams are welcome to register for the one-day event.

Registration is now open, and space is limited (only 90 seats). So don't wait.

Please click [here](#) to register.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Jennifer Clark at jclark10@uoregon.edu

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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