



OCCA DIGEST - May 8, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative Session Update

On Thursday last week, Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Deputy Director John Wykoff testified on the community colleges' capital construction projects in the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. Then on Friday, representatives from the eleven community colleges with capital construction requests in the Governor's Recommended Budget ([SB 5505](#)) testified about [their projects](#) in the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction (Committee). Those that testified include the following:

- Umpqua Community College: Deb Thatcher, President
- Linn-Benton Community College: John McArdle, Director of Development and Government Relations
- Chemeketa Community College: Julie Huckestein, President
- Portland Community College: Lisa Avery, Campus President, Sylvania
- Lane Community College: Brett Rowlett, Director of Public Affairs
- Southwestern Oregon Community College: Patty Scott, President
- Clackamas Community College: Joanne Truesdell, President
- Mt. Hood Community College: Debbie Derr, President

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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- Rogue Community College: Ron Fox, Board Member

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Executive Director, Ben Cannon, and Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Patrick Crane, [also provided testimony and gave an overview of community college capital construction](#) to the Committee.

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Year-Round Pell Reinstated

On Monday last week, [Congress passed a bipartisan budget deal to restore the summer Pell Grant, which was originally repealed in 2011](#). Pell Grants ensure that low-income students are able to afford and subsequently enroll in college. Year-round access to Pell Grant funds is important to keeping students on track for graduation.

The reinstatement of the year-round Pell Grant is a major step forward for many students pursuing a postsecondary degree who have been limited by the current Pell Grant program. Summer Pell Grants will be available starting in the 2017-18 academic year.

Hearings Scheduled This Week

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

Monday, May 8

11:00 a.m.

[HB 2147 B](#)

Senate Floor

Summary: Requires each post-secondary institution of education other than career schools to provide 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](#)

Senate Floor

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

[HB 2576 B](#)

Senate Floor

Summary: Exempts from wildlife trafficking prevention program sale of covered animal species part or product by or to bona fide scientific or educational institution when sale entered into before July 1, 2017.

[SB 203](#)

House 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

Work session

Summary: Subject to certain exemptions, expands definition of lobbying to include person who holds position with public body or private entity and whose work responsibilities include lobbying.

[SB 561 A](#)

Hearing Room E

Health Care

Work session

Summary: Exempts from prohibition on practice of dentistry and dental hygiene without valid license students of dentistry and dental hygiene engaged in certain clinical studies performed under indirect supervision of dental faculty member.

Tuesday, May 9

1:00 p.m.

[SB 762 A](#)

HR 343

Judiciary

Public hearing and work session

Summary: Exempts sexual assault victims and persons assisting sexual assault victims from arrest or prosecution for offense related to purchase or possession of alcoholic beverage by person under 21 years of age if evidence of offense was obtained because of contact with law enforcement agency or emergency medical services to report assault or obtain assistance.

3:00 p.m.

[HB 2013](#)

Hearing Room C

Education

Public hearing

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

[SB 206 A](#)

Hearing Room D

Higher Education and Workforce Development

Public hearing

Summary: Permits board of education of community college to authorize faculty at community college to receive compensation from private or public resources.

[SB 207 A](#)

Hearing Room D

Higher Education and Workforce Development

Public hearing

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

[SB 253 A](#)

Hearing Room D

Higher Education and Workforce Development

Public hearing

Summary: Requires institutions of higher education to provide to each applicable student information detailing amount of education loans received, amount of tuition and fees student has paid to institution, estimate of total payoff amount of education loans student has received, estimate of amount student will have to pay each month to service loans and percentage of borrowing limit student has reached for each type of federal loan.

Wednesday

[SB 43](#)

Hearing Room B

Rules

Work session

Summary: Subject to certain exemptions, expands definition of lobbying to include person who holds position with public body or private entity and whose work responsibilities include lobbying.

HB 3253

Hearing Room 50

Rules

Work session

Summary: Clarifies that state agencies and departments shall purchase certain products and services from Commission for the Blind.

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.

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

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