REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS

Oregon Community College Association
2018 Annual Conference – "Pathways to Prosperity: Empowering Communities"

The Oregon Community College Association invites you to submit proposals for breakout sessions at our annual conference scheduled on **November 7-9, 2018**, at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon**.** We encourage you to take this opportunity to share best practices, showcase a unique college program or inform other stakeholders about an event or issue affecting your institution and/or community colleges on a broader level.

This year's theme is **Pathways to Prosperity: Empowering Communities.** We have identified four main topics that conference sessions should focus on or relate to in some way:

> * Pathways for Promoting Economic Mobility
> * Pathways for Student Success
> * Pathways for Affordability
> * Pathways for Advancing Equity

The breakout sessions run for approximately 50 minutes. We would like the presenters to consider (if their topic lends itself to it) a different, more interactive approach, where the presenter discusses the topic for about 30 minutes and then facilitates group discussion for the remaining 20-30 minutes. The objective at the end of the conference is to have changed participant's perspectives through conversations and sessions that define new approaches to current issues – not just a sharing of great ideas. Participants should walk away with ideas they can implement at their college or in their communities. To increase participant exposure to current issues, we are adding a roundtable session to the conference. That session will have presenters at a table with interested parties (typically less than 10 per table) gathered for interactive conversation for a 50 minute timeframe. Please indicate on your proposal which format you prefer.

Proposals will be selected based on the following criteria:
- Relevance and significance of the topic to the conference audience
- Relevance of the topic to conference theme
- Expertise of proposed session leader(s)
- Content of presentation/discussion outline (see below)

If you are interested in presenting at a breakout session or a roundtable, please submit a brief proposal that includes the following information. It is helpful if you use the format below, with each numbered line as a heading followed by a short description so that all the pertinent information is included. Please limit your submission to two pages.

1) Presentation title *(please keep title relatively short but descriptive)*
2) Topic/issue category *(must fit into one or more of the following: Guided Pathways; Student Success; Affordability; Equity/Achievement Gap)*
3) Why this issue is important to community colleges
4) Why knowledge of this issue is important for other colleges and interested parties
5) Name and title of proposed presenter(s)/session leader(s)
6) Brief explanation of session leader's relationship to/knowledge of the topic
7) Proposed format for session (*presentation or round table discussion*)
8) 2-4 sentence description of your presentation/round table for the conference program
9) Outline of presentation/discussion
10) Equipment needed (*to keep rental costs low, we appreciate colleges bringing laptops and remotes*)
11) Contact information (address, phone, fax, email) for session leader and/or other appropriate college contact person
12) The date(s)/time(s) you are available to present at the conference

NOTE: All panels must be moderated with a clear focus on the topic described in the proposal.

Please feel free to call if you are concerned about possible duplication of topics, or to see if certain sessions are already scheduled. Also, please note that accommodations and/or meals for session leaders will be at the expense of the presenter. There is no charge if the session leaders **only** attend to make their presentation. However, if session leaders wish to attend other conference events, they will be responsible for the conference registration fee. We look forward to your participation!

Please email your proposal by Friday, September, 14, 2018, to:
Petrina Bigford, Administrative Assistant, petrina@occa17.com

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<u>Tentative Conference Schedule</u>
November 7-9, 2018
Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Oregon

November 7: Welcome Reception - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 8: Breakout Sessions/General Session Speakers - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Howard Cherry Award Banquet: 6:00 p.m.
November 9: Breakout Sessions/General Session Speakers - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.