

**Lane Community College  
Budget Committee Meeting  
May 17, 2006**

Committee members present were: Stephen Alison, Jay Bozievich, Bert Dotson, Roger Hall, John Hamilton, Paul Holman, Susie Johnston, Larry Romine, Michael Rose, Dennis Shine, Jerry Sirois, Chris Turek, and Rick Yecny.

Pat Riggs-Henson participated by telephone.

Also present were President Mary Spilde and Vice Presidents Sonya Christian and Marie Matsen.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

**2. Agenda Review and Changes**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**3. Approval of May 10 Minutes**

Dennis Shine asked that his article be referred to as a "budget" article.

Holman moved, seconded by Rose, to approve the May 10, 2006, minutes as amended.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Statements from the Public**

Earle Elleson, longtime educator and advisory committee member, stated that the Elmira community feels that the Elmira Community Learning Center is valuable. There is a strong advisory committee recommendation to keep the center open.

Shelley Gaudia, Chemistry instructor, asked the budget committee to be skeptical on what has been proposed and open minded to alternatives. She recommended that reductions be far removed from learning process.

Katie Morrison Graham and Brian Nichols, Anatomy and Physiology instructors, are deeply troubled by the cuts made to the life science laboratory coordinator and lab aide and urged the committee to reconsider this budget reduction.

Gail Baker and Stacy Kiser, Biology instructors, addressed the reductions to the Science Resource Center (SRC), saying that the cuts will result in lower student satisfaction and less retention.

Dennis Gilbert, Physics instructor and member of the Science advisory committee, expressed concern for the process by which budget reduction proposals were made. He stated that the college is not using a dynamic financial model; proposals were made for reducing services rather than expanding the profit centers of the college. He felt that the cuts being made are, in effect, restructuring the college.

Sarah Ulerick, Earth and Environmental Science instructor, stated that the budget development process as reported in the budget proposal document on Lane's website is

not an accurate representation. She assured the committee that the cuts made in Science will diminish student enrollment, retention, success, and learning. She asked for consideration in cutting back in areas that have limited effects on student success, such as management positions.

Caryle Tylerkays, student, stressed how important the coordinator position is in the Women in Transitions program. If the people students trust are taken away, thousands of students will be negatively affected.

Jessica Shenae, Assistant Director for Food for Lane County and graduate of the Women in Transitions program, stated that the programs that offer services for low income women are extremely important in transitioning them from poverty to careers. She encouraged the committee to rethink the cuts to the Transitions program.

David Dimmick, Carpenter, addressed the recommendation of the 1.0 FTE reduction of his position. He talked about the projects on which he has worked as the installer of the projects that were planned by others. He is concerned about the amount of work that needs to be done, and by the elimination of one of the two carpenter positions.

#### **5. Information Requested by Committee Members**

Matsen distributed FY 2007 Budget Projections with Reduction Adjustments and explained projections and any changes that have been made.

#### **6. Discussion/Action (Recommendations from President Spilde)**

Spilde and others responded to comments made in public statements.

- **International Student FTE**

Spilde recommended that the international student tuition be reduced from \$230 to \$200 per credit with a \$10 per credit fee. It was felt that this will increase our international student enrollment.

Shine moved, seconded by Holman, to reduce international tuition and implement a \$10 per credit fee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- **PERS Reserve Rate**

Spilde recommended that the current funding level for PERS be maintained for the next year. As we go into next year, the board has the option to direct the administration not to make the transfer if found to be unnecessary.

Rose moved, seconded by Bozievich, to maintain the current funding level to PERS for 2006-07.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **7. Revised Proposed Budget: Review and Discussion**

Matsen reviewed the changes made to the budget message. She distributed a spreadsheet showing the general fund proposed budget adjustments, highlighting those based on several variables since the last meeting.

The committee discussed the anticipated two percent enrollment increase, tuition, and tuition based classes. Matsen clarified aspects of the contingency fund.

One of the prominent factors in the budget is OPE costs, which one committee member would like to see addressed in the budget message. There was some question whether the message is a statement from the board or from the budget office. Legal counsel will be consulted before the June board meeting to obtain an answer. The committee complimented the college on reducing insurance costs through participation in the wellness program, opening the health center to employees, and changing insurance carriers.

The budget process was reviewed and recommendations for next year's process were acknowledged.

#### **8. Approval of Revised Proposed Budget**

Alison moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee approve the 2006-2007 fiscal year operating budget for all funds totaling \$181,159,098. Seconded by Sirois.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Alison moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee approve taxes for the 2006-2007 fiscal year at the permanent rate of \$.6191 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$5,081,000 for payment of bond principal and interest. Seconded by Rose.

**Motion passed 13-0. Shine abstained.**

#### **9. Closing remarks**

Spilde thanked the budget committee for giving their time to the college. She also acknowledged Matsen's work and the fact that this is Matsen's last budget committee meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Approved:

John Hamilton, Chair

Mary Spilde, President