

**Lane Community College
Budget Committee Meeting
May 9, 2007**

Budget Committee Chair Stefan Ostrach called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

In attendance were: Pat Albright, Jay Bozievich, Paul Holman, Susie Johnston, Roger Hall, Marston Morgan, Stefan Ostrach, Pat Riggs-Henson, Michael Rose, Dennis Shine, Chris Turek, and Carmen Urbina. Stephen Alison participated by telephone.

Also in attendance were President Mary Spilde, Vice President Sonya Christian, and Associate Vice President Greg Morgan.

1A. Changes to Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

1B. Approval Of May 2, 2007, Minutes

Rose moved to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2007, budget committee meeting. Pat Riggs-Henson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Update from Mary Spilde

Spilde reported that there hasn't been much movement in the legislature regarding the community college budget. There has been a democratic proposal on the corporate minimum tax; the increase in funding would range from \$80 to 210 million. Community colleges would need \$70 million of that to get to \$529 million.

She updated the committee on discussions with the classified union; proposals have been exchanged and more meetings are scheduled.

Regarding Spilde's efforts in the Middle East, it is too early to see any results, but the college is still working with our partners and hopes to develop a revenue stream.

3. Responses to Information Requests

Morgan distributed information in response to requests made at the last meeting. Information included:

The most recent audit report
The contracted faculty pay schedule
Percent of total budget for materials and services reductions
Continuing Education and Workforce Development revenue increase
FY09 projection scenarios
Foundation budget correction

Detailed expenses for Board of Education, Governance and Administration line items
Website for program cost vs. revenue
Bond public relations and marketing budget
The Economic Benefit Study

The administration will need to engage with the faculty union regarding a pro bono teaching program.

4. Reduction Proposal Questions/Discussion

A discussion was had regarding the rationale for differential tuition and its impact on enrollment.

The elements in the materials and services budgets were explained, and recommended reductions to those budgets were reviewed.

Christian explained the basis for program and course reductions. Using enrollment and core classes as principles, every division reviewed their enrollment patterns over the last few years, capacity utilization reports and core requirements for degree programs. Sections not fitting the principles were proposed for reduction, either by reducing the number of times a course is offered per term or offering courses once every year or two.

Other areas of concern were the proposed reduction in tutoring services, accreditation budget and management.

Greg Morgan responded to questions and comments regarding the proposed budget document. He explained that budgeted amounts do not include revenue and expense recommendations. The final budget will look much different with approved reductions.

5. Overview of Funds II – VIII

Greg Morgan provided an overview of Funds II – VII, which have restricted uses. These funds are outside of the more commonly used Fund I and IX.

Committee members were urged to contact the budget office if more information is needed.

6. Statements from the Public

Joseph Newton, laid off last year from a position in the Science Division, advocated for the preservation of courses.

Fiora Starchild-Wolf, Enrollment Services Advisor, urged the committee not to cut positions in Enrollment Services.

Bob Baldwin, LCCEF President, asked for fairness in the layoff process.

Lee Imonen, Art instructor, expressed concerned about the proposed reductions in the Art department.

Karen Wygle, Early Childhood Education Administrative Specialist, stated that after 21 years her position was being eliminated.

Barbara Bailey, Media Arts Technician, expressed concern regarding reductions in classified staff.

Jim Salt, Sociology instructor, listed faculty contributions to help balance the FY08 budget.

Chris Hainley, Financial Aid Advisor, asked for fairness in the layoff process.

Rodger Gamblin, Electronic Maintenance Technician, expressed concern regarding reductions in classified staff.

Marcia Bell, Enrollment Services Advisor, urged the committee not to cut positions in Enrollment Services.

7A. Budget Committee Discussion

Bozievich distributed a handout showing Oregon's lottery and general fund budget history and the recommendations of the co-chairs of the Ways and Means committee. There has been a 2.5 billion dollar increase in those funds. He urged everyone to contact the legislature and ask to restore adequate funding for community colleges without waiting for any new tax proposals.

The committee suggested writing to those on the Ways and Means committee and not just local legislators.

Spilde agreed that Lane's delegation is supportive. Correspondence to Lane's legislators should include the questions "will you support 529 and capital construction even without additional money" and "will you vote no for any budget showing less than 529 to community colleges." If the answer to both answers is yes, the Ways and Means committee will be unable to pass a lower budget.

7B. Requests for Information

Apprenticeship programs as duplication of credit programs

Report on providing services outside the college to the workforce

Number of part-time faculty that may lose their jobs

Management transition plan details

FY07 projection of actual revenue & expenses through June 30, 2007

Breakdown of costs for competitive sports and other Health and PE activities

General fund support of Foundation and benefits of Foundation activity

Entrepreneurial efforts of the CML

What other community colleges are doing with their FY08 financial condition
Explanation of Culinary Arts fees
Update on discussion with classified union.

8. Future Agenda Items

Provide another opportunity for public comment.

The next meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on May 16.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.