

**Lane Community College  
Budget Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2007**

Budget Committee Chair Stefan Ostrach called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, Carmen Urbina, and Rick Yecny. Stephen Alison participated by telephone.

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

**1.A. Agenda Review/Changes**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**1.B. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2007**

Pat Riggs-Henson moved to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2007, budget committee meeting. Paul Holman seconded.

**2. Update from President Spilde**

Spilde reported that the state revenue forecast came in with an additional 96 million in the general fund and 55 million in lottery funds. Community colleges would need 70 million to reach the goal of 529 million, plus 15 million for capital construction proposals. The co-chairs of the Ways and Means committee released a new budget of 493 million for community colleges, which is still a long way from where we need to be.

Spilde spoke at a hearing today at the Capitol on the corporate minimum tax proposal. Several people testified to encourage the committee to continue discussions, including business leader and former mayor Jim Torrey.

Discussions with the classified staff are progressing. Proposals have been refined; a decision should be reached next week.

**3. Statements from the Public**

Dennis Gilbert, Science instructor, expressed concern about course fees and the proposed budget recommendations, including Science and tutoring reductions.

Justin Blakely, student, expressed dissatisfaction with services received from Disability Services.

#### **4. Responses to Information Requests**

Greg Morgan and others presented information in response to requests made at the last meeting. Information included:

Background on the Apprenticeship program  
Report on services provided to the workforce by Continuing Education and the Business Development Center  
Estimate of number of part-time faculty reductions  
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  
Summary of where other community colleges are in the budget process

#### **5. Budget Committee Discussion**

##### **5.A. Reaction/Comments from Public Statements**

Shine agreed that tutoring services are important and help with student retention.

Spilde encouraged the committee to finalize recommendations in order to move the process forward. Committee members were asked to contact the budget office if they have questions.

##### **5.B. Reduction Proposal Discussion/Action**

The committee raised questions on the following line items on the budget reduction proposal. More information will be provided at the May 23 meeting.

100 -108, Revenue  
130, Restructuring Flight Technology  
151a-151aa, Part-time Faculty  
151b, Tutoring  
151i, Counseling  
153, Classified Staff

A discussion was had regarding the possibility of forming a community relations committee to get information out to the public regarding Lane's budget situation. In doing so, it is important to emphasize that Lane still offers quality education so that enrollment does not decline.

##### **5.C. New Information Requests**

An explanation of the complexities of the part-time faculty budget reductions  
Review budget committee process  
Possibility of identifying funds for a bond campaign

**6. Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on May 23.

The committee agreed to take public comment at the May 23 meeting, but it needs to be relevant to budget committee work.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**