

**Lane Community College  
Budget Committee Meeting  
May 23, 2007**

Budget Committee Chair Stefan Ostrach called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

In attendance were: Pat Albright, 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 16, 2007**

Riggs-Henson moved, seconded by Rose, to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2007, budget committee meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Update from President Spilde**

President Spilde reported that the community college budget hearings will be held June 4 – 8 at the Capitol. During those hearings, the amount that would be allocated to community colleges may be announced.

We are also following the two capitol construction bills; we have worked very hard to get that funding for community colleges.

A tentative agreement has been reached with classified staff. The union will move forward with a ratification vote next week.

**3. Statements from the Public**

Margaret Bayless, English instructor, addressed cuts to literature courses, stating that the reductions do not follow the proposals laid out in the division's unit plan.

Ken Zimmerman, English instructor, expressed concern at the possibility that any literature class that is not 100 percent full will be cut next year.

Kate Sullivan, English instructor, asked that the college incorporate waiting lists for classes, which would help keep classes full.

Drew Viles, English instructor, stated that cuts are being made to innovative college programs such as the Strategic Learning Initiative program.

Bob Baldwin, classified union president, briefly reviewed the terms of the tentative agreement between classified staff and the college. The intent of the union was to not leave any employee behind.

Jim Salt, faculty union president, addressed two concerns of the faculty union: the flight technology program and the reduction of part time instructors.

Dennis Gilbert, Science instructor, asked the committee to consider authorizing a task force to explain to the public and college community how Lane's budget problems became so critical.

Mike DeLaVergne, vice president of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), read a letter his father wrote to the budget committee and asked that the funding of the PTK advisor be reinstated.

#### **4. Responses to Information requests.**

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

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

#### **5.A. Reaction and Comments to Public Statements.**

Budget committee members responded to comments made during public statements. It was agreed that the diversity of literature and other courses is essential to our community. The 100 percent fill rate condition of next year's courses was a misunderstanding; courses will be reviewed if enrollment drops below 85 percent. The college has been exploring the wait list option in Banner, but it is also important to let faculty manage class enrollment. Shine was impressed by the "no employee left behind" philosophy of the classified union.

#### **5.B. Reduction proposal discussion/action**

##### **1. Revenue Proposals, Items 100 - 108**

Riggs-Henson moved to approve items 100-108. Yecny seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **2. Flight Technology, Item 130**

Spilde clarified that approving this item would mean eliminating college subsidy to the flight technology program, not the elimination of the program itself, which would require a board decision.

Holman moved to approve elimination of college subsidy of the flight technology program. Johnston seconded.

**Motion passed 9 - 3. Alison, Shine and Riggs-Henson dissented.**

## **3. Part-Time Retrenchments, Item 151A – 151AA**

Morgan moved to approve items 151A – 151AA, Part-Time Retrenchments. Rose seconded.

**Motion passed 11-1. Shine dissented.**

The budget committee expressed regret at having to make this decision. The committee asked for assurance that the diversity of literature courses would be maintained as much as possible.

## **4. Classified Retrenchments**

The committee acknowledged that layoffs will most likely not take place because of the tentative agreement.

Holman moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee accept the 2007-2008 Budget Recommendations of May 9, 2007, totaling \$8,182,692. Hall seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **5.C. General Discussion/Action – Budget Committee**

### **1. Presentation of Revised Proposed Budget**

Morgan presented the revised budget with changes resulting from the proposed budget recommendations and committee meetings.

The committee appreciated the work done by the staff to revise the budget to include the proposed budget reductions.

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

Holman moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee approve the 2007-2008 fiscal year operating budget for all funds totaling \$170,411,808. Alison seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Holman moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee approve taxes for the 2007-2008 fiscal year at the permanent rate of \$.6191 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$5,025,000 for payment of bond principal and interest. Riggs-Henson seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.**

Approved:

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Stefan Ostrach, Chair                      Date

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Mary Spilde, President                      Date

Recorded by: Donna Zmolek  
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