

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Rick Yecny.

Committee members in attendance included Bob Ackerman, Pat Albright, Roger Hall, Paul Holman, Susie Johnston, Tony McCown, Chris Matson, Marston Morgan, Stefan Ostrach, Pat Riggs-Henson, Dennis Shine, Carmen Urbina, and Rick Yecny.

Also in attendance were President Mary Spilde, Vice President Sonya Christian, Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan, and Legal Counsel Meg Kieran.

1. Approval of Minutes

Riggs-Henson moved to approve the May 6, 2009, budget committee meeting minutes. Holman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget Update

Spilde updated the budget committee on the state budget situation. We are waiting for the revenue forecast on Friday and the Ways and Means Co-chairs' budget on Monday. The college will likely bring back a proposed budget next week based on the Co-chairs' budget and a Plan B in case the Co-chairs' budget doesn't hold. Budget discussions and bargaining have been moving forward.

3. Public Comment

Tina Dresser, Continuing Education, asked the committee to understand the hardship that a wage decrease will have on the employees.

Irene Willoughby, Continuing Education, read an e-mail from another college employee who will suffer greatly if her wages are reduced.

Rodger Gamblin, Instructional Computing, noted that, while it is the college's responsibility to look out for the best interests of our students, it is unrealistic not to expect them to share some of the financial burden. He asked the committee to consider leveling out the burden among all of college groups.

Mike Smith, Instructional Computing, expressed concern regarding the possible wage decrease.

Kevin Hagar, Housekeeping, expressed concern that health care costs are going up and pay is going down.

Bob Baldwin, Purchasing Coordinator and LCCEF President, distributed a revised version of the spreadsheet handed out at last week's meeting and noted that many mid-level classified staff are eligible for public assistance at their current wages.

Laura Roberts, College Finance, stated that she and her retired husband will not be able to make ends meet if wages are reduced.

4. Growth

Christian shared the art and science of projecting enrollment growth for 2009-10. External factors include the unemployment rate, the state budget, tuition at the University of Oregon, and tuition at neighboring community colleges. Internal factors include capacity issues—physical capacity as well as faculty and staff workload. One area being considered is expanding online offerings.

The office of Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) had previously projected a 15% enrollment growth over two years—10% in 2008-09 and 5% in 2009-10. Actual enrollment growth for 2008-09 is approximately 13%; ASA is contemplating whether to leave next year's projection at 5% or reduce it to meet the 15% goal.

Spilde informed the committee that, when economy turns around, our enrollment is likely to go down, which makes it challenging if we want to assure long term fiscal sustainability.

The committee asked that the actual growth rate be used in the current year's projection and requested a revised assumption of growth rate for 2010 that can be substantiated for the next meeting.

5. Response to Information Request: Tax Credit

Morgan discussed how the tax credit might affect our students and distributed a handout with sample students and how the credit would impact each one. There is a difference between those receiving financial aid and those not; Morgan reminded the committee that only about a third of Lane's student receive financial aid.

6. Information Requests

- Yecny and M. Morgan requested that projections be revised to show actual enrollment growth for 2008-09, and revised projected growth for 2009-10, showing the targeted areas for growth
- Shine requested to see how students would be affected next year integrating the tax credit and financial aid
- Matson had previously submitted an e-mail request regarding marketing plans, KLCC, and the Business Development Center

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved:

Rick Yecny, Chair

Date

Mary Spilde, President

Date

Recorded by Donna Zmolek,
Assistant to the President/Board of Education