
Chapter 5: Program Initiatives to Improve Performance

Jewelry Initiative

Priority: 4

This proposal if implemented is intended to restore the breadth and depth of the art Department by regaining the Jewelry program lost in the spring of 2003. The restoration of the Jewelry program would have proven benefits to L.C.C. students, the College, Art Department and the greater Eugene community.

Prior to its termination, the Jewelry Program at Lane Community College had 30-year history as a successful and productive learning experience for students. It was constantly over enrolled, trained young artists in the foundations of Jewelry and Metalsmithing, and was a valued part of one of the strongest art departments in Oregon. Reintroducing this program would further the college's mission of being both comprehensive and high quality.

The benefits of the Jewelry program are clear, and the costs of restarting this program are negligible. The facilities are already in place, and the possibility of regaining this program is very attainable given that the structure and facilities are already in place.

-This program has served as a center for learning the fundamentals in Jewelry and Metalsmithing. The U of O relied upon this program to provide students with practical knowledge, as they provide little of the basics within their own program.

-The Jewelry and Metalsmithing program was a necessary third of a viable 3-D art department. Completing a student's depth of studies along with Ceramics and Sculpture.

-Consistently over enrolled, this program served between 250 and 300 students annually. A more reasonable expectation is between 200 and 225 students annually.

-The Jewelry program has a history as starting point for many Jewelry professionals in the Eugene community. It could easily regain its ability to serve local artisans.

Expenses	Income
50,000 Salary +OPE of new faculty	40,800 Tuition for 200 students
6,000 Aid Salary	5,000 Fees for 200 Students
6,000 Materials and Supplies	2,000 Reimbursement from Continuing
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\$62,000	\$47,800

Cost to College \$14,200

The return on such a small investment is immediate and far-reaching. The time to act on this initiative is now, prior to the dismantling and atrophy of the facilities, and while the need is still great within Eugene's Arts and Educational communities.