

- ❖ The board member forum preceded the OCCA board meeting. Andrea led the discussion, which was primarily an orientation for new board representatives. We have five new OCCA representatives this year, and there are 66 new board members out of the 119 community college board members statewide. Attendance at the new board member training as well as the chair and vice chair trainings is more important than ever with such a large turnover of board members who are unfamiliar with how a policy board functions. Since neither Steve nor Guy can attend the chair and vice chair trainings, the two trainers, Marcia from Southwestern and Dave from Klamath, have offered to come to Umpqua to individualize the training for them and any other board members who wish to attend. Dr. Thatcher is working with them to set a date. Also, Cam, the President of Blue Mountain Community College has agreed to conduct a workshop for our board on the differences between a policy board and an operations board since we have four new board members who have little or no experience serving on a policy board.
- ❖ At the board meeting we spent a fair amount of time finalizing OCCA's goals for this year. The goals are:
  1. Advocacy for colleges and students
  2. Knowledgeable, high functioning, local members, who share a common statewide purpose and direction, and
  3. Successful OCCA culture and organization that reflects best practices.
- ❖ The Oregon President's Council commissioned a study on the economic impact of community colleges. Each college received an individual report. For every \$1 students invest in the colleges in the form of out-of-pocket expenses and forgone time and money, they receive a cumulative of \$4 in higher future earnings. For every \$1 of public money invested in the institutions, taxpayers received a cumulative value of \$3.30 over the course of the students' working lives. I have distributed a fact sheet to all of you summarizing that report. It was suggested that we send this report to our local legislators.
- ❖ There will be a guided pathways symposium in October. Three cohorts will be created from the 17 community colleges, the first one beginning in May of 2018, with the other two following. The start dates for the second and third are yet to be determined. We as a board need to support UCC's participation.
- ❖ The Oregon Student Association shared information on the cultural competence legislation (HB 2864) that they passed. Colleges must set processes and goals for implementation of cultural competency standards. College boards will be receiving biennial reports on progress toward the goals. Our board needs to have a discussion around the cultural competency report.
- ❖ The OCCA board discussed advocating for an additional \$32 million in the February Session. Board members play a critical role in advocating to legislators.

Sub points:

- I volunteered to work on two committees this year; the nominating committee and the membership services committee.
- The annual OCCA conference will be held Nov. 1-3.
- The next OCCA meeting will be December 1, at SWOC followed by one January 12, in Portland. We have added one meeting to this year's schedule.