

President's Board Report
January 17, 2018

1. **Convocation.** Winter term began with an all-employee meeting, professional development opportunities, and departmental meetings. My presentation and IR's presentation can be found at <https://www.umpqua.edu/presidents-campus-communications>.
2. **Budget.** We are in the midst of budget preparation. Our projections show that we will have as much as a \$1M shortfall next year, so we are engaging the entire campus in the work of balancing our resources and expenditures. A strong emphasis is on recruitment and retention. This emphasis may require us to stop spending in some areas and invest in others. Everyone has been asked to consider ways of doing things differently to achieve a balanced budget while supporting recruitment and retention.
3. **Legislative Ask.** We participated in last week's Legislative Days. OCCA and all community colleges are asking that the legislature provide half of last year's ask of \$64M in order for community colleges to maintain their level of service. The additional funding would restore student support services that were cut by the legislature and will mitigate tuition increases. Most community colleges at last week's OPC meeting indicated that both tuition increases and additional state support will be necessary next year. The good news is that community colleges will not be subject to a reduction in funding should the legislature find itself in a position to reduce funding. Most legislators value community colleges and the unique role we play in education.
4. **OPC meeting.** We were reminded that Oregon Statute **589-003-0100** requires all community colleges to maintain a 5-year capital plan that is renewed every two years. No college is in compliance. The plan must document new construction, remodeling, maintenance, equipment, ADA project needs, safety and security needs; the projected costs; and timelines. These plans are supposed to provide the basis for HECC's submission of requests state funding of capital projects.
 - a. CCWD has asked that these plans be submitted by March 2020.
 - b. OCCA is working on the notion of pooled matches as opposed to individual college matches for capital construction. This notion would benefit small, rural colleges that have limited ability to match the state's allocation for capital projects.
 - c. The presidents have requested OCCA to pursue the possibility of getting critical maintenance money that will not require a match.
5. **Transfer.** Progress is underway by the joint effort of community colleges and universities to address the requirements of transfer legislation. Efforts revolve around general education requirements and articulated majors that are common to all. General education is being considered with two tracks – one for STEM and one for other pathways. Discussion of a common core for all community colleges is also underway to streamline curriculum and provide lateral transfer. The first four majors that will be part of the statewide articulation are biology, business, education, and English. These were selected by a set of criteria that included, enrollment, excess credit for transfer compared to first-time freshmen, projected job openings, equity, feasibility of meeting deadline, and disciplinary variety.