

**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
March 16, 2016 6:00 p.m. – Board Room, Albany Campus
CC-103**

Board of Education members in attendance

Shelly Garrett (*Chair*), Jim Merryman (*Vice-Chair*), R. Keith Frome, Dick Running, Barry Broadbent, Ron Mason

Staff and Representatives in attendance

Greg Hamann, Ann Buchele, Dave Henderson, Dale Stowell, Jess Jacobs, Bruce Clemetsen, Rob Priewe (*Faculty*), Debby Zeller (*Classified*), Candalynn Johnson (*Student Leadership*), Amanda Kliever

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM,

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA Chair Garrett – None

CITIZEN COMMENTS Chair Garrett – There were four citizen comments.

Candalynn Johnson-LBCC Student – Candalynn said she is a 1st generation college student. Both of her parents and one sister are students here as well. She voiced her concern that a 6% increase to tuition would greatly impact her family. She also commented on the difficulty of having this discussion at this time of year, being finals week and so close to spring break. She suggested support for a 2% increase, but felt 6% was just too high.

Nikki Ammon-LBCC Student – She is involved with the SLC and a CWE student. She is a 1st generation, low-income student who works two jobs on campus. One in Admissions and the other in the Foundation. She would support a 2% tuition increase, but thought 6% was too high.

Emma Armstrong-LBCC Student – Emma said a tuition increase of 6% would make it difficult to continue attending school. She supported a 2% increase.

Ryan Lance-LBCC Student – Ryan is a member of the ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) team. He asked what the increase in tuition would be funding. He was concerned about the infrastructure of our campus, said he has seen many maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Ryan would support a smaller tuition increase, but was not in favor of a 6% increase.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS Chair Garrett – None

CHAIR COMMENTS Chair Garrett- Chair Garrett congratulated Jim Merryman from OFD Foods for receiving the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award for Large Business of the Year. Jim and OFD are a key part of the Pipeline Project.

GENERATIVE ACTIVITY Oregon SBDC Network, Marc Manley, Director, SBDC

Marc gave a brief overview on what the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) does for our community. The SBDC offers free on-on-one assistance to those wanting to start a small business as well as advising business owners to help reach their goals. Marc shared a [handout](#) highlighting their services and the impressive results

they have achieved. LBCC's SBDC is the 4th Grow Oregon team, a program that targets successful small companies that will benefit from strategic resources that will get them to the next level.

Marc also shared that he is the new Fund Manager for the Willamette Angels. This reflects great honor on LBCC, the SBDC, and Oregon's SBDC Network, as well as him personally.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

- A. Board Representative Reports: No reports to share
- B. Campus Representative Reports:
 - a. Student Leadership Council- Candalynn wanted the Board to know that the SLC team will be transitioning soon. She also thanked the Board for the student's opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns over the tuition increase.
 - b. Faculty- Rob had nothing else to report. Dr. Frome asked Rob to please pass on to the Nursing Department "Great job!" regarding their pass rates for first-time test takers who attempt to become licensed in Oregon. The report highlights that LBCC's average pass rate is well above the State's average.
 - c. Classified- Debby had nothing else to report.
 - d. Part-Time Faculty- No representative present.
- C. Distinguished Alumni Recommendations-Dale Stowell gave a brief summary of highlights for the nominees of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Dan Segel and Sara Krainik.

Mr. Running motioned to accept the two nominations. Mr. Mason seconded. Motion approved unanimously. (6,0)

FICURIARY ACTIVITY

- A. Consent Agenda- Mr. Running moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mr. Broadbent seconded. Motion approved unanimously. (6,0)
- B. Tuition for Fiscal Year 2016-2017- **RES 35-16** Proposed Tuition Increase was read by Chair Garrett. Mr. Merryman moved to accept the proposed increase of 6% for in-state and out-of-state students and 8% for International students. Mr. Running seconded.

President Hamann presented a review of the Budget Development discussion held at the January Board of Education meeting, which suggested a 7% tuition increase for the 2016-2017 year. He then presented a revised model that was the result of continuing work over the past two months that reduced the tuition increase to 6%. Within this discussion, he answered student Ryan Lance's questions regarding what the funds are to be used for. After some discussion, Mr. Mason requested to amend the motion to lower the increase to 5%. The Board discussed the issue further, and Mr. Merryman requested to

proceed with the original proposal of 6%. Motion passed. (5,1) only dissenting vote came from Dr. Frome.

C. Administrative Reports

President's Report- President Hamann added that if LBCC had to lose the award for Large Business of the Year, he's glad to have lost to a friend. He thanked Jim Merryman (OFD Foods) and Rick Kenyon (Selmet) for their work with the Pipeline project.

Institutional Advancement- Dale Stowell announced that LBCC was the recipient of a Paragon Award for the radio advertisement that aired on Pandora. Congratulations to Dale and the Institutional Advancement and Marketing Department!

Academic Affairs and Workforce Development- Dr. Buchele shared her excitement over the innovative classroom set-ups. She explained that the tables pictured in her report break apart so students can easily move into small groups for projects and discussions. She thanked Liz Pearce, Education and Family Studies Faculty, and Sally Widenmann, Dean of Instruction, for their work on making these classrooms so successful.

She also added that more Pathways updates will be coming. Mr. Merryman said that he advocates for Guided Pathways with his community contacts. He believes this will have a major impact on completion.

Student Affairs- Bruce Clemetsen shared that LBCC's Manager of the Center for Accessibility Resources, Carol Raymundo, will be appointed to the Mighty Oaks Board of Directors. She will be a great asset to help their clients find a path to higher education.

Finance & Operations- Dave Henderson provided an update on the Corvallis property purchase. He wanted to clarify that the property has passed all Hazmat testing. Conversations with First Student (the current tenants of the property) will be coming soon.

BOARD COMMENTS (Chair Garrett)

Mr. Mason- It is finals week and he sees a former colleague grading papers in the audience, he remembers being in that situation. He passed on that the legislature approved funds for Umpqua Community College to rebuild Snyder Hall, where the shooting took place last fall. He also noted that they did not approve funding for the remaining Oregon community college's to make security upgrades to their campuses.

Dr. Frome- Said he was happy to see so many students attend the meeting and be part of the discussion. He wanted them to know that one of his main motivations for wanting to serve on the Board of Education, was to keep higher education affordable for students as he understands what a financial burden this can place on people.

Mr. Broadbent- Asked for an update on the Board vacancy. President Hamann shared we have one applicant to date. Mr. Broadbent then announced that Scio School District is ready to place students in the Pipeline!

Mr. Merryman- Reported he is hearing from local businesses that employees who are enrolled in a CTE program at LBCC and do not finish their degree are having a negative impact on program completions. He hopes to

capture “completion” as people who are taking courses to advance within their company, not just earning a degree.

Mr. Running- Attended the Distinguished Service Award Banquet hosted by the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce over the weekend and thought that rather than having a winner, all the nominees should be considered winners.

Chair Garrett- Thanked everyone for attending. She thanked the Board, who are all volunteers. She expressed how hard tuition decisions are and appreciated the conversation and the preparation involved to reach these decisions.

Adjourned at 8:01 PM