The Visit

We are delighted to share that our visit from the NWCCU Evaluation Committee for candidacy went very well. Our many months of preparation and hard work resulted in a very successful visit. The determination of whether we will advance to Candidacy will be made at the June 2018 Board Meeting of the NWCCU Commissioners. Here are some highlights of the visit.

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<th>Ms. Monica Luce, Dean of Instructional Resources, Highline College</th>
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<td>Mr. Martin R. Heilstedt, Dean of Instruction – Military Program Pierce College</td>
<td>Dr. Rachel Solmsaas, Chancellor Hawai’i Community College</td>
<td>Dr. Ryan L. Thomas, Former Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Weber State University (Utah)</td>
<td>Ms. Valerie Martinez Vice President NWCCU (not pictured)</td>
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Thank You to Our College Community

Our Evaluation Committee (educational leaders from universities and community colleges in multiple states) were incredibly impressed by OCCC. We heard that student turnout for the forum (42 students!) was one of the largest they had seen (and from much larger institutions). They praised our faculty, staff, leadership, Board of Education, facilities, and the quality of our self-evaluation report. They stated this was one of the best organized and hospitable evaluation visits they had ever experienced. This is all thanks to the incredible people of OCCC who have worked very hard for multiple years, and particularly in these final months leading up to the visit. Thank you again to everyone that participated.

Those of you present at the exit meeting heard the evaluators present eight commendations, and five draft recommendations. The 8 commendations recognized many of the things we consider to be very special about OCCC: focus on student success, commitment to the community, Math Maniacs, school district partnerships and especially Navigate, and more. The recommendations were in the areas that we expected them to be: work on core themes and assessment, clarifying our shared governance and decision-making structures, and continuing to formalize processes and procedures. All in all, we were given extremely positive feedback and recognition, along with useful encouragement about where to focus to ultimately achieve full independent accreditation.

The work of the evaluation committee, while essential and central, is only one part of the process supporting final determination of NWCCU whether we will be recognized with Candidacy. The College President and Accreditation Liaison Officer (Dan Lara) will submit a response to the final report of the committee. Individual commissioners will be assigned to review our reports. Our NWCCU liaison (Valerie Martinez) will also have input into the process. At the June meeting, OCCC representatives (Birgitte Ryslinge, Dan Lara, Cindy Carlson) will present for one hour to the Board of Commissioners, addressing any questions they might have. The official results of the Board hearing are typically available within 30 days.

Following are the draft comments of the Evaluation Committee. Please keep in mind that these will likely be refined in the Committee’s final report, which will also provide addition context, so we can better understand the recommendations and focus our work accordingly.

Draft Commendations

The Evaluation Committee commends Oregon Coast Community College for its:

1. strong commitment to the students and communities in Lincoln County……an understanding of and investment in the future of this important region of the State of Oregon.
2. committed faculty, staff and administrators.
3. collaborative relationships with the K-12 systems, especially Navigate program.
4. the Math Maniacs cross-functional team in promoting student success and excellence in math courses and pathways……an effective example of core theme planning informing programs and services at the College.
5. capitalizing on the advantages of its scale by providing personalized attention to students and their individual needs.
6. strategic resource planning and development that assures continuity of programs and financial stability by pursuing revenue opportunities that could be sustained over time and by its commitment in building prudent level of reserves.
7. thoughtful design and construction of its new campus and the centers that are welcoming, functional, and student- and community-centered.
8. North County Center, which provides robust access to services and opportunities for residents of North Lincoln County in service of the college mission.

**Draft Recommendations**

The Evaluation Committee recommends that Oregon Coast Community College:

1. Finalize core theme sub-objectives, indicators, and thresholds for achievement, use the results of assessment to improve institutional programs and services.
2. Incorporate the achievement of Student Learning Outcomes, such as Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) and College/ Institutional Learning Outcomes (CILOs), more centrally into core theme planning.
3. Regularly evaluate all areas of the institution, including constituents’ roles and responsibilities, the institution’s shared governance and decision-making policies, procedures, and processes.
4. Fully adopt, publish, review and adhere to policies and procedures for key financial planning and fiscal operations.
5. Clarify its definition of mission fulfillment through the accomplishment of core themes objectives while distinguishing College efforts around strategic priorities.

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**Good to Know**

Did you know, all staff and faculty get a 15% discount on swag at Your College Store.
Everyone’s Invited: 2018 Celebrate Us Service Awards and Lunch

Community Room, Newport

June 8, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

This is our annual occasion to honor each other and the work that we do. We recognize years of service (5-year increments) and announce recipients of awards such as Faculty of the Year (nominated by students), Shark-Pup (new employee category) and additional awards at the discretion of the planning committee. We need volunteers for the planning committee (past award recipients please consider serving). Please contact Kathy Andrews (ea@oregoncoastcc.org) to be part of the planning.
Year to Date Enrollments, Up 2.8% Over Last Year

Small Business Development Center

Curious about the impact of our SBDC? Here’s some data for you:

At the close of the first fiscal quarter of 2018, the SBDC at Oregon Coast Community College had counseled 83 clients, delivering five or more hours of service to 14 of these. During this same period, the SBDC has presented 21 workshops or classes, with attendance of 201 people. The SBDC has also helped clients secure $367,300 in capital via loans secured with the help of SBDC advisors and staff. (Note that all impacts are verified by the clients themselves.) This quarter, the SBDC helped start one business and create 6 jobs in Lincoln County, while helping retain another 21 that were otherwise at risk. 27 of the clients seen this quarter were pre-venture (i.e. individuals seeking to launch a new business) while 57 were existing businesses, firms in business for anywhere from 2 to 40 years.

Aquarium Science

The 2018 National Visiting Committee (NVC) review of our Aquarium Science program ended on the 28th of February. The committee was full of praise for the staff that supported the program during the time we were absent a Director. Larry Boles, our new Director, shares this story with us all: Stu Clausen is a graduate of the AQS program that moved on to Oregon Coast Aquarium and was an instructor in the AQS program. Most recently he moved to Missouri to help open the Wonders of Wildlife Aquarium and hired a few OCCC grads to staff the place. He was a member of the NVC and was chosen to chair the Committee this year. Talk about coming full circle!
Health and Human Services

Emergency Medical Technician Program: Seven students have completed the EMT program and will be taking their state exam at OCCC on May 12th. Our EMT State Accreditation visit will be on May 12th (this happens every five years) and we will have three members of the accreditation team visiting from CCWD/HECC evaluating our program including speaking with students, staff, faculty and advisory board members.

Nursing Students: We currently have 35 students enrolled in the nursing program, between first and second year students. 18 students have started their final clinical capstone experience working with nurses 1:1 in various health care facilities in Lincoln and Benton Counties for 156 hrs.

Nursing Assistant: Six high school students have started the nursing assistant class this term. These students were selected by a collaborative agreement between LCSD and OCCC. The cost of the program including: tuition, fees, books, scrubs and related supplies will be covered by LCSD. The students are all seniors and attend: Taft, Newport and Waldport High schools. One member of this class has the distinction of having both her mother and aunt graduate from our nursing program. The nursing assistant program was evaluated by the Oregon State Board of Nursing on February 1st and 2nd and received approval through February 2020. Commendations were received in the areas of: administration for support of the program and instructors for their commitment to student success.

Medical Assistant: Thirteen students are currently enrolled in the third term of the program. This term is the start of their clinical experiences at a variety of clinic settings throughout Lincoln County, including: Samaritan Clinics, Lincoln Community Health Center (through LCHHS) and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Health Clinic.

Early Childhood Education: the first ECE Advisory meeting was held for this new program on 3/23. Fourteen members of the ECE community along with OCCC staff attended. This program is well supported by the community. The process of selecting a full-time ECE faculty member has begun. PCCC through their Degree and Certificate Committee granted OCCC approval to offer the PCC program at OCCC starting 9/2018. All documents have been submitted to HECC/CCWD for program approval.

Library

The OCCC Library is pleased to host a student art display for Spring quarter. The display features art from one of Julia Goos-Pence’s previous printmaking classes and is located inside the main library. The display will be available for viewing during the library’s open-business hours all term.
Our Library observed National Library week April 8-14th with the theme, “Libraries Lead.” National Library Week is an observance which first began in 1958 and is sponsored by the American Library Association. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries participate: academic, public, school, and special. The OCCC Library had a display just outside the main library doors as well as some free giveaways and treats at the Library Services window during our special week.

Other College News

Campus Management Selected to Replace SharkNET Enterprise Resource Planning System

After a long and deliberative RFP process that included surveys and interviews with SharkNet users, the five colleges that currently use RogueNet have agreed to move forward with the Campus Management solution. OCCC has formed the SMART (Shark Migration Act & Resolve Team) workgroup to steer and guide the implementation process at OCCC. Robin Gintner, Chief of Finance and Operations is our SMART Chair. Planning is underway, and some initial migration will occur this summer. We are working on a shared implementation across the five colleges and anticipate the migration to take up to two years to complete all modules. There will be outreach (and a great deal of work) with each area over time, if you have an interest in earlier engagement, please reach out to Robin.

Budget Development at OCCC

Thank you to students, faculty, staff and administration that attended one of our four budget forums held in February. If you were not able to attend, the handouts are posted at http://www.oregoncoastcc.org/budget-and-audit/. Make sure you are checking in with your supervisor about the budget process, especially if you are aware of upcoming needs in your area. Our budget from this year to next is projected to be relatively flat, but it is important that we plan.

Navigate Expansion, Another Grant

We have been awarded the Oregon Coast Community College First Generation Student Success Grant, ORS3+1.526, as created by House Bill 3063 (2015). This funding will allow us to expand the work of our successful “Navigate Program,” the program we launched two years ago to inform, guide, support, and inspire middle and high school students in finding their way to college. WE are appreciative of the letters of support provided by some of our partners, Lincoln County School District, the HELP/homeless program coordinator, and Siletz Valley Early College Academy.
President’s External Engagement Since Last Report

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**OCCC Media Report**  
February 28, to April 18, 2018.

**College Press Releases**

Business workshops aplenty dot Spring calendar  
OCCC Small Business Development Center offers new workshops for the Spring Term This Spring, the Small Business Development Center is presenting a wide variety of training opportunities for existing businesses – and potential future business owners – throughout Lincoln County.

PTK Book Sale  
The Oregon Coast Community College chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society announces its Spring 2018 book sale. The sale will be held at the OCCC Central County Campus in Newport from May 7 to 9, between 8 a.m.

OCCC Student Profile: Christa Kropp  
I grew up in Wasilla, Alaska. My family was incredibly poor and very broken. I was abused throughout my childhood, and by the time I turned 14, I had fully moved out of my home. I went to school the
**Transfer Degrees at OCCC**
Oregon Coast Community College provides its students with the opportunity to earn the first two years of their four-year degree at schools such as Oregon State University. (Read more about OSU’s Degree Partnership Program – which is available to OCCC)

**External Media Coverage About, or Relevant to, OCCC**

**Tapping the tree** Wolf Tree Brewery stands tall in South Beach
Oregon Coast Today, March 1, 2018
Anyone still thirsty after the samples can fill up a growler to take home or stock up on a range of bottles bearing handsome illustrations by Oregon Coast Community College art instructor Julia Goose. “Right now, during winter, we are brewing a lot of dark beers,” Hitselberger said. “Into spring, we will be …

**ESD workers rally for new contract, board picks new superintendent**
Albany Democrat Herald, March 16, 2018
Ken Volante, Oregon Education Association consultant, was encouraged by newly scheduled bargaining sessions set for Monday and Wednesday, … The LBL ESD, in partnership with Linn-Benton Community College and Oregon Coast Community College, also has received a $300,000 Regional …

**Turn water into a gardening asset**
Newport News Times, March 16, 2018
Audrey Sweet, watershed technical specialist at the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District, will discuss practical approaches to … Sweet's presentation will be held on Thursday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Oregon Coast Community College Central County Campus, 400 SE …

**OCCC Choir to perform on March 20**
Newport News Times, March 16, 2018
The Oregon Coast Community College Chorus Class will present its final concert for the winter term on Tuesday, March 20, at noon in the commons of the OCCC Central County Campus, located at 400 SE College Way in South Beach. If you wish to see more... Subscribe now. More In Arts & …

**New disc golf course completed**
Newport News Times, March 21, 2018
About five years ago, the Wilder Disc Golf Course opened in South Beach near the Oregon Coast Community College Central County Campus. When the property owner, Double E Northwest, granted permission to create the course, it was with the caveat that the property would eventually be developed…

**TUITION BOOST: OCCC to hike per credit class costs**
The News Guard, March 23, 2018
... on the rise. The Oregon Coast Community College Board on Wednesday, March 21, approved a per credit tuition increase. The newsguard.com spoke with OCC President Birgitte Ryslinge about the tuition hike and its impact. News Guard: What is the per credit tuition hike and when does it take effect?...

**Leaders Call for Far-Reaching Changes to Meet Oregon's Healthcare Workforce Needs**
Samaritan has adopted a number of efforts to try to boost recruitment and retention: partnerships with Oregon Coast Community College to train healthcare students there; recruitment of physicians from outside the U.S.; education programs for CNAs that are located in Samaritan's facilities, to boost the …

**Southwestern SBDC offers Social Media Power course**
Coos Bay World, March 24, 2018

The presenter for the series is Misty Lambrecht. Lambrecht is a Google certified trainer and has taught Google, WordPress and Social Media classes at Oregon Coast Community College and Clackamas Community College’s Business Development Center. She has also been involved in helping small …

**Roll up, for spring classes at Oregon Coast Community College**
Oregon Coast Today, March 24, 2018

Best of all, instructor Paul Robertson, of Robertson Environmental, will share a favorite recipe for fresh mussels — and will prepare a sample right on the beach. Participants must have a valid Oregon Shellfish License and must be able to walk on uneven ground. Please bring a bucket and boots…. 