


Accreditation Update

Our Comprehensive Self-Evaluation Report was delivered to PCC and submitted to NWCCU March 12 as part of PCC's Year 7 Accreditation review. The report is posted to our Accreditation webpage (see http://oregoncoastcc.org/sites/oregoncoastcc.org/files/yr7_occ_master-final.pdf). WE encourage all faculty, staff and Board members to go to the site and read our report. The somewhat arduous development process for this detailed document highlights where we fully meet standards, and where to focus our efforts to reach compliance. Our target date to submit the Application to initiate our independent accreditation process with NWCCU is October 30, 2015, with a fallback date of March 30, 2016.

NWCCU Evaluation Team Visit: Our Time To Shine

	<p>Save the date & wherever possible please plan on spending some time at the Newport Campus on Friday April 24th!</p> <p>Ms. Connie Capurro, the NWCCU site-evaluation committee chair, will be with us April 24 and 25th for the on-site portion of our evaluation. Dr. Chris Chairsell, PCC's VP of Academic and Student Affairs will likely accompany her. The exact agenda will be determined in partnership with Ms. Capurro and PCC.</p>
<p>On 4/24 there will be a welcome breakfast to include Board Members, the College Executive Team, and leaders of key college committees. The expected start time is 8:30 (may shift slightly).</p> <p>Throughout the day (times TBD) Ms. Capurro will likely expect to meet with students, staff and administration in small groups.</p> <p>The College is taking the opportunity of this visit as a catalyst to make our physical facilities shine. We are reorganizing public spaces, sprucing up the landscaping, and paying attention to signage and other ways of creating a welcoming atmosphere. This will benefit our students and the public long after the NWCCU visit is over.</p>	

Other Accreditation news: The OCCC Team (Birgitte Ryslinge, Cindy Carlson, Kathy Searles and Linda Molino) participated in the annual NWCCU Workshops in Seattle April 12 & 13th. We found this to be a great experience and we learned a great deal to support us in the work of independent accreditation. We will form an Accreditation Steering Committee to guide and support our progress on the long road to independence. This steering committee will include representation from faculty, staff and administration.

College News

The SBDC was busy this past month, putting the finishing touches on its Spring Term lineup of both Small Business and Community Education classes. The Center was also involved in the production of the "Catch the Wave" publication mailed ten days ago to every mailbox in Lincoln County. This term, a variety of business classes are being offered at OCCC for the first time. These include an intensive 10-week pre-brokers license prep class for would-be real estate brokers, along with a recipe to market class and more new classes on such topics as branding, logo creation, graphic design and typography. Finally, the SBDC is presenting (for the third time) its Jobseekers program, in conjunction with the Newport Rotary Club. A recent participant in this free program, Gabriel Gonzalez, recently secured a good job at a car dealership in the Valley, and he credits the interview skills – and even the interview clothing – he received in the program for helping him earn his new position. This year, participants in the program will be rewarded with scholarships to SBDC classes, paid for by the Rotary Club. The SBDC thanks Newport Mayor and Rotarian Sandy Roumagoux, along with Linda Kilbride, Jody Becker, Misty Lambrecht and others for their support of this program.

The Aquarium students had a wonderful time at the Regional Aquatics Workshop (RAW) at Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. Look for a report out next month on what was accomplished.

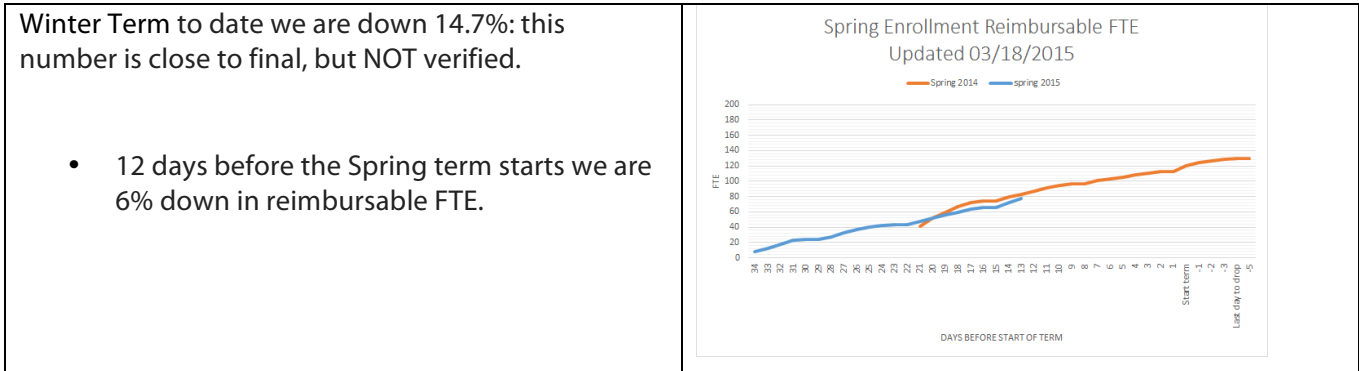
New faces at the college: As most know from prior communications, the College plans to add new positions in the Administrative Assistant classification (allowing for the reduction in staffing at the administrative level). We have identified four-to-five areas as needing at least part-time support. We won't know until the FY15-16 budget is finalized just exactly how many total FTE we can put into this support. We also have to clarify the details regarding how the positions will work in the long run, finalize position descriptions and determine if there are some areas where the new part-time positions could be combined to create full-time position(s). While we work through that process we still have acute support needs related to college infrastructure and Accreditation work. To address this gap we have hired temporary support staff through Barrett.

- Irene Dumas: supports the Board of Education, the President, the Foundation Board, the Foundation Director, and as time allows the CoFO.
- Tonya Saxton: Supports Instruction
- Deanna De Vries: Supports Human Resources

Once we transition to the permanent staffing structure these positions will be opened through the normal College recruitment processes and we hope for robust application pools. Tonya, Deanna and Irene are aware of this process.

We are also very happy to welcome Theresa Wisner as our interim half-time Foundation Director (a position vacated when Bryn Huntpalmer moved away). This is an essential position and one we are very happy to have filled now. We will also announce this position for a national recruitment likely later this year, after we resolve the long-term funding structure and the strategic direction for this position

Enrollment Data:



President's External Engagement since last Board Meeting

<p>Achieving the Dream National Conference Lincoln County School District Oregon Community College Association Oregon State University Marine Studies Initiative Working Group Lincoln County Democratic Central Committee Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Annual Workshop</p>	<p>Economic Development Alliance LC Board STEM Hub planning (chair) Wilder Development Oregon Presidents Council Presentation: Coastal NOW re STEM Education Rep. Gomberg and Sen. Roblan Town Hall (video at OCCC)</p>
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OCCC in the News
 Media Report March 2015

Education: Where do we go next?
http://www.thenewsguard.com/news/education-where-do-we-go-next/article_3de06510-cc00-11e4-b607-2b41b2a59ba8.html

VIDEO TOWN HALL: Legislators Roblan, Gomberg to take questions
http://www.thenewsguard.com/news/video-town-hall-legislators-roblan-gomberg-to-take-questions/article_b477b88e-c432-11e4-9572-d7b77c2752bb.html

NEW CLASSES: Small business learning lineup
http://www.thenewsguard.com/catches_at_the_beach/new-classes-small-business-learning-lineup/article_8272dc8e-c742-11e4-9fb1-b757402df070.html

EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI: Reminder for preparedness
http://www.thenewsguard.com/news/earthquake-tsunami-reminder-for-preparedness/article_d214e89a-c693-11e4-8bb3-8f40574614f0.html

Grace Arianna Sax Strom
http://www.newportnewstimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=90&story_id=47384

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