

College gets new 'watchdog' budget committee



Committee Chairman/Social Sciences Instructor John Rau
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A five-member faculty team has recently formed the Budget "Watchdog" Review Committee at Clackamas Community College, in order to allow faculty members more input in the College's budgeting procedures.

"In light of increasing budget problems, we're (faculty) concerned about how the budget pie is going to be sliced," Committee Chairman John Rau, College social sciences instructor, said.

Rau explained the idea for a budget committee "grew out of various Oregon Education Association (OEA) workshops" that faculty members had attended. The other four committee members representing the College faculty include Michael

Durrer, chairperson of drafting technology and building construction; Terrence Shumaker, drafting technology instructor; Ira Heard, chairperson of audio visual; and Jack Scrivener, math instructor.

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Watching for appropriate labeling of College expenditures and insuring money is budgeted out for collective bargaining are two issues Rau said the new committee will be dealing with. In addition, he said the committee will be examining the College's budget documents in detail, and will be attending College budget committee meetings, which will be dealing with. In addition, he said the committee will be examining the College's

budget documents in detail, and will be attending College budget committee meetings, which will be held on May 16, 21 and 30.

Rau also said committee goals include working to obtain a greater emphasis on instructional services. "We're (College) not geared to being a social welfare agency. We (committee) hope to get a College budget that more effectively supports the instructional process," he said.

In response to the committee's formation, Rau said, "I think it's a step in the right direction." He also said he thinks the College will benefit from the committee by hopefully getting attention drawn to areas previously not paid attention to, and getting the College to return to a more instructional-oriented organization.

Business center expansion takes in three more markets

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The Small Business Development Center at Clackamas Community College is currently undergoing some changes.

In January, the College expanded the center. The expansion was sponsored by the Small Business Administration, a federal program. When the expansion occurred, it generated a county-wide interest in having all business services join together under one roof.

This interest became the catalyst that formed the idea of what is now being called the Business Center of Clackamas County. It will consist of Clackamas Community College, whose service will be management assistance, Clackamas Business Promotions Company will deal with financing, and Clackamas County Department of Environmental Services will probably create a position for a Business Ombudsman.

The Tri-City Chamber of Commerce also plans to share the same building and work cooperatively with the center,

at the same time retaining a separate identity. The purpose of the center is to improve the business climate in Clackamas County.

"Businesses have lots of problems in the county insofar as the regulations they have to follow: tax structure, the access of money, and the access to knowledge about how to manage their businesses," Bruce Borquist, small business development center coordinator, said.

"So our hope is that by having all of these separate organizations together under one roof that those having problems with their business need only to call one number, like a business hotline," he said.

The College will be the primary renter of the space that is finally occupied by the center. The College will then sublease to those different organizations.

"The amount of money that the College will pay as its slice of the rent for the space that we will occupy in the center is not coming from the College budget. It is coming from two grants that it has received. One is from the

Small Business Administration. The other is received from the state," Borquist said.

"But if the tax base does not pass within the next couple of tries, there won't be any salary money. Therefore, we won't need to worry about paying for the space," he added.

On Wednesday, May 9, the College board gave approval to provide space for the center. David Dickson, administrator of economic development for the College, and Bill Ryan, administrative dean of College services and planning, are negotiating with leasing agents about the space. The center hopes to find a location on Interstate Highway 205 so that it would have easy access to all parts of the county.

Clackamas is the only community college in the state which has pursued this kind of endeavor.



Bruce Borquist (left), Small Business Development Center Coordinator, and Administrator of Economic Development David Dickson. Both men are involved in the changes being made at the College's Small Business Center.

Photo by Joel Miller

Soviet education lecture set for May 21; Russian boycott expected to have impact

Clackamas Community College students will have the opportunity to learn about education in the Soviet Union, thanks to an upcoming free lecture scheduled for May 21 in the College's Community Center.

Titled "Education in the Soviet Union," the lecture will last from 10 a.m. to noon in CC 101. The guest speaker will be Maria Lebedeva, a professor of English at the Institute for International Studies in Moscow. Lebedeva is currently teaching English at the American/Russian Institute in San Francisco.

The event is being sponsored

by the Friends of the Library, and was organized by Library Chairperson Margaret Charters. The lecture is open to both students and members of the community.

Charters said the lecture will consist of a brief presentation and will be followed by a question and answer period. Charters also said the lecture is not a part of the "Understanding the Soviets" seminar which was held last fall.

"This is a separate, single visitation from the institute. The purpose of her (Lebedeva's) visit is to promote a better understanding between the Americans and

the Soviets. They (students) will primarily learn the similarities and differences in education between the Soviet Union and at home," she said.

American-Soviet relations are currently in the news with the Soviet Union's decision to boycott the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. When asked if this incident would have an impact on the lecture, Charters said it could either increase or decrease the number of participants. Charters said, however, that "it would be interesting to find out how she (Lebedeva) feels about it," from a Soviet citizen's point of view.

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