

RCC directors approve \$28 million for fiscal 2007-08; up \$1 million from plan

A general fund budget of \$28,020,489 for the 2007-08 fiscal year, which began Sunday, July 1, has been adopted by the Rogue Community College Board of Education.

The budget is \$1,150,352 more than the budget proposed in April, due largely to an anticipated increase in state support.

The Oregon Legislature has approves a \$500 million community college support fund, compared to an anticipated \$471 million. RCC stands to receive \$8,996,712 from the state, up from \$8,273,956 previously anticipated.

Most of the difference will augment the college's contingency fund, which shifts from \$600,345 originally proposed to \$1,170,010, according to Lynda Warren, chief financial officer. "The additional revenue does not bring back any of the positions eliminated," Warren said.

RCC cut 32 positions, furloughed the diesel technology program, and raised tuition by \$2 a credit to offset a projected \$1.6 million shortfall next year.

A portion of the increased state funds goes toward employee compensation. The RCC Board agreed to pay faculty at the statewide average in accordance with their contract, which amounts to a 2.7 percent salary increase.

The board also accepted the resignation of member Charles Warren, effective July 6, who represents Zone 4 in Jackson County. The board said good-bye to retiring board member Jim Dole, whose Zone 1 (Grants Pass) term expired July 1 and who did not seek reelection. The board welcomed Joseph Zagorski, who ran successfully for Dole's seat and will be sworn in July 17.

Sen. Smith garners NFIB kudos for insurance stance

A sense of the Senate amendment calling on Congress to enact legislation this year on health-insurance reform for small businesses and the self-employed was adopted last week by the U.S. Senate.

Sen. Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) was a co-sponsor, and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) expressed its appreciation.

The amendment, which was unanimously agreed to, was proposed by U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln and co-sponsored by several other senators including Smith. It encourages Congress to enact legislation that "improves access to affordable and meaningful health-insurance coverage, especially for Americans in the small group and individual health-insurance markets."

Dan Danner, NFIB executive vice president, the nation's leading small-business advocacy group, issued the following statement in response:

"This bipartisan vote is an excellent indication of

In other business, the board accepted the retirement of full-time manager Larry Mullaly and full-time faculty member Mollie Owens.

Mullaly has worked at the college since 1984 when he was hired to develop



RCC's electronics program. He subsequently served as department head for manufacturing and high technology programs including electronics, welding, manufacturing, gunsmithing and computer-aided design. Most recently he has served as director of operations and special projects at the Riverside Campus in Medford.

He served as the college's Carl Perkins Grant coordinator during the past 15 years and has been closely involved with institutional accreditation and assessment.

Owens has worked at RCC since 1986. She started her career as a full-time faculty project director for a single parent and displaced homemaker's program, later transferring to become JOBS Program coordinator. She also served as Training Resources for Women coordinator; as a life skills and eco-workforce training instructor; and most recently as a student auxiliary services faculty member.

The board also approved hiring Kay Logterman as a full-time administrative/confidential human resources and employee

benefits coordinator, and Karl Brake as a full-time art instructor.

In other business, the board accepted the following grants:

*\$5,000 from the Four Way Community Foundation toward construction of the Illinois Valley Business Center in Kerby.

*\$7,000 from the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation in support of the "Education and Pay Equity Conference."

*\$15,000 from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation in support of the Oregon Leadership Institute

*\$5,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation in support of the Oregon Leadership Institute.

*\$2,000 from the Oregon Dept. of Forestry in support of the Wildland Urban Interface Defensible Space Plan

*\$30,025 from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

*\$27,370 from Asante/Robert Woods Johnson.

*\$31,335 from the RCC Foundation.

*\$15,850 from Natural Resources Winema.

*The last four continuation grants previously approved by the board in which funding carries over from previous fiscal years.



GARY NOLEROTH was honored by his co-workers Friday, Aug. 3 upon his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service. Noleroth, an Illinois Valley resident, retired as a postal clerk after 30 years of service, 20 of them at the Cave Junction Post Office. His plans for retirement are 'to do whatever I want.' The retiring worker, a friend to many, is known as a familiar face at Illinois Valley Golf Course. (Photo by Michelle Binker, Illinois Valley News)

Festival of Arts set at Brookings Harbor

The 14th annual Brookings Harbor Festival of the Arts will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 19, along the Boardwalk at the Port of Brookings Harbor.

More than 125 juried artists and craftsmen will participate. While 15 percent of participants will be from the Curry County and surrounding areas, the rest of the artists will be from other parts of Oregon and California,

and as far away as Washington state, Montana, Arizona and South Dakota.

Admission, parking, shuttle service, entertainment and demonstrations are free. Pets are not allowed in the festival area.

The event last year received recognition as "Best Fine Arts Festival" by the Oregon Festivals & Events Association. For more information: artfestcoast.com.

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Finn's Lasagne
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Dean Davis * Gail McDowell
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Making the World a Better Place,
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20% off Art Supplies All Weekend
Refreshments

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103 S Redwood Hwy - 592-2034
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Handpainted Custom Framed Tile
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Music: *Daniel Sheff & Friends 5:30*

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Italian Braid
Veg & Meat Portabella Caps
Reservations Recommended
Music: *Forty Two Five Contemporary Tunes*

IV Senior Thift Store
201 S. Redwood Hwy 592-6630
The Art of Vintage Clothing
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Refreshments

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221-B S. Redwood Hwy - 592-6262
Michelle Pankey
Mixed Media
Recycled Art Extraordinaire