

BMCC applies for new application

A move to protect the frequency of the campus radio station was authorized by the Blue Mountain Community College board of education at its regular monthly meeting, July 18.

Blaine Hanks, radio broadcasting program director, was directed to proceed with a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) application to increase the college radio station power to 100 watts. New FCC regulations require that the college either increase power to 100 watts or remain at 10 watts and become a secondary station. Under the increased power

option, the radio station would protect its current frequency. Cost of this move was estimated by Hanks to be between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Funding for the project will be determined by the 1980-81 budget committee.

The alternative would require an expenditure of \$2,000 to conduct a channel search. This search would have to be repeated each time a new commercial FM station wished to use the assigned frequency. Hanks noted, "Under this option we could be bumped by anyone and have to move again."

The campus radio station (KRBM-FM) provides training for BMCC's radio broadcasting students. Additionally, Hanks noted, the station provides a service to the community by its plans to broadcast Oregon Education Public Broadcasting System (OEPBS) programming as well as National Public Radio programs.

Turning to matters of college maintenance, the board toured areas in need of repair on the college campus. Erosion has affected the bank between the McCrae Activity Center and the Health Education Building. Additionally, cracks have been noted in the south Pioneer parking lot where the bank there is also eroding.

The board requested that cost figures be obtained for placing either a concrete or railroad tie retaining wall to hold the bank between the MAC and Health-Ed. The services of an engineer will be obtained to determine what steps must be taken to prevent continued loss of soil base under the parking lot.

Discussion was also held on possible uses of the triangle property below the college near Carden. A study will be made of the cost and feasibility

of placing winter parking areas on part of the property.

In other business, the board:

—Heard a report from President Ron Daniels that the four-day work week at the college seems to be going well

with positive response from the public. President Daniels additionally reported that the arbitrator's report on the findings on Fair Share has been received. A full report will follow after the college

attorney has studied the document.

—Extended contracts to Charles Rochat, foreign language; Dale Wendt, agriculture; and Cornell Janes, machine shop. Rochat had earlier resigned, but requested reinstatement after deciding against moving to Africa to head a school run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

—Increased mileage reimbursement 2 cents to 17 cents a mile.

Eastern Oregon State tops in enrollment

LA GRANDE—Last fall's enrollment in the Oregon State System of Higher Education showed a slight increase of .2 percent over the previous year and Counseling for College reports that Eastern Oregon State College led the other state schools with a 9.5 percent increase over the fall of 1977 enrollment.

EOSC President Rodney Briggs attributes the growth

spurt at Eastern to a multiple of factors including the increasing diversification of program offerings and an intensified institutional visibility program. The growth of the agri-business and the business programs and the anticipation of the expansion of the nursing program are, in Briggs' opinion, major contributors to the increased enrollment.



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