

Government Relations Update

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Legislative Tags

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Internal Debrief- Successes

- The student stories were memorable and they matter.
- Our advocacy was found to be truthful, thorough, and well-researched.
- Anyone not being paid to advocate for Community Colleges were important and felt especially impactful.
- Key quotes: “You were relentless and that worked.” “Don’t shy away, redundancy is your friend in this environment.” “You visited often that was the best thing you did.”
- Legislators could recall specific meetings with business leaders, seniors, volunteers, and board members.
- Our college president was open and transparent, he is someone legislators trust.
- There was a split opinion, some remembered and liked their smaller more focused conversations and others like when we bring t-shirts and large groups.

Internal Debrief - Room for Improvement

- There are lingering questions about the “connective tissue” works between K-12 to CCs and CCs to Us.
- Non-committee members still need calls and emails, not just meetings. Some offices truly score their caucus votes that way.
- We need to spend some time talking about funding proportions.
- We have to make the case that funding for us will make a equal or greater difference than somewhere else in the state right now.
- We need better answers by the end of the summer, after a long session, as to how the CSL state funding would be used.

Higher Education Issues

- Completion rates
- Access to higher education for the underserved including those currently incarcerated, foster youth, and students of color
- How was the investment of the 2019 Legislative Session spent?
- Career Technical Education
- Specific industry job training
- Budget transparency
- Property tax reform
- PreK-20 pipeline efficiency
- Hunger and housing
- Part time faculty healthcare
- Overall cost

2020 Sessions

- The size of our reserves in preparation for a possible recession
- The Oregon Health Plan in preparation just in case Congress repeals state reimbursements
- Global warming
- Forest fires
- Foster youth
- K-12 and changes to the Student Success Act
- Statewide review of all K-12 requirements
- The Death Penalty

**Legislators are split on whether SSA funding should go for connection to CTE or K-12 prep:
Shouten, Salinas, Piluso, Sanchez, Solomon**

Recommendations

- Grow our internal and external advocates
- Further develop goals for our preferred outcome of a higher education process.
- Continue to lead in the OCCA conversations about a dedicated funding source.
- Participate in a statewide higher education process that moves us towards dedicated funding.
- Keep doing what's working.
- Take advantage of the energy and clear up confusion.
- Continue the drum beat on CSL
- Focus on things that build group pressure from within.
- Develop new talking points.
- Increase campus invitations for elected officials and stay involved in the 2020 election.

Higher Education Tour Temperature Check

Energy: Sollmon, TAL, Salinas (limited time), Dembrow (limited time), Neron, McLain, Gorsek, Shouten, Drazen, Reardon, Bynum, Heard, Frederick, Olsen, Nearman, Prusak

Supportive: Hernandez, McLain, BSW, Doherty, Kotek

Neutral: Greenlick, LMA, Riley, Helm, Post, Burdick

Timeline

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL
PCC days in Salem	Updated institutional research Talking point trainings	Non-partisan meetings with candidates in close primaries Governor convening	Short Session-Work Group Legislation Lobby days every 7-10 days	Legislative aide think tank and special events PCC hosts individual meetings: a business partner, an ambassador, a student, a faculty member	Statewide tour and workgroup meetings Legislation goals drafted by October

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