

## **Chair Report, Steve Loosley**

March 8, 2019

### *Legislative Advocacy*

- Accompanied Dr. Thatcher March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to Salem for the OCCA Legislative Summit and Lobby Day.
  - After a day of training, we advocated for the community college ask with our local legislators and others including Governor Brown, Rep Gomberg, and Senator Frederick.
  - Marched around the Capital with our student delegation and the Riverhawk Mascot!
- Participated in the OCCA advocacy phone calls and legislative updates.
  - The Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs budget was published yesterday and funded community colleges at \$590.6M. For reference, we are asking for \$747M – \$647M base + \$70M for CTE + \$70 M to expand student success. In the last biennium, we received \$570M.
  - SB3 which provides the option for community colleges to offer applied baccalaureate degrees was passed unanimously by the Senate and referred to the House.
  - SB754 which offers up to a \$10,000 tax credit to nursing instructors at rural community colleges moved out of the Senate Health Care Committee with a Do Pass recommendation to the Senate Tax Expenditures Committee.
- Continuing to monitor key bills that affect community colleges.

### *Community Advocacy*

- Continuing to work with Craig Jackson to find housing for student athletes.
- Participating on a City of Roseburg Housing Needs Analysis Task Force to advocate for low-cost housing especially suitable for students.
- Met with Larry Hill and Jim Little to discuss op-ed Mr. Hill penned for *The News-Review*.