



## **PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023**

Dr. Rachel Pokrandt, President

- UCC has hired a new Mental Health Counselor Casey Kohl. This has been a very difficult position to fill and the college has also backfilled and will continue to use Christie Campus Health for tele-mental health services. Services include a 24/7 support line for students and Faculty and staff may also use this line for assistance in helping students with mental health concerns.
- Intersession registration opens on November 12. Intersession classes are short term classes offered to students over the winter to support credit recovery, students who want a shorter time to completion and those whose schedule works better in this compressed format. 14 courses are being offered. There is a CPR class that is being offered face to face and then Business, Sociology and Psychology, Communications, Chemistry and some liberal arts are being offered online.
- Umpqua Community College's computer programming club finished third at the seventh annual Invent Oregon Collegiate Challenge. The UCC club created a virtual reality education platform called LearnSesh.
- UCC hosted the NWAC Southern Region Cross Country Championship on Oct. 28th. This is our second time hosting in the past 6 seasons.
- The Learning Center is open and has been filled with students from open to close! The tutoring center is really starting to take off as well. Reminder that the grand opening event will be December 8th from 4-6 pm.
- Wolf Creek Job Corps has now onboarded 54 students and they plan to onboard 12 students every 2 weeks from here on out.
- The State of Oregon updated the Community College funding formula figures with enrollment data for the community colleges for the past 3 years and our funding was reduced by \$319,992. This is due to our covid enrollment numbers that dropped significantly. The funding distribution model is based on a weighted average of the last 3 years of FTE. During Covid the campus completely closed, and some colleges stayed open. We anticipate this coming back as we have performed well coming out of the covid years. The college has managed its resources effectively so this shortfall will not have an impact on the operating budget for this year. There is going to be one more adjustment to this year's formula in January once the property taxes are plugged in when I will be able to report the overall funding status.

- The remodel for the UCC Truck Driving School in Green will begin on November 13th. The remodel will add more space to the classroom portion of the building as well as update the interior space. A break room for the students will also be created.
- Tim Hill, IT Director, has retired. A search for the new IT Director will be re-opened soon. This is also a very difficult position to hire, and we are thinking creatively about how best to post, compensate and organize this critical role.

Coming up:

- The Legacy Ball is this Friday at Seven Feathers. The event has already raised over \$128,000 with more sponsors than ever before, exceeding our sponsorship goal by \$10,000. This year, for our very first time, we have orchestrated a collective pledge from UCC employees the amount of which will be announced during the event. These contributions reflect how much our employees believe in our mission.
- This Saturday hundreds of UCC students will participate in the Veteran's Day parade in downtown Roseburg starting at 11 am. And that evening at 7 pm we will enjoy the UCC Veteran's Day concert in Jacoby Auditorium.