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COS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – September 8, 2009

Weed / COS –During the study session, President Lawrence reviewed his executive level reorganization plan. Later during the open session, he again discussed the reorganization plan and why he feels this is a necessary step. During the summer Board of Trustees Retreat, the Board discussed the need to make the executive administrative level leaner (for fiscal reasons) while at the same time pulling all of the student learning areas into one unit and expanding the capacity for marketing and fundraising. The proposed Executive Level Reorganization Plan is the result of that discussion.

In November 2008, the California State Labor & Workforce Development Agency announced the availability of Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) dollars that were being made available to help fund community college nursing and allied health programs beginning in the spring of 2009. College of the Siskiyous submitted an application in February 2009 and received notification of tentative funding in March. Paperwork confirming the award of \$239,708 was delayed until August 2009.

COS will use the WIA funds to expand its LVN and CNA Programs in order to increase enrollment capacity. In the past, the LVN Program has only been offered every 18 months, and the College has a long waiting list of interested students. In addition, the CNA Program also fills quickly and could accommodate more students and meet the growing need for CNAs in Siskiyou County. COS will offer additional LVN cohorts of 20-30 students in Fall 2009 and Spring 2011, as well as cohorts of 30 CNA students each Fall semester and an added 15 students in the summer. All nursing programs will be housed at the new Rural Health Sciences Institute in Yreka. Grant funds will be used to support salary and benefits for staff, instructional supplies, training and advertising. Trustees approved acceptance of the Workforce Investment Act Grant and authorized expenditures.

Vice President of Administrative Services presented the Trustees with a review of the Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation (MOT) Department. The core of the program review is an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges facing the department. Findings of the review are many, but fall mainly within the areas of resources, planning and communication. The results of the program review will feed upwards through the District hierarchy into higher-echelon plans through the shared governance process, ultimately culminating in the District Strategic Plan.

Other Board Action:

- Approved the monthly Personnel List discussed in Closed Session.
- Approved the monthly Consent Agenda.
- Approved the adoption of the 2009-2010 Final Proposed Budget for the College of the Siskiyous.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held October 6, 2009 at the Weed Campus in the Board Room. A study session will begin at 4:30 p.m., closed session will begin at 5 p.m., and open session will begin at 6 p.m.