

**MEETING #378  
OREGON STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Bridget Burns, Chair  
Cap Sharples, Vice-Chair  
Mike Filippelli  
Brian Lemos  
Dean Wendle  
Philip Shilts

**STAFF**

Dennis Johnson, Executive Director  
Beverly Boyd, Support Staff  
Susan Degen, Oregon Opportunity Grant Administrator  
Claire Matese, Policy Research Coordinator

**GUESTS**

Margie Lowe – Governor’s Office  
Tamara Henderson – Oregon Student Association  
Tracey Lehman – Oregon Institute of Technology  
Tracy Reisinger – Marylhurst University  
Cherie Honnell – Oregon Health & Science University  
Marilyn Bader – Portland Community College  
Dave McDonald – Western Oregon University

Emilio Vigil – Oregon State University  
Dan Preston – Linfield College  
Crisanne Werner – Linfield College  
Elizabeth Bickford – University of Oregon  
John Snyder – Linn-Benton Community College  
Patty Hoban – Willamette University  
Brett Rowlett – Lane Community College

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Bart Howard was unable to attend. Having a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

**PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TO OPPORTUNITY GRANT**

Discussion commenced with recommendations from the Steering Committee meeting held January 6, 2009. The Steering Committee recommended a reduction of \$80 for fulltime students and \$40 for halftime students, with the understanding that the Commission would be looking at additional reductions before making a decision.

After the adjournment of the Steering Committee, an alternate proposal from one community college was submitted. With this to consider, the Commission agreed to table their decision until the Steering Committee could consider additional proposals.

Concerns were raised and discussion continued with the Commission unanimously agreeing that the reduction must be sufficient to cover any additional shortfalls.

The Steering Committee is charged with clarifying the process for reductions, considering alternate proposals and returning a solid and sound recommendation to the Commission.

The Steering Committee agreed to meet on January 8, 2009 at Noon. The recommendations from the Steering Committee would then be considered by the Commission at a special meeting scheduled for January 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sharples seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Dennis Johnson, Executive Director*

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*Bridget Burns, Chair*

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*Cap Sharples, Vice-Chair*

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*Mike Filippelli, Commissioner*

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*Brian Lemos, Commissioner*

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*Philip Shilts, Commissioner*

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*Dean Wendle, Commissioner*