

OREGON STATE TRIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 18, 2004
Davenport Hotel – Spokane, Washington

Present: Jean Galleher, Umpqua Community College(SSS)
Mike Evans, Chemeketa Community College(SSS)
Anthony Weir, Oregon State University(SSS)
Dee Southard, Southern Oregon University(McNair)
Christine Riehl, Clatsop Community College(SSS)
Charlotte DeWitt, Clatsop Community College(SSS)
Sherie Etges, Oregon Institute of Technology(SSS)
Rene McKenzie, Rogue Community College(SSS)
Toeuta Faaleava, Portland State University(McNair)
Jennifer King, Portland State University(EOP)
Paul Molino, Mt. Hood(Active Non-TRIO)
Clevonne Jackson, Portland State University(SSS)
Philip Dirks, Portland State University(UB & ETS)
Jean Garcia-Chitwood, Portland Community College(UB)

The meeting was called to order by Jean Galleher, Oregon State TRIO Association President. The minutes from the February 13th meeting at Western Oregon University were passed out for review. Jean reminded members that the Oregon State Association does have an active web site(it can be reached from the NASP home page through State Association links). Jean also shared with the group that Julie Grinolds has changed jobs at Blue Mountain and will be the Director of their Title Three grant. Clevonne is concerned that the Blue Mountain SSS program has gone through many changes over the past three years and asked if there is anything that NASP or the State Association can do to help.

Jean then passed out the NASP 2004 budget and the NASP Regional Report to COE. NASP is supporting the State Associations with up to \$3,000 for this year and provides many other benefits to NASP project members. She will be contacting Oregon projects who have not paid their project membership for the year. She then provided a brief report on the NASP Board Meeting that was held on Saturday, May 15th. NASP is recruiting for members to run for the Pre-College and Active Non-TRIO positions, and NASP also will have openings on a newly formed CAS Standards Committee as well as the Corporations Committee. Interested members should contact Robert Guerrero at 1-360-736-9391, x201 or e-mail him at rguerrero@centralia.ctc.edu. **Phillip Dirks will also be looking for other interested Upward Bound projects to work with him on a policy for spending the money in the NASP budget for the Web Design/Think Quest Awards.** He can be reached at 1-503-725-8383 or e-mail him at dirksr@pdx.edu. Jean also mentioned that the Alaska State President put a motion before NASP at the Board Meeting to review the high cost and frequency of NASP conferences. Jean will be contacting Oregon projects sometime this summer to collect information on how Oregon projects would like to see the conferences change(if at all) and will take these recommendations to the NASP Board Meeting in August.

Adan Tijerina then spoke briefly to the group. He congratulated the Association (and Jean) on all of our work for this year. Other regions only have one large regional conference and then smaller State conferences. NASP is just beginning to review what to do in our region. As it will have impact on the NASP budget, NASP will be doing a thorough review before making any changes.

Jean then reported on the two successful funding requests for the Association: 1) **\$375 from COE** for materials; 2) **\$2,448.00** from NASP. She then reviewed the State Association budget for this year which includes funds for a one day planning meeting in Salem, funds for the Oregon TRIO Fact Book, funds for the Oregon TRIO Association Newsletter and meeting copies, and funds to maintain the Oregon TRIO web site. There was some discussion on the frequency of meetings for the State Association and whether there would be program meetings as well. Phillip Dirks suggested that the State Association meeting build in time for programs to meet as a part of the State Association.

Jean gave a brief report on the Policy Seminar in D.C. Lori Lassiter (Oregon TRIO Alumna) and Jean were the only two representatives from Oregon, but they had a successful day on the Hill and visited all of the Senate and Congressional offices. However, after this visit, Jean and Lori realized how much can be done at our State level to inform and educate. **Jean is encouraging (challenging) the 36 Oregon projects to get together by region and make at least one visit to either a Congressional or State representative office sometime next year.** She also reported that the next year's Oregon Alumna does not have to be chosen by an application process, but that the State Association can use a nomination process and target a region in the State where we feel we need to increase TRIO visibility. Phillip Dirks suggested that we start the nomination process as early as this Fall for next year's seminar.

There was then some general discussion on Jean's recommendation for projects to visit as groups. Paul Molino suggested that we needed to decide what questions we wanted to ask and what we wanted to ask for before making the contacts. Phillip Dirks mentioned that Minnesota TRIO Programs have been able to receive supplemental funding from their State legislature. He also felt that we should ask our State legislators to support our federal funding requests and that we should organize a student leadership conference similar to the Washington TRIO programs. **The consensus from the group was that for the first year that we will just be looking for better visibility for our TRIO programs.**

Michael Evans proposed an idea that Chemeketa and Western Oregon University had already been discussing: a student leadership conference in February for TRIO day that will be held in Salem. Chemeketa would host the middle and high school students from Upward Bound and Talent Search and Western would host the SSS college students for morning sessions. Then the groups would get together in the afternoon to go to the Legislator's offices. We could even try and request that the Governor declare a State TRIO day. For the event to be successful there would need to be a large number of students in attendance. There was some discussion on whether projects liked the idea of having only one State TRIO day as opposed to individual TRIO days at our campuses. **After discussion the consensus was that, if we were able to**

have a very visible State TRIO day in Salem, that individual programs could re-arrange their TRIO recognitions at their local campuses.

Jean then discussed this year's Oregon Fact Books. Each program will receive at least one for free (and more if programs plan to meet with their representatives soon). She will bring the remaining books to the June meeting. She passed out some comments and recommendations from Charissa Black and Deb Casey from the UO who produced this year's Fact Book. The book was over 60 pages and it took a lot of time collecting information as well as formatting the information. Deb and Charissa are proposing to host a workshop at the Fall Conference on putting the Fact Book together, but Jean would like programs to begin providing feedback on things that they would like to see changed in next year's book. Phillip Dirks mentioned that there is a goal to get the booklet on the web in a pdf format as well.

Jean then passed out a list of "Hot Topics" for four year schools that had been discussed at the Fall 2003 Conference. Due to time limitations these topics would not be discussed in today's meeting, but Jean invited projects to request items for future State Association meetings if there is interest.

Jean then began a discussion on the structure of the Oregon State organization. One suggestion was to organize by our congressional districts (there are five). Another suggestion was to look at East and West reps similar to Washington. Cleovonne Jackson would like the Association to help mentor programs that either don't have programs or have lost programs (especially in Eastern Oregon and in the East Portland area). She feels that by increasing programs we will increase our membership. Jean suggested that there be co-chairs rather than one President to help divide the work for the organization. Mike Evans suggested that the structure include representation from all staff (not just Directors) and all programs not just a President/Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer model. There was some discussion on the pros and cons for forming an independent 501 c(3) organization or staying under the umbrella of NASP. **The consensus at this time is to stay under NASP.**

Mike Evans suggested that before we could proceed with our structure that we need to decide what our goals are. Another suggestion from Paul Molino was that we needed to have as a goal to approach corporations (like Intel) for corporate sponsorship. Phillip Dirks suggested that we start beginning to share goal ideas among the projects now and possibly have an outreach goal (helping institutions that don't have TRIO projects and helping projects get recognized on their campuses).

Jean encouraged project members to ask questions publicly to Larry Oxendine at tomorrow's session (ed. note – Mr. Oxendine was not able to attend the conference). There was some discussion on the 10% set aside for proprietary schools that is included in HR 4283, as well as the results from this year's Dept. Ed. site visits. PSU's governmental relations person will be meeting with Wu. It is important to remember that all lobbying for any bill changes should be done at home and not on work time or using campus e-mail. One school goes through their Foundation. Another suggestion was to work with the Education Aides rather than inundating an office with e-mails.

Jean then summarized three action areas for projects to pursue over the next few months:

- 1) feedback on what projects would like to see for future NASP conference – Jean will be surveying projects sometime this summer but e-mail her with any suggestions.**
- 2) Feedback on the current policy book and recommendations for next year's book**
- 3) Suggestions for goals for the Oregon State Organization.**

The next meeting of the Oregon State Association will be

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Chemeketa Community College

Building #2, Room 220

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

E-mail Jean by Friday, June 11th if you need financial assistance in order to attend this meeting.

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