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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special meeting called to discuss budget, cuts Finalized enrollment numbers on table for April 28 meeting

Taya Alami Reporter

The Lane Board of Education will meet April 28 to decide how to weather a projected potential shortfall of between \$65 million and \$120 million for the next school year that could cause the college to raise tuition, cut faculty and/or reduce programs.

The board will review additional policies and approve the school's budget. It's composed of publicly elected voters, and typically meets once a month.

Supporters of the labor union representing Lane faculty said they plan to assemble in the cafeteria prior to 8 p.m. and march to the meeting in the building.

Lane Vice President of College Services Brian Kelly briefed board members on financial documents at the March 12 board meeting that outline the potential shortfall.

Lane administrators said they expect enrollment at the college to decline by anywhere between 7 percent and 12 percent for the next school year.

Because tuition contributions about a third of the revenue to Lane's \$103.7 million budget, enrollment declines could create large shortfalls.

One of the potential strategies the college may use to overcome is a tuition hike.

Lane students will pay \$2 more per credit beginning summer term, bringing tuition to \$95 per credit next year after board members passed an inflationary increase.

The student journal at the Dec. 3 board meeting, Lane Board Chairman Rosie Pryor asked all of her colleagues, "I would like to say for the record, and to my colleagues, that I am not anxious to look at tuition increases because I just don't think that when demand is declining you raise tuition."

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New management company works to increase Titan Court's occupancy

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ASLCC passes resolution on faculty safety proposal

Senators oppose revised classroom safety rules

Taya Alami Reporter

Faculty leaders have passed a resolution calling for a state in opposition to the labor union representing Lane faculty, which has also requested the right to remove any students from the classroom.

The union has been locked in an ongoing labor negotiation with the college for the past 11 months, and classroom safety provisions have recently become a topic of discussion in the negotiations, according to student government President Paul Zito.

The student government's resolution against the so-called "bargaining day" was drafted and revised by the Senate during its April 10 meeting.



Presidential candidate Francisco Gomez attempts to rally supporters in the Center Building cafeteria on April 23.

Candidate ragesquit meeting Gomez describes unrequited anger problem

J. Wolfgang Wood News Editor

After a series of emotional outbursts on Wednesday, presidential candidate Francisco Gomez said he has announced anger management issues in a two-night interview with The Torch.

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Top: Freshman guard Renee Lucero (right) powers past Clackamas Cougar Jani Shalder on a drive to the hoop March 5 in the NWAACC championship game. The Titans were able to beat the Cougars by five with a three-point shot by Lucero that clinched the game.

Bottom left: Freshman guard Simone Thompson attempts a layup during the NWAACC championship game March 5. The Titans won by five points.

Bottom right: Sophomore guard Kaye Wilson delivers a layup shortly before Renee Lucero's game-winning three-pointer.

Opposite top: Lane coaches Greg Shiley (left) and Kevin Gumbley celebrate the Titan championship victory on the locker steps in the NWAACC championship game. Freshman guard Renee Lucero can be seen in the background.



NWAACC Champions Lucero hits a three-pointer with four seconds left to win

BY REAN KUTERKA Sports Editor

"Just like we drew it up." Those were the words of Titans head coach Greg Shiley as he watched freshman Renee Lucero hit a game-clinching three-pointer with four seconds left to give Lane a 51-48 lead in the final game of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges basketball championships.

Clackamas Community College Cougars post Megan Feldman was fouled with two seconds left on the evening rebound pass, she went to the free throw line for two shots and hit the first. She intentionally missed the second, hoping Clackamas would get the rebound and score to tie the game.

Titans sophomore Courtney Walsh didn't let that happen. She controlled the rebound as the buzzer sounded, ensuring Lane's 51-48 victory.

"It's exciting and so proud of these kids — they showed how resilient they truly are," Shiley said. "Big-time players make big-time plays when it matters most and that's what happened with everyone tonight."

With eight seconds left, sophomore guard Kaye Wilson drove to the hoop on the left side of the court, where she was cut off by Feldman. Wilson turned around and found a wide-open Lucero for the big shot.

"We have never had a game end like that," Lane assistant coach Kevin Gumbley said. "We never had a finish like that before where someone hit a shot that caliber to win."

Shiley wasn't the only one who was ecstatic. "I just remember thinking, 'I hope to God it goes in,'" Lucero said. "None in a million years did I think that I'd be the one to hit that shot, but I'm just so happy for my teammates — especially the sophomores."

The game didn't start off well for the Titans as Clackamas sophomore Ashleigh Anderson hit a three-pointer to take an early lead. Lane battled back to take a 7-1 lead on freshman Simone Thompson's three-pointer at the 11:52 mark.

The Titans would build their lead to seven, 19-12, over the next five minutes on a layup by sophomore Kaye Wilson.

Clackamas closed the gap to one, 23-21, on a pair of free throws by Clackamas sophomore Jenny Johnson with three minutes left in the half.

Not to be outdone, Lane went on a 4-0 run the rest of the way, aided by another Lucero three-pointer.

Sophomore post Megan Shields and freshman post Nicole Hamilton, seniors for Lane, got Lane early foul trouble. Both sat on the bench for the last 13 minutes of the half.

The Titans defense held the Cougars to 17 percent (4-for-23) shooting in the half but couldn't capitalize, shooting just 33 percent (4-for-12) themselves.

The second half saw a battle of runs as each team tried establish a clear dominance but was unable to do so.

Lane began the last 20 minutes of play with a quick three points by Hamilton in the first 30 seconds to take an eight-point lead, the largest of the game.

The Cougars responded with a 16-2 run over the next five minutes to take a 37-31 lead, their largest of the game.

The Titans refused to quit, going on a quick 7-0 run to regain the lead with 9:22 left in the game.

As editor-in-chief of The Torch in 2012-13 and Production Manager in 2013-14, I focused on multiple improvements to the paper, namely design. I aimed to make the paper more readable and make the news more approachable for the student body of Lane Community College.

Facility Bargaining: A Tale of Two Proposals. Includes a comparison chart of Faculty and Presidential Pay, and a table of cost-of-living increases.

Going against the grain: ASLCC president opposes safety proposal. Includes a comparison chart of Wood vs Metal building materials.

ColorRun: Third annual running event hits maximum capacity for runners. Includes photos of runners and details about the event.

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