

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Session #803

A retreat of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on August 15, 2009 at 8:32 a.m. at the East Portland Community Center, Portland, Oregon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Beverly Russell called the meeting to order. Board members present: Brian Freeman; Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Bev Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates.

Staff present: Dick Byers; June Jacobs; John J. "Ski" Sygielski; and Nancy Szofran.

Guest present: Deb France, Oh planning+design, architecture

Association representative present: Gary DeRoest, faculty association

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 M/ Ralph Yates "to approve the agenda." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. WORKSHOP SESSION

3.1 Dick Byers introduced Deb France from Oh planning+design. She presented a review of the Facilities Master Planning process to date, reviewed the tentative goals established for the process and presented a PowerPoint outlining preliminary recommendations for a Gresham Campus vision. Tentative next steps and a timeline to continue discussing the draft Facilities Master Plan with the Board and internal and external College community were also presented. The Board also discussed the need for light rail to extend to the Gresham Campus as part of this plan. President Ski suggested a Board member or two be a member of the Master Planning Committee. Brian Freeman and Dave Shields volunteered to serve on this committee. It was the consensus of the Board to continue developing this plan. Monthly updates will be presented to the Board.

- 3.2 The Board discussed board meeting dynamics. The Board requested that information about large projects be presented enough in advance in a workshop setting so the Board can have more focused discussions on these projects before making a decision. There will be no decisions made during these workshops.
- 3.3 Following up on the Board approval of the College’s Strategic Plan 2009-2012 (Vision, Mission, Goals and Values) at the July Board meeting, Nancy Szofran reviewed the institutional strategies, measures and targets for each of the College’s three goals: Teaching and Learning; Community Engagement; and Resource Development. In addition, each Vice President, and each area under the Vice Presidents, will have their own strategic plan with strategies and measures. There used to be 60+ institutional measures, which have now been streamlined to about 35.

The next time there should only be five solid measures, such as enrollment, financial resources, fundraising, etc. The Board unanimously approved the measures as outlined by Nancy.

- 3.4 The Board reviewed the president’s goals for the next year. These will be approved at the September Board meeting.
- 3.5 The Board discussed assignments to the various associations during 1009-10. Assignments were made as follows:

ORGANIZATION	BOARD MEMBER(S)
American Association of Community Colleges	Duke/Shepard/Ralph Yates
Association of Community College Trustees	Dave Shields
College Awards:	
Distinguished Teaching Award	Brian Freeman
Outstanding Support Staff	Brian Freeman
Part Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching	Beverly Russell
Head Start Liaison	Bob Morris
MHCCD Foundation Board	Beverly Russell/Rod Monroe, alternate
Oregon Community College Association	Bob Morris and Dave Shields

- 3.6 President Ski reviewed the recent downgrading by Moody’s Investment Services of the College’s Full Faith and Credit Obligations (FFCO) from an A1 to an A2 rating. The FFCO rating is based on the College’s contingency funds, direct debt levels, financial performance, general credit characteristics and tax base. Moody’s noted that the College had not met its goal of a five percent general fund reserve and commented that the College’s financial reserves are below average in relationship to other Moody’s rated community college districts of our size with an A1

rating, which have a median fund balance of 11.8 percent. Moody's remained cautious in its FFCO rating given the possibility of MHCC experiencing further reductions in states funds this year due to the difficult budget and economic environment in Oregon.

- 3.7 Rod Monroe stated the Facilities Master Plan was outstanding and very worthwhile. It has been needed for a long time. Duke Shepard is pleased the College and Board are moving strategically. Ralph Yates expressed appreciation for the Facilities Master Planning and facts and numbers presented by Nancy Szofran. Dave Shields also expressed appreciation for the beneficial presentations and stated he became a grandfather at 3:40 a.m. that morning! Brian Freeman agreed with their comments and stated it was the best retreat in quite awhile. Bob Morris appreciated hearing the numbers and facts from Nancy and feels the College is prepared to act. The College needs to be bold! Chair Russell thanked everyone for a great retreat and expressed appreciation for the preparation and plans for the future. Chair Russell then recessed to executive session at 1:50 p.m.

4. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell reconvened to executive session at 1:58 p.m., in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (a)(f) considering personnel and discussion of information exempt by law from public inspection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs