

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2009

The meeting began with Dr. Ski introducing and congratulating the **2009 Outstanding Support Staff award winners: Eran Juenemann**, advising specialist in the Project YESS Office; **Pam Kuretich**, administrative assistant in the Student Life Office; and **Bruce Sehorn**, PC/LAN specialist in the Computer Services Office.

Eran, Pam and Bruce were recognized at the all-staff holiday breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 11, and, in addition, each award recipient will receive a check for \$500 at the January MHCC District Foundation Board meeting.

- **Eran's** colleagues in the Project YESS Office surprised her with the news about the award. Eran's list of contributions to MHCC are numerous and include her connections to the community and area high schools in her work as an advisor to YESS students and a tutor with the ABS/GED students. In addition, she participates in many volunteer activities.
- **Pam** was surprised by the crowd of students and employees gathered in the College Center to celebrate her selection as an outstanding support staff winner. ASG President Janine Johnston presented a tribute to Pam, calling her an inspiration to all students. Pam is greatly respected for her knowledge of the College system and her dedication to assisting MHCC students.
- **Bruce** was celebrated by his colleagues for his willingness to go the extra mile and exceed customer service expectations. He continues to pursue learning opportunities and gain expertise in the area of computer support. As an example, he volunteered to provide support to the specialized video computer system at the Bruning Center. Bruce was praised for his positive attitude and dedication to helping employees with their technology problems.

The president then introduced Fred Schnell, athletic director. Fred introduced Matt Hartner, coach of the **women's volleyball team**, and Matt Hart, coach of the **men's and women's cross country teams**, who introduced their respective teams and reviewed the season. Chair Shepard congratulated them and thanked them for attending the Board meeting.

Andrea Henderson, Executive Director of the Oregon Community College Association, presented her yearly update to the Board. She gave an update on the cut in support proposed for community colleges and OCCA's plan to communicate with legislators in order to try to obtain an increased amount over the Governor's proposal. Andrea also reported that the State of Oregon has run out of financial aid funding for the current school year, despite the fact that the financial aid budget was doubled for this year. Increases in applications far outweighed the projections. OCCA is working on increasing the Oregon Opportunity Grant for the year beginning July 1, 2009, and is also working on a deferred

maintenance package to present to the legislature. The package will include projects that will be shovel ready by April 1. The OCCA Legislative Summit will be held in Salem January 27. Andrea commented that Oregon is preparing to launch the Skills2Compete report in mid-February. She expressed appreciation and thanks to Kim Freeman for her leadership in helping to bring this program to Oregon. Oregon is only the 4th state to launch the program.

Mike Wolfe and Brandon Drawz gave an update on **Aquatic Center Finances** stating that the business plan, which was developed in 2006, included a set of assumptions related to a base annual revenue stream of \$350,000. The plan described several areas that were intended to enhance revenues and allow for the capital investment to be paid back over a seven to eight year period. Expenses were estimated over that same period of time. The actual revenue and expenditures are different from what was estimated in 2006. As the College moves into the second full year of enhanced operation for the 50 meter pool, a revised reporting format will be developed to accurately track revenue and expenditures related to the operations of the MHCC Aquatic Center. The facility has performed remarkably and, as the second year of operation begins, it is known that the dome can withstand Columbia River Gorge high winds, hail storms and record snowfall. The MHCC Aquatic Center is nationally recognized as a premier facility and is continuing to attract the highest level of competitive meets. The success of the Aquatic Center would not have been possible without the dedication and professionalism of College staff.

The President recommended the Board approve the revised **faculty contract** which was ratified by faculty January 12. He thanked both the faculty and administration negotiating teams for their hard work and willingness to learn from each other. Beverly Russell and Dave Shields recused themselves from the discussion and the vote due to a conflict of interest since both are related to faculty members. The faculty contract was unanimously approved by the remaining four Board members present but with reservations expressed by two Board members due to the present economy and what the College might face in the years ahead due to declining support from the State. Appreciation was expressed to the President, the administrative team and the faculty for the collegiality and positive steps taken during the last few months of negotiation.

During Public Input Gary DeRoest, Faculty Association President, read a **statement from the faculty** thanking all who worked at developing and establishing the new agreement. He said the “thousands of hours of work provided by all participants established a foundation of mutual respect, clearer understanding, and a renewed, collaborative commitment to seek out and meet the changing needs of our community. This foundation will facilitate our work together to build strong relationships with our community partners, contend with future challenges, and provide enhanced learning opportunities for all.”

Mike Wolfe and Sue Aschim presented a recommendation, which was approved unanimously, to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for a **copier equipment contract**. The resulting contract will fulfill the Graphic Services Strategic Plan Vision: "The copier fleet is fully networked offering scan, print, and fax capabilities to every MHCC staff member less expensively than the present system." The RFP proposal and processes will be developed in collaboration with Computer Support Services and the Business office.

The following **business items** were also approved:

- a. Consideration of minutes
- b. October financial report
- c. November financial report
- d. Resolution for acceptance/expenditure of projects funded in whole or part by non-district funds
- e. Consideration of resolution to transfer budgeted appropriations
- f. Consideration of academic calendar for 2009-2010

The following **personnel changes** for the months of November and December 2008 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Administrators

Ernie Cadman	Interim Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management	Student Success and Enrollment Management	01/06/2009
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SUPPORT

Tabitha De Camp	Classroom Assistant	Head Start	12/17/08
Donald Ferrari	Center Assistant/Bus Driver	Head Start	11/19/08
Robert Haines	CASS Cultural Education Specialist (limited-term position)	CASS	11/03/08
Sara LaChapelle	Family Worker-Bilingual	Head Start	11/12/08
Michelle Schafer	Teacher/Home Visitor	Head Start	11/12/08
Sergey Shepelov	Systems Analyst/Programmer	Computer Services	12/08/08
Tracy Thornburg	Center Assistant/Bus Driver	Head Start	11/17/08

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Carol McMurdie	Early Childhood Education Consultant	Child Care Resource & Referral	11/17/08
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CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Susan Aldridge	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Sherri Aytche	Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Kamilah Bryant	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Jan Marie Fortier	Dean of Instruction - Information Resources	Library Resource	05/31/09

		Center	
Michelle Hall	Workforce Development Assistant – Project Enterprise	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Kristina Hargie	Teacher/Home Visitor	Head Start	12/17/08
Marcia Hickman	Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Donna Jean Hoggans	Workforce Development Assistant – Infrastructure	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Susan Jacoby	Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Jolene Kawecki	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Valerie Keita	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Carla Kelly	Program Assistant – Workforce Development	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Danielle Kelly	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Roselyn Kirkelie	Classroom Assistant	Head Start	12/16/08
Michael Lane	Custodian	Facilities Management	12/31/08
Cindy Miller	Administrative Assistant – Instructional	Mathematics	01/31/09
Robert Nielson	Executive Dean of Student Development & Services	Student Development & Services	12/31/08
Gina Paschall	Workforce Development Assistant – Project Enterprise	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Julia Peterson	Supervisor – Small Business Development Center	Small Business Development Center	01/05/09
Richard Y. Price	Custodian	Facilities Management	01/31/09
Kimberly Robinson	Health Careers Access Project Coordinator	Transitions	11/03/08
Reiko Sherlock	Benefits Compensation Associate	Human Resources	12/31/08
Aaron Sorenson	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Paula Wenzl	Workforce Development Specialist – Project Enterprise	Steps to Success	01/05/09
Rebecca Wright	Workforce Development Assistant – Infrastructure	Steps to Success	01/05/09

A board retreat will be held on January 31, 2009, at The Bruning Center. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2009 beginning with dinner with the Head Start Policy Council at 5:30 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.