

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2009

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Following a **reception for faculty recommended for tenure**, the regular session of the Board of Education was convened. The Board unanimously granted tenure, effective with their 2009-2010 contracts, to the following:

- Rodney Barker, Business Administration & Management
- Tambi Boyle, Mathematics
- Edward del Val, Academic Literacy & English
- Nicole Gilbertson, Counselor
- Paula Kitchen, Mathematics
- Wayne Machuca, Computer Information Systems
- Melissa Gonzales-McNeal, Anatomy & Physiology
- Eydie Pahls, Nursing
- Judy Shiprack, Surgical Technology
- Valory Thatcher, Anatomy & Physiology and Biology
- Marianne Wallace, Nursing

President Sygielski introduced **Angelique Whitlow, CPA, Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, LLP**, who presented a review of the 2007-08 audit reports. Angelique reviewed the internal controls, operations and fraud risk. They report on three kinds of deficiencies: controlled (the lowest), significant (potential for something to happen) and material (a weakness). There were several significant deficiencies noted in the audit report which are being reviewed by administration and additional controls are being put in place. Angelique recommended the College establish an Audit Committee, which would function similar to a Budget Committee. The Audit Committee would meet with the auditors to give information at the onset of the audit and at the end. The committee would then report to the Board. Chair Shepard requested Vice Chair Russell work with administration to establish an Audit Committee.

The president then introduced Cynthia Dettman who presented **Kaiser Permanente NW** representatives Susan Rasmussen and Heather Williams to be recognized by the Board for their program to provide free health insurance to students who have completed Transitions programs. The goal of the program is to support student persistence so that students can complete certificates and degrees. Kaiser Permanente entered into an agreement with five community colleges in 1991 to provide free health insurance to students who have completed "Transitions" programs. The goal of the program is to support student persistence so that students can complete certificates and degrees. That program continues today, with hundreds of students at MHCC, PCC, Clackamas, Linn-Benton and Chemeketa Community Colleges receiving coverage for themselves, as well as dependents and spouses. The insurance is available for students who lack comparable health insurance, meet 250% or below of the federal poverty guidelines, and continue in school at least ½ time while maintaining a 2.0 or higher GPA. Coverage may continue for up to four years, including coverage after they transfer to another college or university in the Oregon Kaiser service area. In addition, during fall 2009, Kaiser presented a \$20,000 grant to the MHCC Transitions program for a pilot project with MHCC staff submitting

a plan to enroll more students in the program, focusing on students who: a) need help to continue in school; b) need insurance; and c) have at least some extra support and guidance to be successful. Phase 1 has been launched with 47 students and their dependents enrolled as of February 1, 2009. The Phase I programs include students from TRIO, Project YESS, Oregon Leadership Institute, Mental Health/Human Services and LPN programs. Phase II will soon be launched, reaching a variety of “non-traditional” students who are taking classes at MHCC but are not enrolled in a college guidance or success program. These groups will include:

GED completers

Students transitioning from ESL (non-credit) to ENL (tuition bearing) classes

Students completing WR 80 or 90 and RD 90 (pre-college academic literacy courses)

VESL (Vocational English as a Second Language) students

Veterans

David Wright, Wally Shriner and Sally Wright made a presentation to the Board on the **Teaching & Learning Cooperative (TLC)**. During Winter Quarter 75 faculty have participated this term in the TLC programs, translating to a reach of over 5,000 students. The TLC is a unique campus organization and truly a cooperative with 40 faculty, administrators, and staff participating as advisory committee members. Leadership is share, with two faculty serving as coordinators for overlapping two year terms. An Ed Assessment Work Day is coming up and an annual conference about student learning. David and Wally extended an invitation to Board members to participate in the programs in order to see the commitment and new ideas faculty members are bringing to students. Sally commented she has been working the TLC for 13 years and it has been a pleasure. The TLC’s biggest role may be creating and supporting a college-wide community with the common goal of fostering teaching excellence. To achieve their goals, the TLC provides programming, in-class feedback, equipment loans, directed training, and support for testing and developing innovative approaches to instruction.

Mike Wolfe introduced Mark Martinez and Reggie Ingram who presented information on the **Johnson Controls’ Energy Performance Audit** completed during the past 120 days and their recommended Facilities Improvement Measures for the next phase. They presented a plan whereby the College could purchase energy efficiency improvements with no upfront dollars needed. The improvements pay for themselves with the energy savings. There is also flexibility in the plan to possibly include federal stimulus dollars. Following a question and answer period, Chair Shepard requested Board members submit additional questions to the president for further review at the next Board meeting.

Chair Shepard recognized Andrew Epstein, American Lung Association in Oregon, and Rebecca Geary, a nursing student, who presented a request during **Public Input** for MHCC campuses to become tobacco-free. The Board will consider this at a future meeting.

These **business items** were also unanimously approved:

- Minutes
- Financial report
- Acceptance/expenditure of projects funded in whole or partially by non-district funds
- Resolution for transfer of budgeted appropriations
- Appointment of faculty employees for 2009-10
- Head Start grant

The following **personnel considerations** outlining activity for the month of February 2009 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

**Support**

Alex Gram	Center Assistant/Bus Driver	Head Start	02/02/09
Jeanne Turner	Center Assistant/Bus Driver	Head Start	02/02/09
Jennifer Hallman	Admin Asst - Health Services	Head Start	02/02/09
Craig Christensen	Food Service Delivery Driver	Head Start	02/23/09
Angie Whitfield	Family Worker - Bilingual	Head Start	02/23/09

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Nahed Salib	Classroom Assistant	Head Start	02/03/09
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CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Jillian Flessas	Teacher/Home Visitor	Early Head Start	02/23/09
Dawn Hagen	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success	02/27/09
Robyn McGillis	Confidential Human Resources Generalist (job-share)	Human Resources	02/06/09
Toni Zimmer	Family Partnerships Coordinator	Head Start	02/09/09

*The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 8, 2009, in the MHCC Board Room.  
A Budget Committee meeting will be held April 15, 2009, in the MHCC Board Room.*