

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2009

The regular meeting began with **recognition of Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) athletes**. Fred Schnell introduced each coach who, in turn, introduced the athletes and gave an update on each team's season. Coaches and teams recognized were: Matt Hart, men's and women's track; Meadow McWhorter, softball; Bryan Donohue, baseball; Larry Davis, women's basketball; and Rob Nielson and Geoff Gibor, men's basketball. Geoff was introduced as Rob Nielson's successor as the new men's basketball head coach.

Brenda Brady and Larkin Franks presented a **draft of the redesigned schedule of classes**. Focus group meetings were held in October 2008 with students and employees reviewing the schedule and suggesting improvements. Major findings from those meetings informed recommendations for changes, which included: class sections information often changes after the schedule is printed and not useful when students use the document to register; the class schedule posted on the College's Web site is updated "live" and contains accurate information; publishing and mailing a separate schedule of credit-free classes is not cost effective or helpful to district patrons; and information sections of the current schedule needed revision. The revised schedule is the result of a collaborative effort and is likely the first major revision in over 30 years.

President John J. "Ski" Sygielski introduced Steve Bass, CEO of Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), and JoAnn Zahn who presented a **proposal for the College Board's consideration to have OPB operate KMHD for the College**. The president stated that, for a number of years, the cost of operating KMHD has exceeded its revenues. Because of reserve funds, no MHCC general or taxpayer funds were required. However, with significant reductions in state government funding on the horizon, it is likely that KMHD would require a subsidy from the Mt. Hood Community College general fund. Through this proposal with OPB, MHCC will have a way to offer KMHD and its listeners a more vibrant future for the station, eliminate the need for MHCC to provide any financial support to KMHD and realize some significant benefits for the college in terms of promotion and student internships.

Steve Bass said OPB's main motivation to engage the Board and College in this type of discussion was to keep public broadcasting strong in Portland. OPB plans to maintain KMHD as a jazz station and focus on the local community seeking to build even deeper relationships with current and potential jazz lovers. In fact, he said that OPB would be willing to put that in writing in the form of a contract which could be reviewed every couple of years. In addition, he indicated that OPB has personnel, expertise and capital

equipment that can more effectively and efficiently operate KMHD than is possible now. Mr. Bass introduced the Chair of OPB, Sherwin Davidson who said a number of their board members are KMHD supporters and have a particular interest in maintaining KMHD's jazz service. "As a board," she said, "we have been looking into the circumstances facing public broadcasting stations here at home and around the country. Ensuring strong and vital public broadcasting services for all of Oregon's citizens is one of our commitments." As a potential partner, OPB feels its role is to ensure the public in our region has access to the best possible programming and services.

Chair Shepard led a discussion on the possibility of all MHCC campuses moving from a partial tobacco restriction to completely **tobacco-free campuses**. The Bruning Center is already a tobacco-free campus and all locations with Head Start programs are in the process of becoming tobacco-free. The Board directed administration to form a task force to develop a possible process and timeline for implementation. An update from the task force will be presented at the May Board meeting prior to the Board's consideration for approval of all MHCC campuses becoming tobacco-free.

Larkin Franks presented a completely **revised fee list** for approval. A complete look at all fees had not been done in some time. Criteria that helped to determine any fee changes and/or proposals included: asking if the fee supports MHCC's general population of students; reviewing the cost(s) associated with a transaction; determining any special equipment, supplies, travel, software and/or hardware that are only used by a limited population of students; comparing all of our fees with the 16 other community colleges; and factoring in costs for acquiring and maintaining equipment, i.e., software, hardware, etc. The Board unanimously approved the revised fee adjustments.

Mike Wolfe and JoAnn Zahn presented the recommendation for a **tuition increase** of \$2.40 per credit hour based on the 2008 Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) of 3.6%, which was the tuition adjustment process adopted by the Board last May. Based on this adjustment, total tuition will be \$71.00 per credit hour. The Board unanimously approved the increase.

Larkin Franks then presented **substantive catalog changes** for the Board's approval. The changes dealt with apprenticeship due to the State Board of Education's action in May 2008 approving three state-wide pathways in the following Apprenticeship training areas: AAS in Construction Trades General Apprenticeship; AAS in Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies; and AAS in Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology Apprenticeship. This was done to provide consistency in the apprenticeship offerings throughout the State and to provide a career pathway from a Certificate to an Associate of Applied Science to a Bachelor's Degree in Operations Management at Oregon Institute of Technology. For a community college to receive state reimbursement for its Apprenticeship courses, the courses must be credit based

and the career pathway Certificates and A.A.S. submitted to the State for approval. This must be completed by the end of August 2009. Larkin thanked Michael Dillon, Melody Barber, Sue Dodge and the Office of Instruction, particularly Sherri Lynn Bottari, for the enormous amount of work it took to complete this project. Duke Shepard declared a potential conflict of interest and did not vote since he is employed by the AFL-CIO. The Board approved substantive catalog changes for 2009-10 and the A.A.S. and related Certificates for the MHCC Apprenticeship programs that were presented to the Board.

Mike Wolfe and Reggie Ingram presented the proposal to approve **Johnson Controls Performance Contract** which was discussed at the previous meeting. Additional questions were answered for the Board, including various financial scenarios. The Board unanimously approved moving forward with this project, which includes a complete package of improvements that, when taken together, allow for maximum efficiencies and energy savings for payback purposes. A resolution on the financing of the project will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

These **business items** were unanimously approved:

- Minutes
- Financial report
- Resolution to transfer budget appropriations

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

CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Justin Takkunen	Program Specialist - Enrollment and Data Systems	CDFS	03/27/09
Angie Whitfield	Family Worker	CDFS	03/11/09

There will be a Budget Committee meeting April 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the MHCC Board Room. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on May 13, 2009, in the MHCC Visual Arts Theater.