

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2008

The regular meeting began with Mike Wolfe and Nancy Szofran leading a discussion on a possible tuition adjustment. Mike Wolfe recapped the discussion at the March Board meeting (where a \$3/\$2/\$1 per year tuition increase was outlined) and stated that the long-term financial outlook for the college is dependent upon increasing revenues and decreasing costs. The basic scenario Mike presented at this meeting described a three-year stepped approach based on achieving a target ending balance of 5% within three years. Mike further stated that, if the actual state funding level is less than that projected by CCWD for the 2009-11 Biennium, significant adjustments will have to be made. Further discussion was held on what would happen if there was no increase, a tuition increase based on an index such as the CPI or the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), what the impact to students would be if tuition is raised, and an interest in researching programs of other institutions that dedicate tuition to helping students persist. It was suggested that the college begin instituting an annual tuition increase tied to the appropriate price index along with streamlining procedures and possible work day reductions in order to achieve the necessary savings. Appreciation was expressed to the students for their resolution supporting a 6% increase over three years. Further discussion and action will be taken at the May 14 Board meeting.

These **business items** were unanimously approved:

- Minutes
- Financial report

The following **personnel considerations** outlining activity for the month of March 2008 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Support

Holly Anderson	Center Assistant/Driver	CDFS	03/04/08
Sheri Aytche	Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Specialist	Steps to Success	03/10/08
Tiffany Farley	Project YESS Program Assistant	Project YESS	03/27/08
Aaron Rebecca Skelton	Workforce Development Specialist – Worksite Training	Steps to Success	03/03/08

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Alicia Stankus	Accounts Payable Specialist (temporary position)	Business Office	03/03/08
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CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Veronica Gamos Gonzales	Classroom Assistant	CDFS	03/21/08
Lawrence Gilius	Learning Assistance Coordinator	Learning Assistance Center	03/04/08
Lorinda Newell	Instructor, LPN	Allied Health	03/28/08
Sara Overbey	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	03/31/08

There will be a Budget Committee meeting April 16, 2008 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 14, 2008, in the MHCC Board Room.