

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 2007

The Board meeting began with Paul Hilll introducing **Julie Lynn Mertes**, one of MHCC's two Oregon Community College Association **Student Scholars for 2007**. **Aaron Wambold** was unable to attend the board meeting. Julie introduced her grandmother, Jackie, (her biggest supporter) and thanked the board and college for this recognition. Julie is a Mental Health/Human Service student who overcame many obstacles to become an honor student at MHCC. She has a great passion to work in the field of Human Services where she will have the ability to help others in need. Julie is a member of the Rho Theta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, is enrolled with MHCC TRiO student support services, volunteers at Oregon Food Bank and is a Transitions Mentor. Julie has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has received multiple letters of commendation for achieving the Deans and the President's lists. She will graduate in June 2007 and transfer to Portland State University in pursuit of her Masters degree in Social Work. Her educational goals will enable her to obtain the skills necessary to work effectively in specialized areas that help individuals overcome issues related to poverty, homelessness, abuse and addictions.

As part of the monthly accreditation reviews, Dr. Silverman introduced Brenda Brady, Michael Wolfe and Don Wallace who reviewed **Standard 8**. Standard 8 encompasses efficient and effective instructional and support facilities, adequate instructional equipment and materials and comprehensive physical resource planning. Significant findings are that the college facilities are generally adequate for the specific instructional functions assigned to them. Over the past ten years the college has invested over \$14 million in capital improvements, including construction of The Bruning Center for Allied Health Education, remodel of the Maywood Park Campus, remodel of the college library, remodel of the One-Stop Student Services Center and refurbishment of all existing classrooms. The college has made a strong commitment to its technology infrastructure and to safety and access for all users of college facilities over the past 10 years. It is the committee's recommendation to develop a capital improvement plan that makes the best use of available resources to meet the strategic and operational needs of the college, ensuring integration with Educational Master Plan, the Facilities master Plan, and other long range strategic plans. In addition, there is a need to continue to improve space scheduling given the space available, to develop a better process for identifying and funding equipment replacement, and to continue developing sustainable revenue sources for capital construction needs.

Susan Brady introduced Sandra Lemus, the Head Start Policy Council Chair, who shared her personal story of involvement with Head Start. Susan then reviewed the improvement plans developed following the Head Start Self Assessment, which were approved by the Board at the February meeting. Jean Wagner then reviewed the selection and enrollment procedures for Head Start. This process is difficult due to the extreme need. Those with the highest needs are served first, and there is always a large waiting list. There is legislation pending that will enable more children to be served this fall, however, available space is the biggest issue to be faced. Bob Morris, the Board liaison to Head Start, commented that the college is well served by being connected to this program. The Board unanimously approved the Self Assessment

Improvement Plan, which was prepared to meet the changes required by the federal government.

In addition, these **business items** were approved:

- Minutes
- Financial report
- Administrators' list for 2007-08
- Revision to Head Start Grants

The following **personnel considerations** for the month of April 2007 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Faculty

Brianna Aliabadi	Instructor – Biology/Natural Resources Technology	Science	MS – Biological Sciences: Conservation Biology Sequence	09/13/07
Lourdes River-Nystrom	Instructor – Developmental Writing	Developmental Writing	MS – Education: Special Education	09/13/07

Support

Kimberly Applin	Student Services Specialist		Admissions, Registration and Records	04/20/07
Kimberlee Ford	Center Assistant/Driver		CDFS	04/02/07
Molly McKelvey	Grants and Contracts Coordinator		Steps to Success	04/02/07
Lisa Marie Morgan	Student Recruitment Coordinator		Student Recruitment	04/03/07
Tracie Seace	Custodian		Facilities Management	04/09/07
Catherine Van Zyl (limited-term position)	Computer Graphics Specialist		Graphic Services	04/02/07

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Christopher Taylor	Bookstore Accountant	Bookstore		04/23/07
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CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Arnita Tucker-McFarland	Workforce Development Specialist	Steps to Success		04/06/07
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The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 13, 2007 with the TSCC budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. and regular session at 7:30 p.m.