

Mt. Hood Community College District

BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2008

The meeting began with recognition of the three recipients of the **Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**: professional photography instructor Michael Henley and Anatomy and Physiology instructor Joseph McNeal. The selection committee, comprised of Foundation and College Board members and employee and student group representatives, chose the recipients based on numerous nominations received on their behalf from admiring colleagues and students. Both instructors were honored at the September 15 part-time faculty in-service event and will receive a check from the Mt. Hood Community College Foundation at its Board meeting.

Julia Peterson made a presentation to the Board on the Small Business Development Center. She used an example of a small business in Sandy. The SBDC helped the company develop a business plan and gave them the tools and skills to create a good business. To be successful, a new small business must have an above average return on investment, be survivable and sustainable, and it is important for a small business to be innovative and adaptable. The SBDC served 232 small businesses in 2007-08, 1005 business people attended an SBDC class, 85 jobs were created by SBDC clients, 28 jobs were retained by SBDC clients and 14 new businesses were started by SBDC clients. The SBDC serves clients in downtown Gresham and outposts are in progress in Sandy and Welches.

Cynthia Dettman introduced two Transitions/Transiciones students, Tatyana Bondarchuk and Teresa Blanshine, who shared their stories with the Board. Transitions and Transiciones are longstanding MHCC programs that provide a bridge to college for single parents and displaced homemakers. Grants help these students with payments for childcare, books and other school expenses. Gene Eng, Verizon, presented a \$7,500 grant to the Foundation for student aid for those in Transitions/Transiciones.

Mike Wolfe and JoAnn Zahn provided an update on College finances and stated that the current downswing in the economy has had no implication at this time on the College's existing debt.

During Public Input, Gary DeRoest read a statement from the Faculty Association. This statement is part of the official minutes in the President's office.

Following the second reading, the Board unanimously approved **Policy 4080, Risk Management, Policy 7060, Educational Records, Policy 7100, Admissions and Registration, and Policy 7140, Advising and Recruitment.**

Duke Shepard led a discussion on legislative issues. The Board approved unanimously to propose to the legislature that Lottery Economic Development funds in the amount of \$500,000 be dedicated to support the 2012 Olympic Swimming Trials being proposed at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center. The funds would be matching funds (to be matched 100% by community fundraising and no college funds) and held by the state until the Olympic Trials are awarded.

The Board also approved unanimously to propose to the legislature to remove the state law requiring community college Boards to vote on an annual basis to impose the tax rate. The Board has no

authority or ability to impact tax rates in any way; however, this relic of law gives the impression that the Board has such power.

In addition, the Board approved unanimously to request of the legislature that community colleges be added back into the construction excise tax.

Senator Rod Monroe will present these proposals to the legislature for the MHCCD Board of Education.

Also, the Board requested the administration review, analyze and provide information on high cost programs that are a state focus but not funded by the state. If these high cost programs are mandated by the state, what other funding would be available for this expansion. This will be discussed by the Board at a later date.

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

- Minutes
- Financial report

The following **personnel considerations** for September 2008 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Faculty

Sharon Doty	Instructor – Practical Nurse Program (one-year temporary position)	Allied Health	Associate’s Nursing	09/11/08
Joseph McNeal	Instructor – Health/Physical Education (one-year temporary position)	Health and Physical Education	Master’s Health Studies	09/11/08
Nathan Orosco	Instructor – Art (Sculpture) (one-year temporary position)	Performing and Visual Arts	Master’s Sculpture	09/22/08
Satish Palshikar	Instructor – Machine Tool	Industrial Technology	Master’s Manufacturing Engineering	09/11/08
Patricia Sayer	Instructor – Anatomy and Physiology/Biology (one-year temporary)	Life Sciences	PhD – Naturopathic Medicine	09/11/08

Support

Amanda Adkinson	Family Educator/Worker	CDFS	09/02/08
Ann Arrendondo-Mejia	Classroom Assistant	CDFS	09/04/08
Valentina Chernysh	Classroom Assistant	CDFS	09/04/08
Jennifer Dolan	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/04/08
Jullian Flessas	Early Head Start Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/17/08
Michelle Forette	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/17/08
Sharon Gattman	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/22/08
Amber Green	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/04/08
Kristina Hargie	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/04/08
Rena Loar	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/18/08

Meadow McWhorter	Student Events and Center Coordinator	Student Life	09/02/08
Zora, Oreshovich	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/25/08
Stephanie Williams	Office Assistant	Distance Learning	09/24/08

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Maria Ramirez	Classroom Assistant	CDFS	09/17/08
Tina Williams	Administrative Assistant - Maywood Campus	Economic and Workforce Development	09/11/08

CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Ayon, Gabriela	Family Services/Health Assistant	CDFS	09/08/08
Costa, Alycia	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/03/08
Zimmerman, Jessica	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/04/08

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled on November 12, 2008, in the MHCC boardroom.