

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2007

The meeting began with recognition of, and presentation of flowers to the three recipients of the **Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**: part-time chemistry instructor Bernadette Harnish; ESL instructor Susan Kuhn; and Vocational ESL and ESL instructor Deb Saari.

Bernadette Harnish was nominated by her admiring peers and students and the selection committee overwhelmingly agreed that Bernadette is an exceptional instructor. It was noted that it is important to Bernadette that her students succeed because "she is not just here to teach, she is here to make sure her students learn." Not only is Bernadette an excellent instructor but she does a phenomenal amount of volunteer work in the community, feeding the homeless along the Springwater Trail and regularly visiting the elderly in nursing homes.

ESL instructor **Susan Kuhn** is known as the "go to person" which is only one of many reasons the selection committee chose her as a recipient of the Part-Time Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. Susan holds high standards for herself and models an investment in education to her students. She has an amazing ability to connect with her students by fostering a commitment to learning through consistently creating interesting and dynamic lessons. She has a sense of humor that puts people at ease and a seriousness that motivates her students and peers to commit themselves as she has.

Vocational ESL and ESL Instructor **Deb Saari** is said to be "all about the students." She developed curriculum with a language competencies matrix so she could identify exactly where a student's English language skills were and where they needed to be by the end of the pre-nursing assistant bridge class. She is an enthusiastic teacher who makes a difference in her students' lives. Deb is also involved in Career Pathways and has spent numerous hours working with Allied Health faculty to develop new short-term training programs that make a difference in the lives of non-English speaking students.

Bernadette, Susan and Deb were honored with a special award plaque at the part-time in-service general session on September 17 and were each presented with a check for \$250 at the September Foundation Board meeting.

Susan Brady, Executive Director of Child Development and Family Services, along with Jean Wagner, Director of Head Start, and Sandra Lemus, Head Start Policy Council Chair, presented information on the **Head Start** program. They are preparing for their tri-annual review where the accreditation team looks thoroughly at all aspects of the Head Start program, including the shared governance between the Head Start Policy Council Board and the MHCCD Board of Education. Susan reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education with relationship to the Head Start program, which include internal control approvals and communication with the Head Start Policy Council Board.

Beth Pitonzo introduced **University of Oregon Undergraduate Catalytic Outreach & Research Program (UCORE) participants, MHCC students**: Elizabeth Anderson; Trishia Hisey; Eric Hyde; and Theo Malone. UCORE, funded by the National Science Foundation, is testing the hypothesis that early exposure to physical science research and outreach combined with peer tutoring will ultimately serve to improve retention rates in physical science academic programs. First-year students from

diverse backgrounds, identified by partnering community college and UO science faculty within first year core curricula courses, are recruited annually through a competitive selection process. UCORE students are placed into Chemistry, Physics and Geology research labs at the UO and spent their summer performing research under the guidance of UO faculty and grad students. Research was presented in a final conference. Upon return to their home colleges, UCORE Fellows are paid for work as tutors and mentors to other community college students. Fellows will undertake activities under the supervision of their community college UCORE advisor that inform their fellow students about what they learned as a result of their summer experience. They may work as tutors for selected courses. Fellows will also be expected to help coordinate several events throughout the year. These events will inform students of possibilities and paths available for continuing on to a four-year degree in physical sciences and of career options obtainable to those pursuing a science education. At Chair Shepard's request, the students explained a poster they each created summarizing research done during the summer program.

Gary Murph and Paul Hill shared with the Board preliminary information related to the Allied Health Division's exploring the development of a **Pharmacy Tech Program** that would provide students the opportunity to both earn a Certificate in Pharmacy Technology and, following two additional years of study, apply to Pacific University with an Associate of Science degree from MHCC to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree. Students completing the full MHCC program would have completed the prerequisite courses necessary to apply to Pacific University's Pharm. D. program. After internal review and approval, the college's next steps would be to submit to the State Department of Education and CCWD a "Notice of Intent" to develop the program. Assuming there is no claim of adverse impact, or that any concerns, if raised, can be successfully addressed, the college would then proceed with its internal process for curriculum development of the eight new courses and submit both the new courses and the certificate and AAS degree programs for review and approval through the college's curriculum process.

Following the second reading, the Board unanimously approved new **Policy #3260 on Issuance of Debt**.

Duke Shepard presented the names submitted by the various constituent groups to serve on the **presidential search committee**. The Board unanimously confirmed the names. The first meeting of the search committee will be October 19. The Search Committee will include:

Board of Education: Duke Shepard; Rod Monroe
Faculty Association: Gary DeRoest; Javid Mohtasham
Part-Time Faculty & Tutors Association: Joe King; Marilyn Pitts
Classified Association: Jennie Reinders; Marcia Whitfield
Supervisors Association: Linda Neumann
Administrators Group: Rob Nielson
ASG: Javier Torres; Jeremy Selinger
MHCCD Foundation: Robert Brown; Ron Gullberg; Marilyn Zook
Head Start Policy Council: Sandra Lemus, Policy Council Chair

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

- Minutes
- Financial report
- Head Start Management Planning Calendar, Shared Decision Making, Code of Conduct, Internal Dispute Policy and the Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

The following **personnel considerations** for September 2007 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Faculty

Brianna Aliabadi	Instructor - Biology/Natural Resources Technology	Science	MS - Biological Sciences - Conservation Biology Sequence	09/11/07
Andrew Dryden	Instructor - Engineering Transfer (one year terminal)	Engineering	MS - Mechanical Engineering - Design	09/11/07

Support

Angela Capello	Administrative Assistant - Child Development Services		CDFS	09/24/07
Rhonda Fandel	Teacher/Home Visitor		CDFS	09/10/07
Sherine Gerges	Classroom Assistant		CDFS	09/10/07
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Rawand Galan-Perez	Classroom Assistant		CDFS	09/10/07
Veronica Gameros-Gonzales	Classroom Assistant		CDFS	09/10/07
Robert Hemming	Programming Analyst		Computer Services	09/24/07
Esther Horta	Teacher/Home Visitor		CDFS	09/05/07
Faye Hunter	CCR R Provider Specialist		CDFS	09/10/07
Rhiannon Martin	CCR R Specialist		CDFS	09/10/07
Lillian Linnea	Teacher/Home Visitor		CDFS	09/24/07
Diana Lyssenko	CCR R Business Consultant		CDFS	09/24/07
Erlinda Perez	Family Worker Assistant		CDFS	09/17/07
Sophia Miller	CDC Associate Teacher		CDC	09/10/07
Berenice Prado	Family Worker		CDFS	09/10/07
Lydia Schmidt	Teacher/Home Visitor		CDFS	09/05/07
Nancy Singleterry	Teacher/Home Visitor		CDFS	09/06/07
Jason Taylor	Scheduling Coordinator		Office of Instruction	09/15/07
Dorothy Terrell	Teacher/Home Visitor		CDFS	09/24/07
Rachael Thompson	Classroom Assistant		CDFS	09/10/07
Wolff Wald	Transportation and Facilities Specialist		CDFS	09/10/07

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Estela Bautista	EHS Family Support Specialist		CDFS	09/03/07
Dorothy Bray	Site Coordinator		Economic and Workforce Development	09/10/07

Ivonne Fleishman	Administrative Assistant - Enrollment and Subsidy	CDFS	09/14/07
Evelyn Hull	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/06/07

CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Laureen Arthurs	Buyer/Contract Specialist	Business Office	09/30/07
Annette Dieker	Supervisor/Site Coordinator	CDFS	09/14/07
Barbara Haberstich	Scheduling Coordinator	Office of Instruction	09/14/07
Evangelina Perez de Carabes	Classroom Assistant	CDFS	09/28/07
Merced Flores	Dean of Instruction	Adult and High School Community Learning Programs	08/31/07
Pamela Raymond	Teacher/Home Visitor	CDFS	09/06/07
Daniel Carabes Villalobos	Center Assistant/Driver	CDFS	09/28/07

A special meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 18. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled on November 14, 2007, in the MHCC boardroom.