

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2008

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The meeting began with a presentation by Dean Wendy Schissel on Distance Learning. Dean Schissel introduced Cat Vogt, Program Coordinator, Jeff Rouyer, Instructional Systems Designer, Jeff Sperley, WebCT Technician, and Stephanie Williams, Office Assistant, who are all part of the Distance Learning Team. She also introduced Michael Russell, the Faculty Liaison. Distance Learning (DL) became an entity in its own right at MHCC in 1998. MHCC has long led the way in the state in training instructors to teach online through its Faculty Academy. Since 2002, 85 full and part-time instructors have completed the Academy, which through several iterations continues to incorporate nationally-recognized best practices (“Quality Matters” out of the University of Maryland). Dean Schissel reviewed Distance Learning successes, current initiatives and future plans.

The Board considered and approved unanimously issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for a Food Services contract. The current contract for food services was signed on September 1, 2004 and expires July 31, 2009.

The Board then considered and approved unanimously a request for qualifications from Architectural, Engineering and Related Services in order to pre-qualify these firms for use on a variety of pending remodel and renovation projects as well as deferred maintenance projects. There will be no promise or contractual obligation for work. This is to establish a list of pre-qualified service providers.

The Board also considered and approved unanimously the recommendation to begin negotiations with Walsh Construction for Construction Manager / General Contractor (CM/GC) for the Early Childhood Center.

In addition, the following **business items** were approved:

- Minutes
- Financial Report

Leslie Yates, representing the Classified Association, and Brie Aliabadi, representing the Faculty Association, read statements from their groups during Public Input publicly thanking the Board for selection of Dr. Ski as President and for the new management bargaining team under Dr. Ski’s leadership. Both groups look forward to a settled contract and to working with Dr. Ski and the Board to make MHCC “the flagship community college of Oregon.”

The following **personnel considerations** were presented: October 2008

NEW EMPLOYEES:

**Support**

Susan Aldridge	Workforce Development Specialist - Project Enterprise	Steps to Success	10/01/08
Spring Bastow	Senior Graphics Specialist	Graphic Services	10/07/08
Cristin Dean	Teacher/Home Visitor	Head Start	10/20/08
Christina Jensen	Teacher/Home Visitor	Head Start	10/27/08
Tandi Johnson	Family Worker Assistant - bilingual	Head Start	10/20/08
Jolene Kawecki	Workforce Development Specialist - Career Advisor	Steps to Success	10/01/08
Valerie Keita	Workforce Development Specialist - Project Enterprise	Steps to Success	10/01/08
Danielle Kelly	Workforce Development Specialist - Project Enterprise	Steps to Success	10/01/08
Rebecca Robinson	Early Head Start Family Support Specialist	Head Start	10/27/08
Aaron Sorenson	Workforce Development Specialist - Career Advisor	Steps to Success	10/01/08
Anna Swalko	Teacher/Home Visitor	Head Start	10/27/08
Justin Teseniar	Teacher/Home Visitor	Head Start	10/22/08
Paula Wenzl	Workforce Development Specialist - Health Careers	Steps to Success	10/01/08

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Nora Flores	Family Worker Assistant	Head Start	10/16/08
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CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Kathy Bell	Program Assistant - Health	Head Start	10/10/08
Jennifer Hockaday	Testing Services Program Assistant	Testing Center	10/31/08
Nancy Jambor	Disabilities Coordinator	Head Start	10/22/08
Yihyun Jang	Early Childhood Education Consultant	Child Care Resource & Referral	10/08/08
Jennilyn Romano	Workforce Development Specialist - Upfront	Steps to Success	10/23/08

*The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. on December 10, 2008, at the IBEW Training Center, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon*