

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board Retreat – Session 794

A Board Retreat of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on January 31, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at The Bruning Center for Allied Health Education in Gresham, Oregon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1.1 Chair Duke Shepard called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Board members present: Brian Freeman; Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates.

Staff present: June Jacobs; Nancy Szofran; John J. "Ski" Sygielski; and JoAnn Zahn

Association representative present: Gary DeRoest, faculty association.

M / Dave Shields to "approve the agenda." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

2. WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

2.1 Chair Shepard reviewed the results of the board self evaluation. He noted the Board works well as a team and with the president, trust each other, and improved in the area of inter-board relations. Areas that need improvement are community outreach, community relations, being informed, and understanding the difference between good oversight and micro management.

2.2 Rod Monroe gave a legislative update. The deferred maintenance proposal will provide \$3.8m to the college for deferred maintenance projects. It passed the House and will go to the Senate for consideration later this week. The current year budget for community colleges will be cut by at least 5% with more cuts in the next biennium. He stated this is the worst crisis Oregon and the nation have ever faced. There will be a hearing the week of Feb.16 inviting the public to provide input on cuts for this year. Actual numbers will be announced on Feb. 20. The federal stimulus package could help.

2.3 JoAnn Zahn gave a financial update. Revenue for tuition and fees has increased based on summer, fall and winter due to enrollment growth, tuition increase and the change from three to four credit hours. Tuition and fees is not necessarily in line with FTE growth. In order to be at 3% at the end of this

fiscal year and 4% at the end of the next fiscal year, strategic reductions will need to be made. The president noted that the worst case scenario for the College is a reduction of \$3m in revenue from the state. Based on the higher education price index of 3.6, it is estimated that tuition would increase to \$2.40 per credit hour. Colleges on average across the state are looking at \$6-7 per credit hour. A discussion was held on the Pers reserve. The president asked JoAnn to present opportunities that might be possible down the road, i.e., permanent tax rate limit and local option levies. These were presented for information only.

- 2.4 The president reviewed the past seven months and thanked the board for the opportunity to come to MHCC. There are some great things going on and also some "treasures" that need to be corrected. He thanked the board for allowing him space to make necessary changes for the future of the institution. He then presented the draft strategic plan for the board's review and input. Nancy Szofran noted a truly strategic vision for the institution is being created with planning at the department level. Discussions have been held with both the internal and external community with three areas constantly noted: relationships, resources and refinement. This has evolved into three draft goals: Teaching and Learning; Community Engagement; and Resource Development. Nancy reviewed the goals and strategies under each goal and will make revisions as noted by the board. The president asked the board to reflect on this draft strategic plan and bring their thoughts on the goals and measures to the Feb. meeting. The Strategic Plan will then be on the agenda for approval in March.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs