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COMMENDATION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEE -
MARK MITSUI (6 YEARS)

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STRATEGIC THEME: Belonging: Transform our learning culture toward creating a sense of belonging and well-being for every student by developing and supporting a culture where all faculty and staff feel regularly acknowledged, inspired, engaged, and supported by each other and the college.

REPORT: Mark Mitsui has performed faithfully in his duties as College President for Portland Community College since August 29, 2016. He retires effective June 30, 2022.

President Mitsui has provided critical and strategic leadership for the College during a time of unprecedented changes in higher education. His commitment to the mission of community colleges led to many significant accomplishments that broke down equity barriers and provided critical access to students and communities across the College's service areas. His vision and steadfast commitment to equitable student success fundamentally changed the landscape for state policy, advocacy, and investments in workforce education and training.

From overseeing the first center opening in Oregon to specifically supporting undocumented students, to helping get benefit navigators at each public college and university and to championing the role of a community college in building a strong regional workforce, President Mitsui's leadership will have reverberations throughout the region for decades to come.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board commend him for his service to Portland Community College and wish him well in his retirement years.