

**PCC Newberg Advisory Committee - Minutes**  
**December 7, 2010**

(Present: Bob Andrews, David Beam, Kate Chester, Don Clements, Paula Radich, Scott Salsberry, Michael Sherwood, Ray Simonds, Lynn Patrick, Claudia Stewart, Melinda VanBsoset, Barb VanAmerongen, Heidi Wilcox)

Barb VanAmerongen reported that the construction of the new PCC building is on schedule. Kate stated that it may be possible to tour the new building during the June PCC Newberg Advisory Committee.

Kate reported on various community outreach activities, such as President Pulliams, Linda Gerber, and Barb VanAmerongen speaking at Newberg Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club meetings. Also, PCC registration was advertised in the Newberg High School newspaper. Kate has approached the Business Journal and its quarterly publication, Sustainable Business Oregon, about PCC Newberg with the hope we can garner publicity about its “green” attributes.

Barb updated committee members concerning PCC Newberg Center’s enrollment statistics. During Fall Term, there were 317 enrollments. Typically, PCC experiences 7-10 percent enrollment drops; however, Newberg Center only had 7 students drop in the first four weeks of classes—just 2 percent. The Newberg faculty are impressed with students here, and they are happy to be teaching here. All but two are returning for Winter Term. Three levels of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) will be offered Winter Term, whereas only two levels were taught Fall Term. Presently, there are 208 enrollments for Winter Term compared with 130 3½ weeks before Fall Term.

Barb gave large “PCC Newberg’s First Team” buttons to Newberg faculty and staff members recently, and she distributed them to Newberg Advisory Committee members.

Paula Radich asked for PCC brochures listing all classes as well as ESOL classes to distribute at a celebration day held at St. Peter’s Church where about 600 will attend. She will confirm with the pastor before having PCC provide these.

Kate thanked committee members for their participation at PCC’s groundbreaking. Ted Crawford, the new mayor of Dundee, would like to attend a PCC Newberg Advisory Committee, but has a conflicting appointment. The group agreed to move the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to 6:00 p.m. The meeting on June 7 will be at 7:00 p.m. as usual.

Barb noted that January 29 is Financial Aid Day for colleges throughout the state. PCC’s main campuses—Rock Creek, Cascade, Sylvania, and Southeast Center—will have financial aid experts available to help families fill out financial aid forms. They would not be available to come to Newberg until three weeks later, so Barb has arranged with Doug Palant (Chehalem Transit) to hire a bus to pick up students from Dundee and Newberg to take them to Sylvania for the day. Since financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, it is to our students’ advantage to apply early.

Kate will get out information to the community about this Financial Aid Day, and PCC will provide a sign-up sheet for students who want to ride the bus.

Heidi Wilcox, from PCC’s Foundation, spoke to Advisory Committee members about scholarships and the Miller Foundation’s matching fund. The deadline for this matching fund, which bases its awards on financial need, academic achievement, and content of students’ applications, is March 31, 2011.

The PCC Foundation is drafting a Scholarship Fund information sheet, which was discussed. Members pointed out that Sherwood and St. Paul would be excluded if this scholarship fund was named “Yamhill County” Scholarship Fund. Heidi noted that scholarships average \$1,800 with varying limitations on whether or not books, fees, or tuition are included. It costs an average PCC student \$4,000 per year to take 12 credit hours per term. Matching funds are only available through the Miller Foundation, which makes awards to PCC students at any campus.

There was a discussion concerning possible options for a Newberg Center scholarship. It could be specified that students from Newberg/Dundee could attend any PCC campus or that students could apply depending on where they live, etc.

Paula asked Heidi for an information sheet about scholarships for her Newberg High School advisors.

Barb said she would be discussing an idea with the Sylvania division deans regarding PCC offering career exploration classes at the Cultural Center this summer. Within three to five years, PCC will decide what career technical courses to offer at PCC Newberg.

Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Recorder – Fern Berryman