

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETING
Sylvania Campus, CC Building, Conference Rooms A & B
January 19, 2006

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Denise Frisbee, Jim Harper, Jaime Lim, Doreen Margolin, Karen McKinney, Bob Palmer, Harold Williams (not present for the Work Session)

CALL TO ORDER

WORK SESSION

Vice Chair Margolin convened the work session at 4:05 PM.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Dana Anderson, past Board Chair, thanked the Board for inviting her to give the presentation and thanked Lorna O'Guinn for assistance in assembling the information. Goals of this orientation are for the Board to build a shared understanding of the mission and vision of the College; build an understanding of the role and function of serving on the Board; review how and why the Board operates as it does; and discuss ways Board members can become effective players in the group process.

The Board's duty is to develop College policy and working with the District President ensures the College is working within policy guidelines. The current college policy manual has been refined into a clear and useful format without the unnecessary administrative details it once contained. The Board is not responsible for the operation and infrastructure of the College. That is the responsibility of the President and his Cabinet.

Discussed were policies B 101, College Mission; B 201, Board Mission; B 203, Board Code of Ethics; B 214, Board Duties and Responsibilities; and B202, Board Operations and Bylaws; ORS chapter 341, the community college statute; and Board Self-evaluation.

Ms. Anderson's thoughts on effectiveness included the suggestion to know and act according to Board policies. When she was first elected to the Board the policy manual was voluminous with difficult-to-understand language. About 10 years ago effort was made to make the policy manual easily understood and Board-related rather than related to college operation. She advised the Board to ask good questions but not to be

disappointed if answers don't always come. She also advised them to develop a rationale for an action before taking action.

Director Margolin asked if the OCCA representative from PCC should always be the Board Chair or if, because of the complexity of that position, another Board member could fill that function. Ms. Anderson replied that having been President of OCCA, if there is a person on the Board who is well suited for that position who is not the Chair, consideration should be given to appointing that person as the OCCA representative. The action should be a Board decision. She also said participation on OCCA committees is not limited to only one person from the PCC Board. Director Harper noted that PCC is seen as being connected to the process because several Board members are involved with OCCA.

Ms. Anderson said it is important for the Board to keep open and productive communication between themselves and the District President. Director Frisbee shared with the group that as a new board member she has felt very supported by President Pulliams. Director Harper said that in addition to valuable communication he appreciates President Pulliams' follow through on commitments. President Pulliams told the Board that communication with them is important and that is why he provides them with the monthly report and meets with them individually.

Ms. Anderson reminded the Board members that people perceive the Board as powerful; that not only what is said but demeanor and off-hand comments affect people who come to testify in meetings and to keep community focus in mind. To the community, members are the Board first and foremost. She also suggested they consider holding policy-focused orientations every year. With plenty of time allowed so policy can be reviewed. Director Harper noted that this would be helpful to him so his questions can be answered without taking valuable time in the business meetings. Ms. Anderson reminded board members to remember open meetings law when planning any meeting.

The work session adjourned at 6:00 PM.

BUSINESS MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors convened an executive session for Real Property Transactions, Labor Negotiations, and Litigation in accordance with ORS 192.660 (e) (h) at 6:30 PM, adjourning at 7:40 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the business meeting to order at 7:45 PM and invited all present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 8, 2005 business meeting minutes were approved as published.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as published.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Department (THRPD), Project Update

Jim McElhinny, Director of Park and Recreation Services THRPD, Steve Goldren, and Linda Degman, PCC Project Manager at Rock Creek Campus for this project, Mr. McElhinny introduced THRPD Assistant General Manager for Business and Planning, Keith Hobson and the Superintendent of Planning and Development, Steve Goldren. This partnership between PCC and THRPD was presented to the Board in 2003. THRPD has come before the Board twice since then and comes tonight with information about the progress of the project. Since last coming before the Board THRPD has participated in a detailed public participation process in finalizing the design at Rock Creek. Design drawings have been prepared and submitted to Washington County for approval and drawings are nearing completion that will be used in the bidding process. They have also coordinated with the on-site museum regarding future plans.

In January 2003 the project budget was anticipated to be \$4.5 million. Through the design, public involvement and development review process the cost of construction has risen to \$9 million. At the regular meeting on December 5, 2005 the Board of Directors at the park district approved full funding of the project. Full funding is for the project up to but not including the previously discussed recreation aquatic center. Space has been set aside for the center but at this time funding has not. The park district will come back to the PCC with a proposal for consideration before taking any major steps in planning for that facility. He thanked PCC staff for their continued involvement and participation in the process.

Mr. Goldren said the plans needed for permit submission are close to completion and it is anticipated the project will start this summer. This initial project plan has been further designed and fine-tuned by a public task force consisting of 12 members including neighbors, CPO members, at-large people, local businesses, and people from the Tualatin Hills advisory committees. The public task force worked to refine and adjust the plan using four design meetings with three public open houses held at Rock Creek Campus. As a result of those open houses some elements were added to the original design including a rest room, concession stand, maintenance facility, and a perimeter loop trail. The plan has not changed significantly from what was presented last summer. Mr. Goldren presented a slide show illustrating the roads, parking lot and parking stalls. The parking lot will be constructed of pervious pavement to, as much as possible, be sustainable. A buffer berm will be created and landscaped along Springville Road for

the benefit of the neighbors on the opposite side of the road. The plan showed tennis courts, ball fields, a maintenance building, and water treatment facility. The second view shown was the site plan which showed the parking lot with about 300 stalls and additional parking that will be shared with PCC; the central plaza area; a landscaped area; the relocated restroom and concession stand with a pavilion next to it; a playground area with playground equipment; a synthetic turf field which will be used to play multiple sports; and the areas reserved for the aquatic recreation area, a practice area, maintenance facility with service road, a four-plex baseball field, surrounded by a pedestrian concourse, circled with a perimeter loop, a 100' wide landscaped buffer, and additional pedestrian walk ways out to the sidewalk on Springville Road. The third view regarded traffic issues. Working with Washington County a traffic analysis was done. All auto traffic into the facility will enter through the PCC main entrance. An additional turn lane will be added to help move traffic in a smooth way and some sidewalks will be relocated. Director McKinney thanked THRPD for the information and cooperation with the college. She commended THRPD for their work with the public task force and commitment to design an exceptional facility. She asked how many people, other than PCC students, are anticipated to use the facility. Mr. Goldren explained those numbers have not been projected but are expected to evolve as the facility is used. The plan is to work with affiliated youth and adult groups so scheduled events at the complex do not overload parking and the facility does not become a burden to the college or the neighborhood. The facility is expected to open about a year after work begins. Chair Williams asked how much land the College is giving up. Mr. Goldren replied it will be a little over 30 acres including the berms and buffer areas. The entire facility will be on college property with the college maintaining ownership. The land will be a lease to THRPD with no transfer of ownership.

Student Newspaper, College Athletics and Skill Center

Dr. Algie Gatewood, Cascade Campus President

The Skill Center works with unemployed, under-employed, and disenfranchised people in the community. These people have no other place to go to get the help they need to get an education that will help them move their lives in a more positive direction. The Skill Center has been in the college for about 17 years and has enrolled 2,693 students. 78% of all participants have been minorities. 70% of all participants have resided in North and North East Portland. 90% of students who enroll complete the program. 40% go on to college, making this a gateway program. 50% get jobs and most go into jobs paying about 45% above what they were able to earn before entering the program. Over the last year the Skill Center has been very aggressive in seeking external funding to sustain the program. Through a partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation \$150,000 has been acquired for next year. Additionally a legislative appropriation of \$330,000 has been awarded for next year. Students come from diverse backgrounds. Many who have not had opportunity for education are now successful and are making a valuable difference to their families, friends and the community. Budget constraints have required this program be self-supporting and the program is in jeopardy of being cut if soft money can't be found to keep it running. Dr. Gatewood asked the Board to think about the kind of life the 2693 students would have had without the opportunity to go through the Skill Center. Dr. Pulliams acknowledged this is an outstanding program. He reminded the Board that in budget deliberations the decision

was made that the Skill Center would not be funded with general fund dollars due to reduced funding and increased cost of operations but if supported by grants the program can remain operational. He commended Dr. Gatewood for his proactive effort in raising money and gaining the support of Senator Carter, the state legislature, and the governor in an effort to fund the Skill Center. The College is able to somewhat subsidize the program but the majority of funds that have been raised from outside sources will be needed to continue the program for another year. Dr. Gatewood introduced and commended Dr. Randy Blakely, Program Center Director, for his contribution to the success of the Skill Center.

Dr. Pulliams reminded the Board that in the budget process it was decided that the College would carry the athletic programs this year but after this year non-general fund money will need to be generated to support PCC's only collegiate sports, men's and women's basketball. Dr. Gatewood reported that basketball brings students to the college and helps make students out of them. The program for men has been in place 21 years and the women's program 17 years. PCC is a member of the Northwestern Athletic Association Community College Conference (NWACCC). The teams have struggled over the years to have a decent team. Today the men's team ranks 12th out of 36 teams in the NWACC league. Players come from various backgrounds. The sport gives them the opportunity to be successful. Coaches for the men's and women's teams are committed to academic success for their players. Last year the women's team average grade point average (GPA) was 2.89, this year it increased to 2.99. Last year the men had a 2.49 GPA and this year 2.77. This program builds people and helps them become successful with their lives. Dr. Pulliams assures the college is working to save the programs. Annual cost of these programs is about \$100,000. To keep these programs money must be raised. He feels that athletics help provide a complete comprehensive education. Chair Williams said he supports Dr. Pulliams' decisions with a caveat. The Skill Center helps people who are really in need. He asked the President, the Board and all others to make decisions with compassion. Eliminating sports and the Skill Center closes the gateway to hope. Many people are depending on these programs. Director McKinney commended Dr. Gatewood for his effort in raising funds, awareness and support for these programs. She also commends the College for its effort to support the programs. The new facility at Cascade Campus illustrates the commitment of the College to the people Dr. Gatewood talked about. Dr Pulliams said the lack of public exposure of the programs makes finding soft money difficult. He asks the Board to be aware of the commitment to key agendas the College has made and to remember that staff and faculty positions have been reduced. Some vacant positions are not being filled. Ways to restore some of these positions are continually being sought.

Dr. Pulliams reported that Neal Naigus has been working with staff to find alternative ways to re-offer the Bridge, perhaps electronically. At this time there is no plan to bring the Bridge back. Mr. Naigus is also working with journalists but has no real solutions at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lindsey Grant – Director of Empowerment House, works primarily with low-income women on issues of empowerment. She believes any decision regarding the reincarnation of the Bridge should be made on facts and not emotion or hearsay. Ms. Grant said it is a fact that PCC is the second largest college of its kind in the nation. It is also a fact that PCC is the only college in the top 10 that does not have a means of intra-college communication on news, opinion and events. All of which document the history of the college, the community, the world, its people and its time. Without that communication important events would not have been documented or explored. She and other students credit the Bridge with being granted scholarships, provided stipends and tuition waivers that allowed them to further and sometimes complete their education. It is fact that the Bridge had a wide circulation throughout the community and advertising generated over \$25,000 annually for the paper. She believes the school newspaper must be substantial and hard copy to be useful.

Elijah Kerr, ASPCC Cascade, stated the Bridge was a place for students to voice opinions, share stories and campus life. It was also a medium for an exchange of ideas that went beyond a single classroom, a single campus and affected all of us. The Bridge allowed students to apply lessons learned in practical setting. He asks that more effort be made to make it a district paper and that the cost of running the newspaper not be funded by student activity fee.

Jim Jackson, Athletic Director at Clackamas Community College, reported the NWACC recently completed a survey in which students surveyed said they were in school to participate in athletic programs. Students come to school for many reasons; what they go away with is education in academics, discipline, team work, the hard-work ethic, leadership ability, and communication with other team members. These are what athletic programs bring to students.

Michael Dembrow, PCC Faculty at Cascade Campus, supports the Skill Center at Cascade and the work they are doing. As a Cascade faculty member he strongly supports the PCC athletic program. As he was leaving a meeting he glanced through the Cascade library toward the gym. As he did what he saw was not only students in the library but just beyond people were playing basketball and just beyond that people in the stands watching the game. He saw himself, the students in the library, the athletes playing and the community all joined together in a single perspective. He saw this as the positive effect hoped for from the athletics program. To be effective the athletics program must bring people together to create support for the program. He feels there needs to be college wide discussion and outreach for the athletic program.

Mr. Dembrow feels the college should have a student newspaper; that it is an essential experience for those involved in it and an essential organ of communication for all students. Like all other student papers he said it has had ups and downs in quality and readership. If the student newspaper is not brought back next year a whole class of students will miss the exposure to this medium. He said in the next couple of months

the budget process will begin and the decision needs to be made whether or not the school newspaper will be brought back and be as good as it should and can be.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS SESSION

Director Margolin proposed approval of Resolutions 06-034 through 06-046. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Reports:

ASPCC student representative, a budget committee meeting is scheduled for this Friday to discuss a proposal to raise student fees. Results from that meeting will be taken back to the campuses for approval. Next week a meeting of district representatives is scheduled, and student forums for the approval of the ASPCC constitution changes will be held. The changes, if adopted, will replace the Council of Presidents with three District Representatives from each campus instead of the single campus representative currently in place. Meetings with the Deans of Instruction are scheduled to discuss the new classes students have requested. Meetings will also be held with Deans and Campus Presidents to discuss district student issues. Quarterly book exchanges have been held at each campus. Over 1,000 books were taken in and sold saving students hundreds of dollars. Rock Creek has opened their student center.

Michael Dembrow, Faculty Federation President: the Faculty Federation is starting to move into their political season by beginning to organize in preparation for the primaries that are coming up; to begin working with students and the administration to put together voter registration programs for the spring; and to deal with some potentially negative ballot measures being proposed. The Faculty Federation is taking a strong stand against one in particular called the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. This measure would substantially reduce revenue to the state and to the College. The Faculty Federation is researching what the negative impact to the College would be and will be developing a public campaign to encourage people to be very critical about signature gatherers. He also reminded the Board the African film festival is coming up very soon. The film festival is supported by PCC, the Oregon Cultural Trust, and by the Academy of Motion Arts and Pictures.

Mark Schwebke, represented the Classified Federation: Speaking to the issue of athletics. At U of O he was a long distance runner. Athletics brought out his willingness to succeed. He began a school newspaper in 1975 with a Selectric typewriter and two people. The newspaper is still being published today. He stated that those two experiences molded him, gave him his start, and a reason to go to college. He went to college to run not to learn but found athletics changed his life and he learned to learn.

Board Reports:

Director McKinney said both she and Director Lim are or have been involved in newspaper business. She feels the student newspaper was a valuable part of the college that provided an opportunity for students to express their feelings and ideas. She suggested working with the Oregon Newspaper Association and various publishers to find a way to finance and reinstate the student newspaper. She also suggested forming a committee to research possible supporters.

Chair Williams supports President Pulliams and asks those who want to keep the programs alive to knock on doors, talk to the people, ask for support, pull together and be willing to move out of their comfort zone to make change happen.

District President Report:

President Pulliams reminded the Board that Mr. Kevin Mannix, possible gubernatorial candidate, will be at the College January 23. The next board meeting will be a work session on January 26, 4 PM at Sylvania Campus. Board member delegates will attend the ACCT Legislative Summit in February.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next business meeting of the Portland Community College Board of Directors will be held on February 16, 2006 at 7:30 PM in Event Center at the Rock Creek Campus.

Chair Williams

President Pulliams

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