

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
12000 S.W. 49th Avenue - Portland, OR 97219

**MINUTES**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS SESSION  
Sylvania Campus, Board Rooms A/B  
March 15, 2012

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present:

Jim Harper, Deanna Palm, Bob Palmer, David Squire, Harold Williams

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors convened an executive session for Real Property Transactions in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (e) at 6:45 PM, adjourning at 7:20 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harper called the business meeting to order at 7:30 PM and invited all present to introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

**NON AGENDA ITEM**

Chair Harper said Dr. Pulliams would like to make an announcement not on the meeting agenda.

Dr. Pulliams announced his intention to retire but agreed to continue serving the College until a new District President is selected. He thanked the Board for their support and encouragement throughout his tenure at PCC. He said he would work with the Board to develop a transition plan that would be a Board driven process that would include selecting a national search firm and consultant to help develop the process to assure it provides everyone an opportunity to participate in forums, discussions, and the search committee. He said his eight years at PCC had been wonderfully rewarding but he feels it is time to begin the next phase of his life that would include spending more time with his family and exploring new things.

Chair Harper thanked Dr. Pulliams for his leadership and willingness to continue serving the College until a new District President is selected. He assured the

audience the Board would keep people informed as the process moves forward. Chair Harper commented that as a board member it had been a pleasure to work with such a wonderful person who gives PCC the credibility and status the College enjoys.

### **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

#### **Review of 2012 Legislative Session and Look Ahead to the 2013 Legislative Session**

Kristin Watkins, Associate Vice President, College Advancement

Ms. Watkins reported at end of the 2012 Legislative Session college funding had not been cut any further but the session ended without having any of the 3.5% funding holdback returned. She reported the legislature set aside about \$10 million to be used should revenue projections decline for community colleges and they need additional resources to remain operational. She said the capital construction bill passed for all 17 community college projects adding that PCC would receive about \$1 million for the renovation of the trades facility with the caveat that in early 2013 the Policy Advisory Council Commission must reaffirm that the state has the debt capacity to issue lottery bonds to cover the capital costs. She said in regard to the governor's education reform of most importance to PCC is the one that creates the chief education officer because that position authorizes the state to enter into achievement compacts with all K-12 districts, community colleges, universities and OHSU. She added the OEIB approved the template for the K-12 achievement compacts and is expected to move forward with the other achievement compact templates including the one for community colleges in late March. The College should receive the final template in early April and will have the task of completing the setting of goals and objectives specific to PCC and having that in place with the state on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She added that passage of HB 4016 added community college and university employees to the list of mandatory child abuse reporters.

Ms. Watkins said looking ahead to 2013 some key issues will be the impact to the way the biennial budget process takes place for the state and for community colleges with governor's anticipated new budgeting model and the further implementation of education reform particularly as regards governance issues. She said sorting out of currently overlapping responsibilities of state commissions and boards in regard to K-12, community colleges and universities will also be at issue.

Ms. Watkins concluded her report with the announcement Rob Wagner has been hired as PCC's new government relations manager.

Dr. Pulliams thanked Ms. Watkins, campus presidents, faculty leaders, federations, students, and staff for their advocacy efforts through the 2012 Legislative Session.

### Access Goal

Dr. Christine Chairsell, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Laura Massey, Director, Institutional Effectiveness; and Katrina Cloud, Apprenticeship and Training Program Specialist

Ms. Massey reported that almost every aspect of the College has the potential to influence student access including facility locations, virtual classroom technology, cost of tuition, distance learning options, placement testing, and countless other areas that make PCC accessible to all students. She said the dual credit community partnerships with over 50 high schools allowed more than 4,000 high school students to complete college credit in their high schools last year. She said more than 1/3 of PCC credit students take distance learning classes. Ms. Massey reported the College currently finds itself in uncharted territory with the unprecedented number of students applying for and receiving financial aid in the form of grants and loans

Dr. Chairsell reported PCC is in the second year of the Title III FLAIR grant that provides funding to reduce institutional barriers to access and help students learn how to manage their finances related going to school. She said the online financial aid forms process, created in partnership with Technology Solution Services (TSS), has resulted in a time saving, more secure method for the submission of financial aid forms for students.

Ms. Cloud reported that the apprenticeship portion of the learn and earn program works with almost 340 businesses, industries, and government entities. She said the apprenticeship portion of the program currently serves about 200 students and the entire Apprenticeship and Training Program serves 600-700 students each quarter with enrollment increasing each quarter. She reported that many of the students are hired into the organizations they apprentice with. Ms. Cloud reported PCC has developed a new statewide apprenticeship degree that is overseen by a statewide consortium and phase 2 of that effort will include a career readiness certificate and road mapping of apprenticeships and trades across Oregon. She added that the Apprenticeship and Training Program oversees apprenticeship opportunities for Columbia Gorge Community College and Tillamook Bay Community.

### President's Educational Advisory Council (EAC)

Dr. Christine Chairsell, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Porter Raper, Chair, EAC; Peter Haberman, Chair, Academic and Standards Practices Committee; Luis Rodriguez-Garcia, Chair, Student Development Committee; Sylvia Gray, Chair, Membership Committee, and Suzanne Christopher, Chair, Degrees and Certificate Committee;

Mr. Raper reported the shared governance structure at PCC has included the Educational Advisory for decades. He said Dr. Pulliams had been especially effective in his efforts of listening to the many voices throughout the district and one of the ways he stays in touch with what is needed is through the nearly 50 member Educational Advisory Council. He reviewed the EAC structure and functions and provided examples of EAC efforts that have benefitted PCC

students including institution of mandatory prerequisites for General Education courses and changing from three-credit General Education Courses to four credits. He added the EAC works with and supports other program development such as the Honors Program.

Mr. Raper reported there are several EAC standing committees and asked the chair of each committee to describe the roles their standing committees serve. Peter Haberman, Chair, Academic and Standards Practices Committee said his committee's primary responsibility is to maintain the Academic Standards and Practices Handbook for instructors. Luis Rodriguez-Garcia, Chair of the Student Development Committee said his committee addresses issues relating to students' academic lives that foster their growth and success. Sylvia Gray, Membership Chair, reported her committee recruits the EAC voting members. Suzanne Christopher, Chair of the Degrees and Certificate Committee said her committee works with external organizations such as accreditation to ensure state guidelines for courses for degrees and certificates are applied appropriately to PCC courses. Dr. Christopher spoke for Jim Parks Chair of the Curriculum Committee that is an all-faculty committee that evaluates and recommends all PCC credit courses designed, revised or new to assure they offer the appropriate level of outcomes and the assessment process all make sense.

Mr. Raper said in addition to the standing committees EAC has taskforces that investigate and discuss current issues and then make recommendations to the EAC for further consideration.

He concluded his report by saying in his 19 years at PCC working with several District Presidents he has enjoyed working with Dr. Pulliams because of his high level of collaboration and appreciation for faculty and student voice.

Director Squire asked what the significant issues EAC expects to be dealing with going forward. Mr. Raper responded distance learning recommendations to address particular issues that have been identified by faculty, administrators and students; moving the Honors Program from pilot to adopted and other issues as they come up

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Director Williams asked as Resolution 12 – 087 and future 2008 Bond projects are implemented that careful attention to assure that minority contractors are

included in some of the high paying construction jobs as was done for the Newberg Center.

Director Palm proposed approval of Resolutions 12-087 through 12-089. The motion passed unanimously.

*Other Reports:*

Michael Morrow, Faculty Federation President said Dr. Pulliams is the fourth president he worked with and has found him to be honest and straightforward, to really understand PCC's culture, and to have a truly open door policy that encourages everyone's communication. He said he hopes someone can be found to replace Dr. Pulliams who continues that approach.

Mr. Morrow said delegates to the AFT convention next month in Sunriver include himself, Frank Goulard, Caralee Angell, David Rives, Ed Degrau, Mandy Ellertson, Minoo Marashi, Christine Manning, Jaime Rodriguez, Peter Seaman and the alternates are Bethy Annsa, Kamir Daraee, Sarah Nelson-Treadway, and Barry Edwards. He reported that one student each from Rock Creek Campus, Cascade Campus and Sylvania Campus will join PCC's AFT delegation to the Higher Education Conference in Chicago at the end of March to develop a community engagement plan to implement at the College.

Mr. Morrow said the Faculty and AP Federation is delighted that Ron Wagner was chosen to be PCC's Governmental Relations Manager.

He noted the national AFT organization is using software that makes available to the local organization member information arranged to allow quicker, targeted communication with select groups of AFT members to more effectively respond to or communicate any type of information.

Mr. Morrow said the Federation continues to be involved along with EAC and the Oregon Education Association (OEA) in work on the OEIB and Achievement Compact. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Rule for the Federation being included in guiding the OEIB and Achievement Compact.

He announced Shirley Geiger, part-time Philosophy instructor at Sylvania, has joined the AFT executive council as the Federation's point person for assessment.

Deborah Hall, Classified Federation President, expressed sadness with Dr. Pulliam's retirement announcement because he has been a shining example for everyone at PCC. She said Dr. Pulliams efforts made her proud to be a part of the College in part because when he came to PCC he learned Oregon and PCC and represented the College well everywhere he went.

She thanked Ms. Watkins for hiring Rob Wagner and said she has known him for some time and he is a very dedicated individual who knows the legislative game very well.

Ms. Hall thanked Dr. Pulliams for creating the President's Entrepreneurial Advisement Council (PEAK) that rewards the PCC community for submitting cost saving ideas for the College. She noted winners were announced earlier in the day and two of the three groups whose ideas were selected for implementation were Classified staff

Ms. Hall concluded her report by announcing Phil Gilmore has decided to step down as Classified Federation President and she will serve as president the remainder of his term.

ASPCC Student Representative, Liliana Luna Olalde, Chair, District Student Council thanked President Pulliams on behalf of the students for his service to the college, and for the support he has given student leaders.

Ms. Olande reported over the past month student leaders have been promoting the changes that will begin Summer term 2012 as a result of the Title III/FLAIR grant; providing students survival kits containing essential items they might need during final exams; Rock Creek students will end the term with a party. She said during Spring break about 15 student leaders would go to Washington DC to advocate for student needs. She said that Spring term events would include the traditional \$1 barbeque; Earth Week celebrations, Semana de la Rasa (Week of the People), club fair, and the district club convention.

#### *Board Reports:*

Director Williams said Dr. Pulliams has done a phenomenal job for the College and that he holds him in highest regard. He added that Oregon sees few African American heroes but he has found Dr. Pulliams to be someone everyone can look up to. Director Williams expressed pride in having been part of the Board of Directors that brought him to PCC.

Director Palm said Dr. Pulliams' leadership has truly been an inspiration to her.

Chair Harper said the Board of Directors recognizes the importance of the job that Dr. Pulliams does in working with everyone to maintain PCC's unique culture. He added that in his nearly 30 years at the College Dr. Pulliams is the best the College has ever had and that it's going to be a daunting task replace him but by working together it can be done.

#### *District President Report:*

Dr. Pulliams expressed his appreciation to everyone and said his time at PCC had been a great journey that was made possible by the commitment of PCC faculty, staff and Board members. He thanked the board for their support in the last legislative session where the College could've lost a lot but the difference

was made by Board members and others who wrote letters, made calls, and made visits to legislators.

He thanked Chair Harper for his continued involvement and support with Gateway to College, a national student retention program that started at PCC and is now in 28 sites across the country that serves over 5,000 students.

He complimented Dr. Rule on his leadership in working with state education reform and asked him to provide a brief update to the Board on the latest achievement compact information.

Before giving his report Dr. Rule thanked Dr. Pulliams for hiring him over a decade ago in New York and for being his mentor and friend ever since.

Dr. Rule said the process of developing achievement compacts started last October with the Oregon Community College Association in conjunction with the Oregon Presidents Council, bringing together a small group of presidents and institutional researchers that included he and Laura Massey. He described the draft documents he had provided to Board members titled "Draft Community College Achievement Compact Measures" from OCCA and "Community College Achievement Compact Template" from OEA.

He described the processes and principles used in the document's creation that would assure Achievement Compacts have the leeway needed to comply to with them in a manner that relevant to and best suits each Oregon community college. He said the final draft of the achievement compact is to be delivered to the OEIB at their March 27 meeting in Salem where it is to be voted on. He added that work will continue and will be reported to the Board in April.

Dr. Pulliams asked Dr. Linda Gerber, Sylvania Campus President, for a brief report on the renewed National Science Foundation grant. Dr. Gerber reported the College has been awarded \$599,384 to provide 64 Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S-STEM) that focus on Portland Metro Area populations that are underrepresented in those fields.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next business meeting of the Portland Community College Board of Directors will be held on April 19, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building auditorium at the Cascade Campus.

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Jim Harper, Board Chair

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Dr. Preston Pulliams, District President

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