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GATEWAY
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RESCIND REQUIREMENT FOR PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE REPRESENTATION ON THE
GATEWAY TO COLLEGE NATIONAL NETWORK
(GTCNN) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PREPARED BY: Randy McEwen, District Vice President

APPROVED BY: Dr. Preston Pulliams, District President

REPORT: This Resolution is prepared at the request of
Chair Harper.

PCC developed and operated the Gateway to College program for seven years beginning in 2000. On October 18, 2007, by Resolution 08-025, the Portland Community College (PCC) Board approved the creation of the Gateway to College National Network (GTCNN) as a separate Oregon non-profit corporation. The PCC Board wished to continue to have a role in the governance of the Gateway program in its early stages, and stated a requirement that "PCC will have the right to appoint one-third of the board of directors of the National Network". As approved by the PCC Board, PCC representatives are currently Jim Harper, Nan Poppe, and Jill Kirk.

As noted in Attachment A, GTCNN is requesting the one-third membership requirement be eliminated, in order to expand their board to increase its fundraising work with other organizations. Since the PCC Board established the requirement initially for PCC's representation on the GTCNN board, the PCC Board as a whole must act to eliminate that requirement. This, in turn, will allow the GTCNN board and its PCC members to change the GTCNN bylaws accordingly. It is the staff view that the Gateway to College National Network has achieved a record of success and that a PCC governance role is no longer needed. Such a decision will have no impact on current contracts that exist between PCC and GTCNN.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board rescind the earlier requirement established in Resolution 08-025 for PCC membership on the GTCNN board of directors.

ATTACHMENT A



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May 30, 2012

Mr. Jim Harper
Chair, Portland Community College Board of Trustees
Portland Community College
12000 Southwest 49th Avenue
Portland, OR 97219

Dear Mr. Harper:

Gateway to College National Network (GtCNN) and our Board of Directors respectfully request that the Portland Community College (PCC) Board of Trustees rescind the requirement established in 2008 that PCC appoint one-third of the directors of the GtCNN national board. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurel Dukehart".

Laurel Dukehart
President

cc: Ms. Martha Lamkin, GtCNN Board Chair