

CCC restructures college to maximize spending



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President Joanne Truesdell (right) speaks with Julie Feltz (left) and Jan Godfrey (center) in the Community Forum on Jan. 30, 2009.

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Back to the year 2000: Clackamas Community College faces an administrative restructure and reorganization to serve the needs of its students. Since then, the college has had two recessions and enrollment has grown by 10,000 students. It also added a renewable energy program, according to a memo from CCC President Joanne Truesdell. Now come back to today, 2010; we're due for another

college administration that may directly deal with on a campus is divided into three sectors: advancement, college service, instruction and student service. Advancement is Clackamas's primary area that supports the college's mission and houses offices such as financial affairs. College services include internal activities such as information and technology services, human resources and college advancement. Finally, instruction and student services is primarily the domain of the faculty and the departments students are involved with.

The restructure was necessary because of the complexity of how education is changing so rapidly in the 21st century, technology deeply embedded processes. "It's difficult to move a college forward with models that were developed 20 years ago," said Bill Briare, vice president for arts, humanities, and social

In an interview with Truesdell and Paulson, they clarified the goal of this restructure is to save money through budget cuts rather than "the focus of the restructure at this time is to maximize our ability to raise money and seek better funds." Truesdell said it is "not meant as a saving tool in this budget." College services will continue to remain their current structure and day-to-day responsibilities but will focus next year on implementing the second round of state budget cuts, according to a memo from Courtney Truesdell, Vice President of College Advancement. Also mentioned in the memo is the need to recruit new staff for the entire institution since the director of HR is retiring, and the director of IT and Laura Zentner, Director of Business Services have accepted positions elsewhere in Oregon.

Truesdell included in an e-mail to all staff from Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, the most "notable

feature of the new structure" is the reduction of eight divisions to five. There will be two broad-based divisions and three instructional divisions: Regional Educational Services, Curriculum, Planning and Research, the Arts and Sciences Division, the Academic Foundations and Connections Division and the Technology, Health Occupations and Workforce Division.

Taking over as dean of the new Curriculum, Planning and Research division, Steffen Moller, current dean of math, business and sciences, plans to continue the responsibility of reporting to the state agencies in regards of approvals of curriculum.

"I will be working with the connections we have with high schools to work with ... advance college credit," Moller said. "How do we make the connection with high schools for those that want an early start here for instance, and ... connections between us and four-year institutions?"

To make these changes happen and to find additional funding for the college to be more flexible, Advancement has put together a draft for a Grants Development Office that will be tasked with constantly finding opportunities for additional funding from community, state, or even federal sources. The staff selected will also provide assistance in drafting the project proposals for these grants. No faculty have been nominated for potential staff yet, as the proposal must be heard in front of the CCC budget committee in May and then again in front of the CCC board in June.

So why now are we reorganizing Clackamas? It is the best time of year since the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is ending on June 30. According to Truesdell it also seems to be because of possible reduction in public funding from the state. It is forecasted that we may be facing the lowest amount of state funding in ten years. So far, no reduction enforcement notices, or layoffs, have been issued.

"I wouldn't do a restructure simply because of budget, and I would never do a restructure simply because I woke up one morning and decided that would be a good thing to do," said Truesdell.

Both she and Paulson are positive that this restructure will be able to provide the same level of service the college has to offer and focus on the areas that their staff and student feedback have brought attention to.

To visit the memos and staff emails listed visit www.clackamas.cc.or.us/fyi/ and proceed to budget information.

Walk for charity

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is putting on another walk to raise funds for the organization; it is the only fundraiser they put on during the year

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Are you finding yourself having some free time on the weekends and feel the need to get out and do something? Or even feeling the need to go for a nice long stroll to clear your head? If so, there is a fundraiser walk for you to consider participating in.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness will be doing another benefit walk on Sunday, May 23. This year Clackamas Community College's club, NAMI on Campus, has a team for the walk.

NAMI seeks to help anyone who has a mental disorder whether it is severe or not. Many do not seek

help to cope with their mental illness and instead choose to try and cope with it themselves when there is a huge support structure out there to help them. The support even goes as far as providing housing support for those with mental illness who cannot house themselves.

The walk itself is a 5K walk (3.1 miles) at the Eastbank Esplanade in Portland starting at 1 p.m. Michelle Veenker, a Clackamas County board member for NAMI, said that last year Clackamas County raised \$9,000 towards NAMI and previous years up to \$30,000. The walk also had 1,800 participants here in Portland last year. The NAMI on Campus team currently has four participants that have signed up to walk.

Karen Edwards, a student at CCC, did the walk last year and said it was fun and everyone was enjoying the atmosphere of doing a fundraiser during a beautiful day. But sunny or not the walk will take place.

The walk is very important for NAMI because it is the main and usually only fundraiser for the organization during the year. The walk also helps raise aware-

ness for severe mental illness which has rates as high as one in 16 Americans and affects one in four families.

"The goals of the NAMI Walks program are: to fight the stigma that surrounds mental illness, to build awareness of the fact that the mental health system in this country needs to be improved, and to raise funds for NAMI so that they can continue their mission," said Kathy Fredrickson, president of the club NAMI on Campus, in a letter to everyone at Clackamas.

Fredrickson encourages everyone to come, with or without money.

"You bring in as much money as you can," said Fredrickson.

To register for the walk, you can show up to the NAMI on Campus club meeting on May 7 at the Fireside Lounge at noon or pick up one of the pamphlets in the community center and follow the instructions listed on there.

For more information about NAMI you can call the Clackamas County NAMI office at 503-723-4989 or for information about NAMI on Campus you can contact Kathy Fredrickson at 503-708-3088.

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