

Staff plays musical chairs with jobs

By Patty Salazar
News Editor

While new students are still adjusting to life on campus, returning students may have noticed some fresh faces not only among the students but also among the administrative assistants.

For those who are returning to the computer science program, you might be wondering where Tamera Davis might be. Over the summer Davis was transferred from her position as the computer science secretary, to her new position as a system support specialist. Davis moved from the Streeter building to Roger Rook. Her new job was created when there was a need to reorganize how departments were set up.

Now Davis is a "bridge" between faculty and the Information Technology (IT) department. She's had training to understand all of the software that faculty on campus use on a daily basis. With new software coming out all of the time, Davis stays on her toes to make sure that she understands the basics. When a faculty member is in need of help with a computer problem, Davis is called to try to help before IT is called. Since IT is so busy all of the time, she is there for faculty to use when they run into problems.

"It has been a change, it's frustrating and it's going to be frustrating these first couple of weeks for faculty as they are coming back and for students a little bit. I'm hoping that that is a minimum. We are here to serve the students," said Davis.

"Trying to remind management and

classified [employees] that you are not going to be at this level in the first three months just is not going to happen. So in that we all have that frustration," she said.

She explained that although they are still on campus as employees, it's hard to fill the shoes of somebody that has been at a certain position for years.

Elizabeth Lundy, vice president of instructional services, Joanne Truesdell, Clackamas Community College president and Courtney Wilton, vice president of college services are some of the people that had to decide who to put where. According to Lundy it was estimated that their decisions resulted in nearly 100 employees having to relocate to other buildings over the summer. Lundy explained that the moves were a "result of budget reduction."

Some of the big moves on campus were in the business department. Employees had to move from the McLoughlin building to Streeter, where the computer lab is now also the business computer lab. The foreign language department also moved from the Barlow building to McLoughlin to be closer to their administrative assistance.

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System support specialist



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One of the classified employees that was moved is Jennifer Schwartzman. Schwartzman was transferred from her administrative assistance position in the theater and journalism department located in the Niemeyer Center to a facilities reservation position in Gregory Forum.

Although Schwartzman admits that she misses her theater students, she sees her new job on campus as a new opportunity to get out there with the community. She is very glad that everybody has been very supportive and everybody making her comfortable at her new job.

"I love that they care. The deans are very busy and for the dean of campus services to stop by at least once of week and Bill Briare and Steffen Moller all those guys checking in and just making sure that I'm okay is greatly appreciated," Schwartzman said.

College hires new faculty, awards welding contract

By Brian Baldwin
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The first Clackamas Community College Board of Education meeting of the fall term on Oct. 12 has brought about many decisions that the college hopes will benefit their programs in the long run. This includes the hiring of three new instructors, one part-time and two others as full-time. Also the board gave permission for the welding department to purchase their materials from a local Oregon City supplier.

The board officially approved the hire of Thomas Landeen as an annually contracted part-time instructor for the automotive department's regional high school program. Landeen taught at CCC last spring and has been Automotive Service Excellence certified for more than 25 years, with a Certificate in Automotive Technology from Phoenix Institute of Technology in 1978.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be here. It's something that I've wanted to do for a long time," said Landeen.

Board member Judith Ervin questioned Scott Giltz, dean of technology, health occupation and workforce, who presented the hire proposal, what it meant by "annually contracted part-time faculty" on the proposal page for Landeen. Giltz explained what it meant and that the college has done this kind of hiring in the past.

"It's a position that actually exists within the part-time bargaining unit. It's a position whereby a part-time faculty member is on an annually contracted status. They are paid from the full-time salary schedule, they're evaluated as full-time faculty members, they also have the same benefits as full-time faculty members but they don't accrue seniority," said Giltz.

Giltz also went on to say that after three years the college has to decide whether to convert the person to a full-time faculty member. Landeen's predecessor, who retired, was hired in the same fashion.

James Nurmi, who has a doctorate in environmental engineering from the Oregon Graduate of Institute of Science and Technology (OGI), was hired as a full-time faculty member for the Water and Environmental Technology program. Nurmi is also a senior researcher at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) for their environmental and biomolecular systems division. He had worked at OGI, as a research assistant before it was merged into OHSU.

Nurmi discovered his passion for teaching when he would receive interns for the summer at OHSU. He enjoyed it so much and when his wife helped him realize it he finally leapt at the opportunity.

Like Ladeen, Nurmi worked as a part-time instructor for CCC last spring.

Merrill Watts was also hired by the board as a full-time faculty member in the Small Business Development Center. All three new staff members will have a starting annual salary of roughly \$53,986 based on the full-time salary schedule.

Wesley Locke, department chair of manufacturing, approached the board to request permission for the welding program to have an exclusive contract with Maverick Welding Supplies, Inc. for purchasing their materials such as bottled gases, consumables like wire and hard goods such as helmets. Welding previously had a contract with the company Airgas, who is cheaper than Maverick but they put their emphasis on the quality of customer service. As a result they decided to switch because of billing issues in the past.

"We found that we were spending a lot of extra money on correcting billing situations. Because of their software or their system they ended up charging us a lot of extra money. It's kind of a nightmare to keep up with," said Locke. "Airgas was actually less money on paper but the service was nothing like we really would like to have seen."

The board approved the contract but it was clarified that this was just permission to buy from Maverick. No amount was mentioned in the proposal, as the welding department doesn't know how much it will spend. Locke estimated that it would approximately cost \$110,000 for them to purchase the supplies they would use for the year.

"It depends on how many classes and how the year goes. It's hard to tell how many of a certain welding tip you'll go through and we don't know exactly how much of each item we're going to buy," said Locke.

Welding also has a course fee attached to it and the college hopes that some of the costs will be absorbed by that fee.

"The amount that we spend is directly related to how many students we have and so a small portion of that estimate is coming out of the general fund, mostly fees," said Locke.

The rest of the board meeting went on as scheduled with no comments from citizens.

CORRECTION

Due to an oversight we misspelled Pete Kandratieff's name in the Oct. 12, 2011 Issue 1 article "Staff spouse stifled."

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