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Grant funds work readiness training

The Rogue Community College Board of Education, at its March 15 meeting, accepted an Oregon Incentive Grant of $58,180 from the state Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

The funds will help RCC strengthen development and coordination of career and professional technical pathways from high school to college to workplace by providing work readiness training to RCC students through a new service.

RCC is contracting with The Job Council to provide the service, called Steps to Job Preparation, at the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass and the Riverside Campus in Medford.

“We will be helping people interested in transitioning to the workforce,” said Veronica Hearn, one of two employment counselors who will present workshops and individualized trainings on such topics as resume writing, interview skills, and job market research.

In other business the board:

• Accepted a $10,000 grant from Washington Mutual to help fund the fourth annual Educacion: Un Mundo de Oportunades (Education: A World of Opportunities) conferences for Hispanic high school students and parents.

• Approved, in a second reading, a resolution revising the board’s policy covering purchasing authority, responsibility for breakage or damage costs, and disposal of college surplus materials. Clarification of college policy was required to be in accordance with recent changes in Oregon law.

• Approved in a second reading a resolution amending college rules of procurement to reflect updated policies from the state Attorney General regarding public contracts and purchasing statutes.

• Approved contract renewals for 99 full-time faculty members and 47 managers for the 2005-06 fiscal year. One full-time instructor, Patti Kramer, coordinator of RCC’s 2+2 Early College Credit program for high school students, is retiring in June.