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RCC President Peter Angstadt to Retire

GRANTS PASS/MEDFORD/WHITE CITY, Ore.—Rogue Community College President Peter Angstadt, Ph.D., will retire on June 30, 2016, after serving the College for 12 years.

"Peter has been a visionary leader for this College," said Pat Ashley, chair of the RCC Board of Education. "We are sad that he will be leaving us, but very thankful for his many positive contributions."

Dr. Angstadt joined RCC in 2004 and immediately set to work positioning the College into a regional resource for higher education along with career and technical education, resulting in a successful bond campaign in Jackson County to secure financing for developing facilities on Riverside Campus in Medford and Table Rock Campus in White City.

Dr. Angstadt worked with faculty and staff to develop many curriculum additions, including industrial mechanics—a short-track training program to fill the demand for mechanics in manufacturing in the region—as well as expansion of health sciences in partnership with local health care organizations and Oregon Tech, and the recent addition of an athletics program.

Today, the school serves over 17,000 students a year on four campuses in Josephine and Jackson counties, with transfer students to four-year institutions on average earning the highest GPAs of any other community college students in the state.

He also was part of a team working in partnership with Southern Oregon University and the Medford Chamber of Commerce, resulting in the Higher Education Center in downtown Medford (2008); a modern, three-story facility for RCC and SOU students to access college courses at one location. It is the first shared building between a community college and a university in Oregon.

"That is a great example of how Peter builds relationships with businesses, organizations, and government to serve the best interests of the community," Ashley said. "He has done this on behalf of RCC at the local and state level."

Dr. Angstadt credited the many positive changes at RCC to a team effort. "I am thankful for the support of the Board and the great leadership team, faculty, and staff I have worked with at RCC," he said. "It has been my good fortune that so many regional leaders and partners have been willing to work with us in making RCC the best possible community college for students of every age."

A national search for Dr. Angstadt's replacement will begin soon, Ashley said, and Dr. Angstadt will be available to assist in the transition of leadership.

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