Emeritus standing given to instructors

Retiring faculty members Belva-Carole (B.C.) Lamb and Sylvia Thomas have been appointed to faculty emeritus status by the Rogue Community College Board of Education.

The honorary recognition goes to college employees who have provided 15 or more years of continuous full-time meritorious service to RCC and have been recommended by their dean and the college president. Lamb has taught business technology for 22 years. Thomas, a counselor, has served on the faculty 23 years.

The board approved emeritus status for the pair at its Nov. 21 meeting. The board also accepted the retirement of James Dunn, full-time Social Science Department coordinator and instructor. Dunn, who will retire June 16, started working at RCC in January 1976 as a part-time history and political science instructor. He has been a full-time instructor since 1997.

In other business, the board amended a policy addressing consideration of items, which are not on the agenda, during a meeting. The new language says the board “will generally not consider” any request to add an agenda item unless submitted to the president in writing at least 72 hours before the meeting, but adds a clause that allows board members or the college president to add an item for consideration.

The board also approved a resolution supporting a fundraising event set for Feb. 10, 2007, which will be co-sponsored by the RCC-American Association of Women in Community Colleges and by Family Friends. The second annual event, to be held on the Redwood Campus, will be a Texas Hold’em-style tournament with proceeds benefiting Family Friends and RCC Foundation scholarships. A silent auction also is planned.

In further action the board approved the following grants:

- A $5,000 grant from Oregon Gear Up, which funds college awareness programs that target middle and high school students;
- A $20,355 continuation grant (previously approved by the board and carried over from the previous fiscal year) for Adult Basic Education-Even Start;
- An $11,500 continuation grant for the Women in Trades Fair;
- An $18,000 grant from the Regional Vocational Planning Alliance Perkins Fund to support high school and community college connections.

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