

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting June 17, 2002

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and comments:

- There will be no student presentation this evening.
- Both congratulations and condolences are in order for successful board candidate Phillip Abraham and unsuccessful incumbent Jeanne Towar on their new assignments. Mr. Thompson presented a plaque of appreciation to Chair Towar for her six years of distinguished service on the board of trustees, and for 18 years with the OCC Foundation.
- The 2002-03 General Fund Budget is to be approved this evening, as required by statute.
- A tentative five-year labor agreement has been reached with the maintenance union.
- The board will be asked to lodge a resolution confirming the police powers of the college's public safety officers, primarily for insurance purposes.
- The next stage of Colleague implementation is set for installation.
- OCC's M-TEC received a flawless audit by the State of Michigan.
- The board is urged to consider employment of a consultant to aid in the chancellor search at its upcoming June 24 study session.
- Under "Personnel Recommendations" the board will vote on the appointment of Dr. George Keith as vice chancellor of academic and student affairs. It is important to have an "insider" in this key position, the chancellor noted, particularly in view of the North Central Focus Group visit scheduled for March.

Dr. Keith's appointment has been endorsed by the deans and other employee groups.

- Two Takata employees were the winners in the CREST truck raffle. They will re-raffle the vehicle to benefit a juvenile facility in Texas.
- Congressmen Dale Kildee and Joe Knollenberg have each visited the CREST site. Mr. Thompson will follow up with a visit to Washington, DC this week.
- Under "New Business", the board's "CREST Bond Issue" and "Caponigro" committees will report this evening.
- The board will elect a representative and alternate to the MCCA Board of Directors for 2002-2003.
- One new employee will be introduced tonight.
- Members of the library staff will make a presentation on the Library Website.

President George Keith introduced new employee Renee Fox.

College Resources

A recommendation for winter 2003 sabbatical leave was approved for physics faculty member Peter Anderson (HL).

The faculty appointments of Mark Holowchak, humanities (RO/SF); Maria Morris, English (OR); Brian Moss, sociology (HL); and Michael Vollbach, history/geography (RO/SF) were approved, as was the administrative (exempt) appointment of George Keith, vice chancellor of academic and student services

(DO), the administrative (non-exempt) appointment of Carla Mathews, dean of enrollment services (DO) and the administrative (temporary) appointment of Stephen Linden, director of student services (RO/SF). The classified appointments of Margaret Davis, financial aid secretary (OR) and Suzann Rice, business office specialist (RO) were also approved.

Extensions of the executive employment agreements for Clarence Brantley, George Keith, Edward Callaghan, Martha Smydra, Norman Stephens, Jr., and Andrew Hillberry were approved through June 30, 2005.

The 2002-2003 General Fund Budget, minus provisions for a 2.8 percent tuition increase, was adopted. The Budget totals \$126,834,000.

Authority was granted to the George W. Auch Company to enter into a construction contract for ventilation and electrical modifications to Building E, Auburn Hills Campus, in the amount of \$243,100. The monthly progress report on millage-funded renovation projects was presented.

Following a report covering the distribution of CareerFocus magazine by Dr. David Adams, executive director of marketing, the board authorized a contract with Grand River Printing of Southfield in the amount of \$200,000 to produce and distribute three issues of the magazine totaling 600,000 copies through June 30, 2003.

The board awarded a contract to print 90,000 fall college schedules to the low bidder, Central Printing of Gaylord, in the amount of \$35,751.

The board authorized an agreement with Waldron Properties to lease the Pontiac Center at a rate of \$7.50 per square foot pending completion of renovations, and \$12.00 per square foot thereafter, through January 31, 2013.

The board approved purchase of services from Datatel, Inc. to complete the basic Colleague support system by December 31, 2002 in the amount of \$353,000.

The following Workforce Development contracts with third party providers were approved via consent agenda procedure: Infinite Learning, an additional \$13,000 for leadership training to Denso employees (modification to current contract); University of Kentucky, for training and materials for Williams International employees for \$43,200.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate President Gerald Faye noted that the senate has held its last meeting of the year. Mr. Faye praised departing Vice Chancellor Carol Brown for "her intelligence and energy in moving the school forward in what is, perhaps, the college's most difficult job."

OR librarians Ron Healy and Ann Walaskay provided a PowerPoint demonstration of the newly-updated OCC library website.

Old Business

Trustees Davis and Wangler reported on their meeting with Caponigro Public Relations to gauge the firm's effectiveness in raising funds for the CREST project. The committee recommended retaining the services of Caponigro on a month-to-month basis. Monthly reports are to be provided to the board.

After investigating the feasibility of issuing bonds to cover remaining expenses of the CREST project, Trustees Simmons and Wisner recommended financing the project with current funds. The board approved a motion directing the college to proceed with CREST's final phase with funds on hand. Spending is not to exceed \$6.5 million.

Board representation at the July 2 agenda review will consist of two current officers, Trustees Wisner and Ritter. The board will meet in study session on June 24. New member Phillip Abraham is invited to be part of the deliberations.

New Business

A resolution confirming police powers to Oakland Community College in accordance with the Community College Act of 1966 was lodged for vote at the July 15 board meeting.

A five-year maintenance master agreement was approved with AFSCME Local 1999.

Trustee Anne Scott was elected OCC's 2002-03 Michigan Community College Association delegate; Trustee John Wangler will serve as alternate.

Reports

Trustee Scott introduced trustee-elect Phillip Abraham who was seated in the audience. Trustee Sandra Ritter introduced candidate Michael McGuinness who was seated in the audience. Addressing Chair Towar, Trustee Davis stated that it had been a pleasure serving with her, that Ms. Towar had done “a fantastic job” presiding over meetings that were focused, and that she would be missed. In reply, Ms. Towar said that “it had been a great six years and I will miss you all.” She also indicated that she may continue to serve on the OCC Foundation Board.

Comments

Classified Union Vice President Linda Churchill stated that her unit had never received an answer from the college with regard to rumors of the privatization of the campus day care centers raised earlier. Chancellor Thompson stated that the fact that the college is negotiating a contract with the unit (which represents the childcare employees) makes its intentions clear.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications (248) 341-2122.