

Board Digest

George A. Bee Administration Center
2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2266 (248) 341-2020 Fax (248) 341-2126

Regular Meeting April 21, 2003

Lynne Howes, a student in the Royal Oak Campus ceramic technology program provided an overview of the annual potters' market, which enables students to learn how to display and market their wares while raising supplementary revenue for the program.

Chancellor's Comments

- Events were held at all campuses last week to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week. Activities at District Office had to be cancelled because of the six-day power failure.
- Congressman Mike Rogers will be the principal commencement speaker this June. Astronaut Andrew Feustel, OCC's Outstanding Alumnus for 2003, will also speak.
- OCC was well represented at the NCA Annual Meeting in Chicago last weekend. By 2005 there will be a basic shift in how NCA visits are conducted, with new criteria and increased emphasis on the college mission.
- The recent OCC legislators' luncheon held in Lansing was well attended. It was learned that HB4228 – a proposed piece of legislation that would permit portions of community college districts to secede – is dead.
- Mr. Thompson complimented the staff at District Office, including Vice Chancellor Brantley's group and the telephone operators, who worked in the dark and cold during the recent power failure. The IT staff did an excellent job getting the phone and computer systems up and operating.
- The recent Business Community Alliance meeting covering professional development proved a success.
- The board will review the annual Michigan Community College Association budget and empower the OCC delegate's vote.
- Tonight will be Orchard Ridge PTK Vice President Azadeh Toofanajed's last report to the board; she is transferring into Wayne State University's pre-med program.
- Staff reports will include an update by Andrew Hillberry on Datatel developments; a report by Clarence Brantley on the chancellor search; and a presentation on financial assistance operations by Wilma Porter.
- The public hearings on the 2003-2004 budget will be conducted.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry reported that upgrades of the administrative software package, including payroll and enrollment services components, have been successfully implemented. The IT staff was able to restore phones and computers by Monday morning, April 7, in the wake of the previous Friday's storm.

Vice Chancellor Brantley reported that the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee met on April 14 and reviewed the 19 applicants. Following background checks by the search consultants, the field was narrowed to 11. The committee is recommending four individuals for presentation to the board tonight. Vice Chancellor George Keith introduced Director of Financial Assistance and Scholarships Wilma Porter who presented an overview of the program. Thirty-one percent of the college's credit hours during the winter, 2003 semester were supported through financial assistance, Ms. Porter noted, and the operation is moving into the high tech era through implementation of Colleague.

Vice Chancellor Keith introduced Nancy Showers, the new institutional research director.

College Resources

Continuing contracts were approved for faculty members Jennifer Craft (HL); Beth Garnsey (HL); David Gee (OR); Mark Hopkins (AH); Brian Moss (HL); Kenneth Sigler (AH); and Thomas Zakrzewski (HL). The administrative-exempt appointment of Pamela Kramer, executive assistant to the chancellor, (DO) was approved, as was the management staff (grant-funded) temporary appointment of Jessica Jensen, workforce development project manager (AH), and the classified appointment of Clarissa Elpedes, bookstore assistant (OR).

Vice Chancellor Brantley presented the proposed general fund budget for 2003-04. The budget totals \$128,985,000, a 1.7 percent increase over 2002-03. Revenues and expenditures are balanced.

The following contracts for renovation projects were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: Building H roof replacement, Auburn Hills Campus; chilled water header and expansion tank modifications, Orchard Ridge Campus; exterior door replacements, Southfield Campus; interior modifications, chancellor and human resources areas, District Office.

The monthly progress report on millage-funded construction projects was presented.

The following contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: affiliation agreements with White Lake Health Services and Birmingham Medical Associates to provide on-site training for students in the medical assisting program; an affiliation agreement with The Jewish Community Center to provide on-site training for students in the exercise science and technology program; an amendment to the current ground lease with Selective Alliance LLC delaying rent payments to the college on the Auburn Hills property for up to two years; extension of the appointment of Dykema Gossett as OCC's federal lobbyist for one year at a monthly rate of \$10,000.

The following workforce development agreements with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: modification of a contract with RWD Technologies, Inc., to provide training to DaimlerChrysler employees for an additional \$60,000; modification of a contract with Valentine Robotics to provide training to DaimlerChrysler employees for an additional \$100,000; a contract with Porsche Consulting GmbH to provide training to Fischer Automotive employees at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

On behalf of all Phi Theta Kappa chapters at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Vice President Azadeh Tofanajed presented Chancellor Richard Thompson with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award.

Old Business

Following a discussion via conference call with search consultant Dr. David Pontiz, the board accepted the search advisory committee's recommendation of four candidates for the position of Oakland Community College chancellor. The four candidates are: Dr. Brian Blanchard, president, Vincennes Community College; Dr. Daniel Krezenski, president, Westmoreland Community College; Dr. Richard Pappas, president, Lake Michigan Community College; and Dr. Mary Spangler, president, Los Angeles City College.

Revisions to Board Policies 3.8 and 3.8.2 as lodged at the March 17 board meeting were approved.

New Business

The Michigan Community College Association annual budget for 2003-2004 was approved.

Comments

Board Secretary Anne Scott submitted a report on the annual AACC convention held April 5-8 in Dallas. Trustee Sandra Ritter praised the editorial content of the most recent faculty association newsletter. Faculty Association President Mary Ston thanked Trustee Ritter for her comments. Several members of the Orchard Ridge Theater Company expressed their concern over the college's decision to not renew theater instructor Carol King's contract.

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