

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting

June 16, 2003

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and announcements:

- The Michigan Community College Association met on June 13, primarily to provide updates, particularly for new college chief executive officers, on such matters as the community college funding formula and the workings of the new, term-limited state legislature.
- The current state senate funding bill for community colleges provides some additional support for schools such as Gogebic and Alpena that are heavily dependent on state funding; the movement of some monies from the Merit/Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to universities provides no parity for community colleges.
- The next meeting of the OCC Business and Community Alliance will take place on June 30 at the CREST site.
- Chancellor-elect Spangler will attend three OCC-related events this summer: the MCCA Summer Institute in Mackinac Island; the Datatel Institute in San Diego; and the annual OCC Golf for Scholarships fundraiser.
- The OCC Culinary Institute showcased its programs through a presentation made recently by Chef Christopher Galli in Lansing on behalf of State Senator Mike Bishop.
- The board will be asked to act on a new bond proposal this evening.
- Under "Staff Reports" Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley will report on certain board-requested information items, Vice Chancellor George Keith will speak on the college academic master plan, and Jack Schick of Karoub Associates will review developments on the state political scene.
- The board will be asked to make the appointments of the college representatives to the MCCA Board of Directors.

In response to information requests by the board Vice Chancellor Brantley provided the following updates:

- Cost cutting measures: 111 cost cutting recommendations have been reviewed and several are already instituted. Members of the chancellor's council will take the responsibility for further implementations.
- MPSR's unfunded liability: as of September 30, 2001 (the latest available data) the system has a total value of \$38.399 billion and liabilities of \$39.774 billion. OCC represents one percent (or \$7 million) in annual contributions to the system. There is a question as to whether health costs are included in these figures.
- Childcare: restoration of an earlier practice excluding employees' children, though recommended by the chancellor's council, has not yet been implemented. The board requested that the status quo be maintained pending further discussions and financial analyses which will be reported back.

College Resources

The faculty appointments of Bryan Dubin, behavioral science (HL); Jose Garcia-Leon, fine and performing arts (OR); Carol Hardaloupa, humanities (AH); Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, library (RO); Lori Linden, IIC (RO); and Michelle Pergeau, fine and performing arts (OR) were approved, as were the

temporary faculty appointments of Rhonda Gaines, counseling (AH); and Ronald Pavlak, computer information systems (OR).

The administrative-teamsters interim appointment of Julius Brown, academic and student services dean (OR) was approved, as were the management staff-exempt appointments of Linda Appelt, human resources assistant (DO) and Mark Gordon, public safety sergeant (CW), and the management staff-teamsters appointments of Pamela Ryals and Janet Whitfield, purchasing services buyers (DO).

The classified (part-time) appointments of Jane Bilot, childcare assistant (SF) and Donna Heath, childcare assistant (AH) were approved, as was the classified (part-time grant funded) appointment of Phyllis Truba, secretary, cooperative education/placement (AH) and the maintenance appointments of Anthony Raglund, facility technician (OR) and Jearlene Phelps, building custodian (AH).

A resolution authorizing refunding of the 1993 improvement bonds was approved.

Jack Schick of Karoub Associates presented an overview of the Lansing political scene, including the effects of the massive legislative turnover caused by term limits, the status of legislation cutting community college funding, and prospects for passage of the Election Consolidation Act. Mr. Schick noted that Cheryl Kozell and William Furtaw made a presentation on CREST before the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, and that Chef Chris Galli provided the customary treats on the occasion of Senator Mike Roger's passage of his first bill.

The following contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: architectural engineering and pre-construction services for the building addition to Woodland Hall (HL), \$200,000; masonry wall tie repair and lintel replacement, Levinson Hall (HL), \$251,600; increase for the tennis court investigation and replacement (OR), \$43,800; increase for evacuation plan identification signage (RO), \$65,200; increase for ventilation and electrical modifications, Building E (AH), \$7,900; computers, laptops and servers from Dell Corporation, \$1.85 million; problem tracking/technology asset management software from Information Technology Solutions, \$53,127; instructional materials for the Microsoft Certified System Engineering classes from Microsoft Corporation, \$40,000; MICROS RES 300 hardware/software system from Computer Decisions International, \$43,700; extension of the appointment with Karoub Associates for lobbying services for the 2003-04 fiscal year, \$4,000 per month.

The following workforce development agreements with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: contracts with Kramer Air Tool to provide training and materials to DaimlerChrysler employees for \$45,000; Methods & Equipment Associates to provide simulators for training General Motors Orion Assembly Plant employees for \$50,000; Solaris Power Services LLC to provide training and materials to General Motors Orion Assembly Plant employees for \$60,000.

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

Academic and Student Affairs

Vice Chancellor George Keith distributed materials describing the three-year academic master plan, and provided an overview of its development. The plan covers such vital issues as assessment/outcomes and student life.

Old Business

The board approved the shifting of public comments to an earlier point in the agenda.

New Business

The board approved a closed session to discuss legal aspects of the new chancellor contract.

Vice Chair Wangler read a board resolution praising Chancellor Thompson's many contributions to the college.

The board authorized the naming of the easternmost north-south street on the CREST site "Richard T. Thompson Avenue".

The board named Clarence Brantley interim chancellor for the month of July, and George Keith interim chancellor for August.

Secretary Scott and Vice Chair Wangler were named to two-year terms as OCC's MCCA trustee and alternate.

Comments

AFSCME President Debbie Schmidt thanked the board for reconsidering the child care center admission policy. Linda Churchill asked the board to reconsider the status of the environmental health and safety position which was dropped from the agenda earlier.

Teamster Steward Arlene Frank thanked the board for its discussion of child care policies.

Speaking as a member of the public Michael McGuiness expressed concern over strife he observes among board members.

Following a closed session the board voted to present the final chancellor employment agreement to Dr. Mary Spangler and authorized the chair to execute the contract.

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