Board Digest

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Regular Meeting August 18, 2003

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor George Keith made the following observations and announcements:

- Because of excellent work by staff, particularly members of the public safety, IT
 and maintenance departments in taking down and bringing up the college's
 systems, OCC suffered no serious effects from the recent power blackout. Dr.
 Spangler emailed to express her concern and ask us to contact her if she could be
 of any assistance.
- The annual Golf Scholarships outing proved highly successful, raising \$35,000. One hundred and twenty-four golfers participated.
- Due to the power outage, some health program graduations were canceled, but have been rescheduled.
- Architects are now completing the final schematics for the building additions and infrastructure improvements at Highland Hall. The project remains on schedule.
- Orchard Ridge faculty member Harvey Bronstein has been appointed to the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority by Governor Jennifer Granholm.
- The annual Pontiac Scholarship Pancake Breakfast has been scheduled for September 13.
- The Tony Angelo Cement Company has raised \$24,000 for scholarships in the concrete program from its suppliers.
- There will be no student, staff, or academic initiative reports this evening.
- Four new employees are to be introduced.

President Sharon Blackman introduced new employees Carol Hardaloupa and Tom Boozer; Chief Human Resources Officer Catherine Rush introduced new employee Linda Appelt; and Director of Physical Facilities Dan Cherewick introduced new employee Wayne Seals.

College Resources

The faculty appointment of Diane Hill, theater (OR) was approved, as was the administrative-exempt appointment of Michael Schmidt, manager, environmental health and safety (CW).

The classified appointment of Anne Bouchard, student services specialist (RO), Jeannie Kinkaid, art/photo lab paraprofessional (OR); Amanda Chmielowski (part-time) child care assistant; Sherri Colon (part-time) child care assistant; and Alexandra Rivera (part-time) child care assistant (all AH), were also approved.

The following contract was approved via consent agenda procedure: authority for the Auch Company and Integrated Design Solutions to enter into arrangements for preconstruction services for the renovation of Building C, Orchard Ridge Campus; \$120,000.

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

The following contracts and purchases were also approved via consent agenda: a five-year agreement with Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., for a college-wide digital control technical support program at a cost not to exceed \$44,474 for the 2003-04 fiscal year; publication of the fall, winter, and summer 2004 class schedules by Grand River Printing of Southfield at a cost not to exceed \$91,695. Renewal of the current agreement with U.S. industrial Technologies to dispose of waste byproducts at a cost not to exceed \$35,000 for the 2003-04 fiscal year; an agreement with White Collar Canine to purchase, test and pre-train police dogs at a cost of \$53,950 for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The board approved the purchase of ammunition and related supplies for the police academy from CMP Distributors, Inc., for fiscal year 2003-04 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

The following affiliation agreements and workforce development contracts with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: agreements with 294 agencies in the metropolitan area to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the nursing, sonography, EMT, exercise science, health care administration, hospital pharmacy, massage therapy, mental health/social work, respiratory therapy and surgical technology programs; contracts with Behr Services to provide technical training for GM Orion Assembly Plant employees for \$50,000; modifications to a contract with RWD Technologies, Inc., to provide additional technical training for DaimlerChrysler employees for an additional \$60,000.

Old Business

Revisions to Board Policy 1.5.2, "Order of Business," as lodged at the July 21 board of trustees meeting, were adopted.

Trustee Abraham requested an update of the status of the cost-cutting suggestions submitted earlier by college employees.

The chancellor evaluation committee submitted its report. The proposal includes a revised job description based on materials developed during the search process; an "earned doctorate" requirement; provisions for a six-month review during the first year of service; and language permitting the chancellor to have a role in establishing his/her goals and objectives. The board will discuss means of providing assistance to Dr. Spangler at its meeting next Tuesday.

New Business

Trustee Wiser requested that the monthly CREST report by re-instituted in September. The report should include an analysis of relationships with other antiterrorist training sites in the state, and updates on fundraising efforts.

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