

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting December 15, 2003

Chancellor Mary Spangler introduced Auburn Hills Police Chief Dorene Olko and Radio Project Manager Pat Coates who made a presentation on the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS), a radio network that provides interoperability of communications systems among all of Oakland County's first responder agencies. CLEMIS, which plans 36 broadcasting towers throughout Oakland County, is seeking permission to erect one of the towers on a 50' x 50' plot at the Auburn Hills Campus CREST site at no cost to the college. Dr. Spangler noted that the board will be asked to act on the request at its January meeting.

Chancellor's Comments

Dr. Spangler made the following observations and comments:

- Her activities over the past month include ongoing familiarization visits to each campus to meet with faculty and staff; a community welcome reception on November 19; participation in the MCCA Presidents' Committee meeting in Lansing; a meeting of the chancellor's cabinet at Walsh College hosted by President Keith Pretty; participation in the Oakland County Business Round Table; attendance at the OCC Culinary Institute's Wassail Feast, December 4; a presentation to the OCC Association of Retired Personnel; and participation in the OCC Fire Institute graduation. Other events of note included a legislative luncheon in Lansing hosted by the Chancellor's Council, a public forum at the Southfield Campus at which State Senator Gilda Jacobs was a guest, and the Police Academy's 85th graduation ceremony on December 5.
- In fulfillment of her pledge to keep the board informed, Dr. Spangler has sent the trustees a nine-page "Ninety Day Report", the appendix of which contains a full listing of college-wide inputs. The next step will be the presentation of a strategic plan at the board's January meeting.

College Resources

William Herwaldt, a senior partner of OCC's auditing firm, DeLoitte & Touche, presented the 2002-2003 annual audit and gave an unqualified opinion on the results. Mr. Herwaldt reported that his firm experienced no difficulties in the performance of the audit, noted no material weaknesses or disagreements with OCC management with respect to processes, and was comfortable with the college's revenue estimates. Mr. Herwaldt alerted the board that the next few years will see changes in reporting procedures, including a requirement for a separate presentation for the OCC Foundation.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley presented the preliminary budget for 2004-2005. The budget's revenue assumptions include a one percent increase in enrollment, a 1.7 increase in tuition; three percent

in supplemental appropriations; a six percent reduction in state appropriations and a four percent increase in taxable property value.

Expenditure assumptions include continuation of facility, major maintenance and technology projects in accordance with the 10-year plan, but with a two percent adjustment for inflation; no changes in current year equipment and vehicle replacements; an increase in the MPSRS rate from 12.99 to 14.99 percent; and an increase in fringe benefit costs from 17.35 percent to 18.50 percent.

The preliminary 2004-2005 budget totals \$133,906,000, a 3.82 percent increase over 2003-2004.

The faculty appointments of Arden Sargeant, IIC faculty (AH); Dana Keyse, library faculty (AH) and Anthony Racka, business faculty (AH) were approved, as was the administrative (exempt) appointment of Sharon Converse, director of financial services; (DO) and the administrative (non-exempt-temporary) appointment of Pamela Jackson, interim dean of academic and student services (OR).

The classified (full-time) appointment of Jenhenfan Liang, accounting specialist (DO) was approved, as was the part-time appointment of Leslie Ahern, CAD paraprofessional (AH).

The full-time maintenance appointments of Michael Cullen, building custodian (OR) and Rodney Norris, building custodian (OR) were also approved.

The following agreements were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with GM Pontiac Fitness Center of Pontiac to provide learning facilities for students in the exercise science program, and a contract with Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services of Farmington Hills to provide sign language interpretive services for OCC students at an hourly rate of \$35 per hour.

The following contracts with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: modification of a previous contract with BehrSystems to provide technical training for employees of the GM Orion Assembly Plant at an additional cost of \$30,000; modification of a previous contract with Perceptron to provide training for employees of the GM Orion Assembly Plant at an additional cost of \$15,000; a contract with Pink Elephant, Inc. to provide IT services management essentials training to EDS employees in the amount of \$50,000; modification of a contract with Primedia Workplace Learning to provide training materials for GM Lake Orion Assembly Plant employees in the amount of \$20,000; a contract with Pultorak & Associates, Ltd., to provide IT Services Management Essentials training for EDS employees in the amount of \$50,000; a contract with TeraQuest Metrics to provide CMM1 Training for EDS employees in the amount of \$50,000.

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

Academic and Student Affairs

Speaking on behalf of Academic Senate President Gerald Faye, OCCFA President Mary Ston reported that the senate continues its work on curriculum assessment and wished the board a happy holiday.

Russell Agin of the Auburn Hills Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa reported on some of the group's recent activities, including the raising of a Peace Pole on campus, September 11; sponsorship of a Safe Halloween Night for area children; sponsorship of a public seminar on the legalization of marijuana; participation in the Oakland Family Services' "Adopt-A-Family" project; efforts that raised \$100 during the Great American Smokeout.

New Business

Trustee Sandra Ritter suggested that the board consider elimination of the December business meeting.

Comments

Newly-elected AFSCME Local 1999 President Anetia Pace introduced herself and wished the board a happy holiday.

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