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**Regular Meeting
February 16, 2004**

Chancellor Mary Spangler introduced student Sarah Ston who discussed the activities of the recently-formed Optimist Club chapter at the Auburn Hills Campus.

Chancellor's Comments

Dr. Spangler made the following observations and comments. (This report incorporates information deferred from last month's meeting.)

- Board Chair Janice Simmons was keynote speaker at the Greater Pontiac Coalition's Martin Luther King Luncheon on January 16. President Sharon Blackman served as master of ceremonies for the event, which was covered by the *Oakland Press*.
- The U.S. Senate has passed the Omnibus Appropriation, which includes a \$150,000 Department of Education grant to OCC to develop a model CREST curriculum. The grant was prepared by Executive Director of Advancement Cheryl Kozell.
- The chancellor was one of 18 community college CEO's participating in the first meeting of the American Association of Community Colleges' Ad Hoc Task Force on Homeland Security in Washington, DC, on February 8. The group's purpose is to provide short- and long-term recommendations on public safety policy, and to highlight community colleges as assets in the nation's homeland security efforts.
- On February 9 Trustees Simmons, Scott, Wangler and Ritter arrived in Washington, DC to take part in the AACC's Annual Legislative Seminar. The OCC delegation, including Dr. Spangler, was able to meet with several legislators to discuss issues relating to the college.
- Dr. Spangler gave an eight-minute interview on WJR-Radio February 10 on the subject of homeland security and CREST; her appointment to the AACC Ad Hoc Task Force was featured in an article appearing in the February 1 edition of the *Oakland Press*.
- Senator Debbie Stabenow will be OCC's commencement speaker on June 18.
- Academic Senate President Gerald Faye was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Education Association.
- The chancellor has joined the Economic Development Committee of the Oakland County Business Round Table.
- The chancellor's web site is now up and running thanks to the efforts of David Adams, Judi Yerkes and Alex Bezvik.
- Progress is being made on the development of shared programs with Oakland University – more information will be forthcoming.
- The contract with the college's lobbying firm will expire in March. An RFP will be distributed to six firms to select a successor.
- The college's real estate consultant is operating within the limits discussed with the board earlier.
- A letter was received last Friday from State Senator Shirley Johnson pointing out the college's non-compliance with a law requiring reporting of building projects in excess of \$1 million. Many colleges, including OCC, were unaware of this requirement, but we will comply.
- The board will enter closed session this evening to discuss the chancellor's evaluation.

New employees A. Ann Morin and Dana Keyse were introduced by President Sharon Blackman.

Chancellor Spangler presented an overview of the strategic plan for the next four years, noting that this is the college's plan, not hers. Its origins lay in the North Central recommendation that OCC integrate its planning process, the board's request for a set of strategic goals (developed in 2002), and the 2003 college retreat that identified the need for a vision statement.

During her first 90 days at OCC the chancellor used a wide variety of approaches to canvass both the external and internal communities. Two hundred and twenty responses were transmitted electronically, and 70 percent of the input gathered at Discipline Day, the Administrative Retreat, and in on-site sessions made its way into the final document.

The chancellor's council received 67 objectives, which it winnowed down to the 27 final objectives and seven goals presented this evening.

An important part of implementation will be the establishment of a new senior administrative position responsible for finding new funding; initiating new programs; coordinating the strategic plan; integrating the planning and budgeting functions; and conducting an analysis of the administrative structure.

College Resources

The management (non-exempt) appointment of Dale F. Rohrbach, PASS academic support coordinator (OR) was approved, as were the classified (part-time) appointments of Carol Hufnagel, PASS secretary (RO), and Adam Bessell, humanities parts and tool crib attendant (AH). The public safety appointment of Debra Szymanski (CW), was also approved.

The following agreements were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with Providence Hospital to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the mental health/social work program; a construction contract to upgrade/replace fire alarms and provide evacuation signage at the Highland Lakes Campus, \$672,400; a contract to cover expenses relating to Building J staff relocation, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$127,000; replacement of the emergency generator, Royal Oak Campus, \$329,000; replacement of the emergency generator, Southfield Campus, \$306,100.

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

The following contracts and agreements were also approved via consent agenda procedure: purchase of a transfer module for the manufacturing diagnostic cell from SMC International, \$37,506; X-ray equipment for the radiologic technology program from the low bidder, American Medical Systems of Livonia, \$558,915; modification of the contract with Behr systems to provide training for GM Lake Orion Plant employees for an additional \$30,000; modification of a contract with ESI International to provide training for DaimlerChrysler employees for an additional \$80,000; modification of a contract with RWD Technologies to provide training for DaimlerChrysler employees for an additional \$50,000; a contract with Sheryl M. Larsen, Inc., to provide training for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$525,568; a contract with Variation Reduction Solutions, Inc., to provide training for GM Lake Orion Plant employees for \$45,000.

The board approved purchases of server and network equipment from Dell Computer Corporation at a cost of \$198,025.

Academic Affairs

Chancellor Spangler noted that winter 2004 credit hours increased by 7.7 percent over the previous year, and that SCH's have risen by 15 percent over a five year period.

In keeping with the college goal of advancing global perspectives, Chancellor Spangler recommended the sponsorship of five students and three faculty members at the highly-regarded Salzburg Seminars this May and July. Most of the funding would come from outside sources.

Auburn Hills student Russell Aiken presented an overview of recent Phi Theta Kappa activities.

The group is planning its winter induction, has updated the chapter bylaws and is looking forward to participation in the PTK International Honors Conference.

Old Business

Trustee Wisner expressed admiration of County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's "State of the County" presentation earlier this week, and noted his expressed commitment to preserving the county employee child care operation.

New Business

The Michigan Community College Association's report on OCC student enrollment in the Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative was presented to the board.

Comments

Board Secretary Anne Scott distributed reports containing her observations at the MCCA National Legislative Seminar, and the MCCA Winter Inservice held in Port Huron, January 30-31. Tuition restraint, she noted, is a serious issue for many of the states' community colleges.

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