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Regular Meeting September 20, 2004

Vice Chancellor George Keith provided an overview of the 2004 Salzburg Seminar Community College International Study Program and introduced five of the seven OCC students who participated. The students, Michele Berry (OR), Suzanne Mortiere-Parini (AH), Valentina Taranovic (AH), Alexander Prokic (HL) and Leah Yurasek (OR) spoke briefly about their experiences. All expressed sentiments similar to Ms. Berry's – that this was "the experience of a lifetime". Next month, faculty members who participated in a separate Salzburg Seminar experience will report.

Chancellor's Comments:

- Dr. Mary Spangler noted that September 1 marked her first anniversary at the college.
- Tonight's agenda includes an action item proposing an increase in childcare rates. Scholarships are being established with the OCC Foundation for clients not receiving financial aid and needing assistance to cover the increase in rates.
- The college hosted a retreat for the Birmingham /Bloomfield Chamber at District Office.
- OCC recently participated in the annual Arab American and Chaldean Humanitarian Awards Banquet; Arts, Beats & Eats; and the Automation Alley Gala.
- The Strategic Plan Advisory Council has conducted two meetings. Agendas are posted on the website.
- A three-day New Faculty Orientation was held in August at the Auburn Hills Campus.
- Remembrances of the 9/11 tragedies were held throughout the college last week.
- The annual Pontiac Scholarship Pancake Breakfast took place on September 18.
- The Chancellor met with the OCC Retirees' organization and invited members to participate in the strategic planning process.
- The board will enter closed session this evening to discuss labor negotiations.
- Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry will provide a strategic plan update.
- President Sharon Blackman will provide a CREST update.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield report, originally scheduled for this evening, will be presented at the November board meeting.

CIO Andrew Hillberry reported on the latest strategic plan developments and provided the board with a handout showing the current calendar of activities and task force memberships. The process is moving "in high gear" Mr. Hillberry said, and last Friday witnessed the first of the seven taskforces' monthly meetings. President Sharon Blackman provided the board with a handout outlining the number of training activities undertaken at CREST since January 1, the local, state, regional and national agencies involved, and the tours and demonstrations conducted. A report on CREST revenues is forthcoming.

Andrew Hillberry introduced new employees Preetha Kannan and Leigh Wolf.

College Resources

The faculty appointment of Edward Stotts, educational counselor (OR) was approved, as was the

management staff (grant-funded) appointment of Kathie House, cooperative education coordinator (AH). The management staff appointments of John Borowski, Susan Bourbeau, Daniel Frezza, Eden Konja, Laura Turner and Aaron Whigham (all IT desktop support specialists, CW) were approved, as was the classified (part-time) appointment of Michele Thompson, child care assistant (AH), and the maintenance appointment of Sonja Phillips, building custodian (OR).

A schedule providing successive salary increases of 2.8 percent for adjunct faculty, effective January 1, 2005, 2006 and 2007, was approved.

An increase in the previously-approved project for replacement of the underground heating line from Levinson to Highland halls was approved in the amount of \$29,700.

An increase in the previously-approved project to replace concrete in the Building J Plaza was approved in the amount of \$123,900.

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

The following items were approved via consent agenda procedure: a contract for the production of the winter, summer and fall, 2005 schedules of classes to the low bidder, Morning Star Publishing of Mt. Pleasant, in the amount of \$50,065.71; a contract with Educational Enhancements to coordinate and implement one-year state grants for training of EDS and General Motors employees for \$45,454; a contract with IDEA Consultants, Inc., to provide training for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$175,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Gerald Faye reported that the group's first meeting of the academic year will take place September 30.

Student representative Alexander Prokic announced that political science faculty member Bryan Dubin replaces humanities faculty member Jim Halleman as Highland Lakes Phi Theta Kappa advisor. The chapter is now organizing a set of political debates on campus, and has launched a voter registration drive. Vice Chancellor George Keith announced that fall headcounts have increased by 3.8 percent over the last five years, and student credit hours by 9.6 percent. Dr. Keith ascribed the rise to the efforts of the registration staff, as well as to new technologies such as web registration, which increased by 40 percent over last year. He also noted the growing quality of promotional materials produced by the marketing department; the 2004 catalog, for example, is in the running for a gold, silver, or bronze award from the National Council of Public Relations.

Old Business

Board Secretary Philip Abraham distributed a proposal outlining the composition and duties of a board audit committee.

Revisions to the current Child Care fee schedule and policies were approved.

The board will interview firms seeking to serve as the college's federal lobbyist in a special session to be held immediately prior to the October business meeting.

A motion to lodge an amendment to Board Policy 1.7.3 for discussion at the October 18 meeting was passed.

A motion to establish a subcommittee to review and propose changes to executive contracts was approved.

Trustees Ritter, Simmons and Abraham will serve.

Board Member Reports

Vice Chair Anne Scott noted that some community colleges have formed an alliance to promote basing the state funding formula on enrollments. At the board's request Ms. Scott will take no position on this issue when she attends the next Michigan Community College Association meeting.

Ms. Scott also urged all trustees to attend a special meeting to be convened October 15 and 16 on the ramifications for community colleges of the new election consolidation law.

Arrangements are being made to enable all trustees to access Infomart.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations, reconvening at 10 p.m. to adjourn.

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