



OAKLAND
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

Board Digest

George A. Bee Administration Center
2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2266

(248) 341-2020 Fax (248) 341-2126

Special Meeting October 18, 2004

Representatives of three prospective federal lobbying firms, Dykema Gossett; Preston Gates Ellis & Rowelas Meeds; and Davis O'Connell made presentations to the board.

Regular Meeting October 18, 2004

Royal Oak student Menachem Hojda presented an overview of the development of his campus' Student Life program. Mr. Hojda, who failed to graduate from high school and will shortly transfer to Wayne State University, stated that "had it not been for OCC, college would not have been an option" for him. He also noted the particular impact that IIC services and individual attention from faculty had on his academic career at OCC.

Chancellor's Comments:

Dr. Mary Spangler reported the following:

- Twenty thousand people attended a rally for President George W. Bush at the Orchard Ridge Campus Soccer Field on October 6. The event was featured in local and national media at least 90 times. The Kerry campaign was also invited to use the facility, but declined. The help of the OCC Department of Public Safety and the campus staff was crucial.
- Trustees Wangler, Scott, Simmons, Abraham, Davis, and Chancellor Spangler attended the ACCT Annual Convention in New Orleans, October 6-9.
- Three students, five faculty members and three administrators (including the chancellor) heard former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger at the Detroit Economic Club, October 5.
- Trustees John Wangler, Ann Scott and the chancellor attended the MCCA Board of Directors Meeting at Mid-Michigan Community College, October 15-16.
- Three OCC construction projects submitted earlier to the Michigan State Senate Joint Capital Outlay Committee were approved.
- The college hosted the Economic Development Committee of the Oakland County Business Round Table at District Office, October 14.
- The chancellor attended a reception for the new Oakland Schools superintendent, Dr. Vickie Markovich, on September 28.
- Representatives of the design firm Hobbs and Black met with District Office personnel on October 14 to discuss the process of analyzing space utilization at DO. The process is on schedule to make a presentation to the board in January.

- The first Strategic Plan email newsletter has been distributed. It is intended to produce this document on a monthly basis.
- Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Pam Kramer has returned from maternity leave. Dr. Spangler thanked her office staff, Pat Funtik, Stella Malkowski and temporary Jessica Newman for maintaining the smooth flow of business during Pam's absence.
- Completion of the Southfield Campus renovation was marked by a Peace Pole Ceremony on October 13 that the Chancellor attended, and further celebrated by an open house and other events during the week.
- Two of three fall college nights have been held at the Orchard Ridge and Highland Lakes campuses. The final event will take place at Royal Oak on October 19.
- The September 28 edition of *Community College Times* features a "Special Report on Homeland Security" in which CREST is prominently featured.
- The three OCC faculty members who participated in the Salzburg Seminars will report this evening.
- Presidents Blackman and May will report on the facilities projects at their campuses.
- Five new employees will be introduced to the board.

Introduced by Vice Chancellor George Keith, three faculty members, John Mitchell (English, OR), Marilyn Kokoszka (human sciences, OR) and Suba Subbarao (English, AH) described their experiences at the 2004 Salzburg Seminar Community College International Study Program this summer. This was the first group of community college faculty members to participate in the event which, in Mr. Mitchell's words, "featured lectures, group work and informal conversations on engaging students with the international community." Each of the three thanked the board for the opportunity to attend.

President Sharon Blackman presented a report describing the history, demographics and major reconstruction projects at the Auburn Hills Campus.

President Gordon May presented a report describing the five phases involved in reconstructing the Highland Lakes Campus. Mr. May expressed particular appreciation to the campus personnel involved in the planning process.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry introduced new employees Susan Bourbeau, Laura Turner and Aaron Whigham. President Sharon Blackman introduced new employee Kathie House, and President Edward Callaghan introduced new employee Edward Stotts.

College Resources

The administrative (non-exempt) appointment of Barry Stearns, interim dean of academic and student services (OR) was approved as were the classified appointments of Richard Lee, physical sciences paraprofessional (OR); Nancy Rumph, bookstore assistant (RO); and Lisa Jackson, P.A.S.S. secretary (OR).

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

The following items were approved via consent agenda procedure: the purchase of a John Deere mower from the low bidder, D&G Equipment, for \$37,746; bulk road salt from the low bidder, Morton Salt, for \$36,053; a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria and two 2005 Ford Explorers from Signature Ford for \$69,823; five Chevrolet Silverado trucks from Buff Whelan Chevrolet for \$176,602; a John Deere mower with snow removal accessories from the low bidder, Weingartz, for \$25,805; a backhoe loader from the low bidder, AIS Equipment, for \$44,300; two John Deere mowers, with snow removal attachments, from the low bidder, D&G Equipment, for \$49,934; a Tool Cat from the low bidder, Bobcat of Motor City, for \$39,586.

The board separately approved three third-party contracts to provide training service for EDS employees from Fox IT for \$50,000; New Horizons for \$75,000; and Pink Elephant Corporation for \$150,000.

Another third party contract to provide training for Daimler Chrysler employees from Valentine robotics was also approved for \$75,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

Highland Lakes student Liliana Barska, president of Alpha Omicron Kappa Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa, provided an overview of the group's recent activities and future plans. Ms. Barska noted that the group's new advisor is political science professor Bryan Dubin.

Vice Chancellor George Keith noted that retired Royal Oak Campus librarian Tom Lewandowski's state-funded video project, "Julia's Prayer, Recollections of Hamtramck, Michigan," is now accessible through the state's Making of Modern Michigan Website. Dr. Keith also reported on his conversations with OCC Outstanding Alumnus David May of Kelly Services to establish a partnership that encourages local employers to hire Oakland County students.

Old Business

Revision to Board Policy 1.7.3, *Amendment of Board Policies*, as lodged at the September 20 meeting, was passed with an amendment requiring concurrence of two-thirds of the entire board, rather than two-thirds of those present at the time of the vote is taken.

New Business

Action on selecting a federal lobbyist was tabled until the November meeting.

The board will hold a public hearing at the November meeting on the dates to be selected for board elections as required by the new Election Consolidation Act.

A motion to authorize the hiring of legal consultants by the board subcommittee on executive contracts was approved.

Board Member Reports

Trustee Simmons attended a workshop at Mercy College which provided information on a Customer Service Academy developed by Mercy, and marketed to businesses and other educational institutions.

Trustee Simmons has been appointed ACCT Regional Nominating Committee Chair.

Trustee Scott distributed handouts from the MCCA Board of Directors meeting held last weekend, and noted that she remained neutral on proposed community college funding formula revisions, as instructed by the board.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations, reconvening at 10:00 p.m. to adjourn.

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