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# Board Digest

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## **Regular Meeting November 15, 2004**

### **Public Hearing:**

Accommodating new state election consolidation legislation, the board passed a resolution establishing May in the second odd years as the date for future trustee elections. Trustees whose terms would have expired in June, 2006 will have their terms extended by one year. The next board election will therefore take place in May, 2007.

Professor Syed Ahsan of the Auburn Hills Applied & Engineering Technologies Department presented students Heather Anderson and John Boston who provided a brief overview of OCC's architecture program and displayed examples of student work.

### **Chancellor's Comments:**

Dr. Mary Spangler reported the following:

- A millage construction report, produced in response to the board's request, has been completed and distributed.
- The secretary for industrial and commercial development of the State of Oaxaca, Mexico, the Mexican consul and Chancellor Spangler will sign a five-year accord tomorrow extending the OCC-Oaxaca Exchange Agreement by five years.
- OCC hosted the Griffin Public Policy Forum at the Orchard Ridge Campus on October 19.
- The chancellor attended the Womencenter's successful fundraiser on October 21.
- The administrative staff's annual retreat, centering on the theme "Appreciative Inquiry", was held on October 27. President Sharon Blackman, Dean Lane Glenn, counselors Mary Ann McGee and Imagine Bailey and the PDTC staff were instrumental in staging the event.
- The chancellor hosted a group of staff and faculty at the Detroit Economic Club on November 8 to hear a presentation by Oakland University President Gary Russi.
- The final figure for OCC's 2005 United Way campaign is \$39,264.
- A videoconference on "International Studies in the Community College" was held at the Auburn Hills Campus on November 10.
- The chancellor was guest speaker at the October 20 meeting of the Birmingham Branch, AAUW. The topic of her speech was "How OCC Meets the Educational and Workforce Needs of Oakland County Women".
- OCC received a Founding Member Award at the October 29 Oakland Literacy Council Ex Libris Dinner.
- The chancellor attended the AACC Board of Directors meeting in Washington, DC, last week.
- The board will take action tonight to select the college's federal lobbyist.
- A closed session will be called tonight to discuss labor negotiations.

- The chancellor reminded the board that it will need to set the time for its planning meeting scheduled for January 14.
- Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley will introduce the college auditors, and also provide updates on the college budget planning process and space planning arrangements for District Office.
- President Martha Smydra will provide a report on Royal Oak and Southfield campus facilities projects.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley introduced John Sirhal, partner, and Paul Edwards, CPA, representing the college's auditors, Plante & Moran. Mr. Sirhal noted that his firm had studied OCC's fiscal operations, financial statements, federal awards (as well as the OCC Foundation's financial statements), and concluded that "(the college) is well run, you are to be congratulated – OCC does a great job." The college received an "unqualified" audit opinion.

President Martha Smydra provided a historical overview of the renovations and improvements undertaken over the years at the Royal Oak and Southfield campuses.

Vice Chancellor Brantley reviewed the budget preparation process for 2005-06. He also provided an update on the space planning process at District Office.

The board approved a motion to include the Auburn Hills site for consideration among future District Office options.

#### **College Resources**

The appointment of Bonnie Rider, custodian (RO) was approved, as was the reinstatement of Alexander Murdoch, media services technician (HL).

The following items were passed via consent agenda procedure: enlarged equipment access door, Building T, Auburn Hills Campus, \$122,400; replacement of building automation systems with direct digital controls, Levinson Hall, Highland Lakes, \$384,200; interior renovation and replacement of mechanical equipment, Building B, Royal Oak Campus, \$49,700.

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

The following contracts were also approved via consent agenda procedure: a 12-month agreement with Preston Gates Ellis Rowelas Meeds, LLP to serve as the college's Washington, DC, lobbyists at a monthly fee of \$10,000; the purchase of ultrasound equipment for the health professions technologies program from American Medical Systems of Livonia, in the amount of \$44,950; a third-party contract to provide technical training to DaimlerChrysler employees from KUKA Flexible Production Systems Corporation for \$45,000.

#### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Liliana Barska, president of Alpha Omicron Kappa chapter (Highland Lakes) of Phi Theta Kappa announced that the four OCC chapters were represented at the group's Michigan Regional Convention. Twenty new members were inducted by the Highland Lakes chapter this fall and all campuses have seen membership growth. Ms. Barska noted that this would be the last report and thanked the college for the opportunities it presented to realize her ambitions.

Vice Chancellor George Keith displayed a scatter chart produced by Institutional Research that shows the OCC student population's communities of origin. Such tools, Dr. Keith noted, are useful in future planning.

#### **Old Business**

Secretary Philip Abraham announced that the board subcommittee on executive contracts, consisting of trustees Ritter, Simmons and himself, will make its final report in December.

Following a brief closed session the board reconvened to approve a new faculty contract for the period August 31, 2005 – August 31, 2006.

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