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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting September 19, 2005

Public Comments

Adjunct faculty member Malvern Crawford asked the board to investigate the college's procedure for hiring minority adjuncts. Chancellor Spangler noted that this matter has been brought to her attention and that she will work with the human resources department to fully explore the issues raised.

Old Business

Attorney William Danhoff of Miller Canfield, the college's law firm, provided an overview of options available to OCC in selecting trustee election dates. A revamping of the new state election law now permits the college to choose November odd- or even-year elections, or remain with the May odd-year elections currently approved by the board. A decision to change dates must be made before January 1, 2006, Mr. Danhoff noted.

Student Presentation

Salzburg Seminars 2005 students Kristina Lenz, Peter Haas, Shirantha Kannangara, Rachel Match, Nerima Jahja and Miranda Webster were presented to the board by President Gordon May who, with his wife Patricia, accompanied the group. All of the participants briefly outlined their impressions and spoke glowingly of the impact of the experience on their lives.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- The long renovation of Auburn Hills Building D was completed on schedule and in time for the start of the fall semester.
- Two hundred and sixteen first-year nursing students took part in the annual orientation meeting at Highland Lakes recently.
- Large numbers of Highland Lakes' staff and faculty members took part in a signing of a building beam in the new Levinson annex now under construction at Highland Lakes.
- Orchard Ridge recently held its annual fall coffee to welcome back staff and faculty.
- The fourth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy was commemorated throughout the college.
- OCC sent almost \$11,000 in donations to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The funds were raised within a period of two weeks.
- The college has implemented efforts to save fuel during the current oil crisis.
- The 14th annual Dorene Hope Shank Golf Outing raised \$32,000 for OCC scholarships.
- Vice Chancellor George Keith and Dean Lane Glenn were instrumental in the assembly of a new *Student Life Handbook*, which covers all campuses and college-wide activities, including the new student ambassador program.
- The Auburn Hills presidency applicant pool was found insufficient. Qualifications will be broadened, and finalization of the process is now anticipated for Spring, 2006.
- A list of firms that qualify to provide legal and labor negotiations services has been furnished to the board.

- Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley will provide a report on the District Office planning process.
- President Martha Smydra introduced new Royal Oak/Southfield English faculty member Gina Fournier. President Jacqueline Shadko introduced new Orchard Ridge Construction Management Program Coordinator Melanie Myers.

Vice Chancellor Brantley provided a presentation on the history, financial implications and logistical issues involved in dealing with space and other problems at the Bee Center, Guest House and Rochester Hills facilities. The seven options Mr. Brantley presented are the following: (1) retain the Bee Center, but eliminate the Guest House. Renovations would last a year, during which the facility would be vacated; (2) leave the Bee Center and invite a third party to construct a facility at the Auburn Hills Campus, within which the college would lease a portion; (3) ditto, but the college would build the new facility at Auburn Hills; (4) ditto, but the college would lease another facility in the Auburn Hills area; (5) ditto, but the college would build another facility in the Auburn Hills area; (6) ditto, but distribute all District Office functions among the campuses; (7) renovate the Bee Center (but not the Guest House) and build an additional structure on the Bee property.

The board will schedule a discussion meeting shortly to consider the above options.

College Resources

The non-exempt administrative staff interim appointment of Jessica Baughman, director of budget/financial planning (DO) was approved, as was the exempt management staff appointment of Linda Emerson, president's office administrative assistant (OR).

The classified appointment of Phyllis Truba, secretary, English/humanities (AH) was approved, as were the part-time appointments of Martha Dutoit, business office specialist (HL) and Margaret Clemence, child care assistant (AH).

The board granted authority to the college's construction managers, the Auch Company, to enter a construction contract for interior renovations and mechanical equipment replacements in Building B of the Royal Oak Campus for a total of \$2,681,700 (including previously approved schematics costing \$49,700).

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

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with the University of Michigan Med Sport and Cardiac Rehabilitation to provide on-site training experiences for students in the exercise science program; the purchase of bulk road salt from the low bidder, Morton Salt, for \$39,869.80; provision of janitorial chemical supplies, hard goods, paper and plastic products over a one year period by the low bidder, Industrial Cleaning Supply of Waterford for \$170,000; and Electrocardiography equipment and supporting systems from the low bidder, McKesson Medical Surgical of Lansing for \$25,155.

In addition, 13 separate third party agreements to provide training services to area firms were approved.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee reported that the campus academic senates will meet for the first time in the new academic year next week. The College Senate will meet for the first time on September 29. Ms. McGee also noted that the senate leadership participated in a productive academic retreat recently with Vice Chancellor George Keith.

Orchard Ridge student representative Miranda Webster reported on a number of activities at the Orchard Ridge campus this month including Student Appreciation Days (September 20-21); the Forensic Club used book sale, and a free lecture on psychological resiliency.

Vice Chancellor George Keith reported that enrollment figures for the fall semester show a miniscule decline, but that student credit hours are up by 2.5 percent. The number of credits taken by individual students has risen to 8.26, an increase of 2.6 percent over last fall.

Dr. Keith also noted that preparations for the Spring, 2008 visit by the Commission on Higher Learning (formerly North Central) are underway and will be discussed by OCCFA President Mary Ston on Discipline Day.

New Business

Vice Chair Scott stated that seven community colleges, with 1,000 employees and 21,000 students unaccounted for, are out of operation in the New Orleans area. She suggested that the college community gather ideas on what OCC can do to help these schools and their students, and thanked the OCC staff for donations already made to the relief effort.

Dr. Keith noted that the numbers of displaced community college students in this area are not large, but the college is accepting them on a case by case basis and waiving tuition.

Chancellor Spangler advised that the AACC is developing an "Adopt a College" program. She will disseminate more information later this week.

Reports and Comments

Vice Chair Scott distributed handouts on board self-evaluation and other topics from the recent ACCT convention that she and Trustee Simmons attended. Trustee Simmons will provide a handout on educating minority students from the conference and noted that she served as ACCT Central Nominating Committee Chair.

Vice Chair Scott also remarked on the excellent articles on OCC in recent editions of the Oakland Press and Daily Tribune.

OCCFA President Mary Ston noted the recent passing of faculty members Conne Hollander and Carolyn Moore and announced that a memorial service for Ms. Moore will be held at the Smith Theatre, 2:30 p.m. September 20.

Ms. Ston also announced that OCCFA members will be circulating petitions supporting the K-16 Coalition ballot proposal, which is designed to ensure funding for education in Michigan.

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