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Board Digest

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Special Meeting October 17, 2005

The board met in special session to interview prospective labor negotiators.

Regular Meeting October 17, 2005

Public Hearing

A public hearing on a proposal to change the OCC Trustee election date schedule was conducted. Action will be taken at the November board meeting.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- The Auburn Hills Campus presidential search has been extended and the candidate qualifications broadened.
- OCC has been named an ETS testing site suitable for administering the GRE and TOEFL exams.
- Four of the recent Salzburg students accompanied Cheryl Kozell and Gordon May to a meeting with Congressman Thaddeus McCotter to discuss federal funding for international education.
- OCC has been invited to co-host the Your Child community program with Oakland Schools November 10. Letyna Roberts is the liaison for the event.
- Ten individuals have applied to serve as student ambassadors.
- Five faculty members from Oaxaca are currently visiting the college.
- One hundred-fifty high school seniors recently participated in Technology Day at the Auburn Hills Campus.
- The Highland Lakes Campus hosted a Gettysburg Kickoff on September 29 featuring Lincoln scholar Ronald White.
- A memorial service for charter faculty member Carolyn Moore was held at the Smith Theatre on September 20.
- The second annual Mariachi Concert at Royal Oak on October 7 raised \$4,000 for Oaxaca scholarships.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield Campus will hold a 25th anniversary celebration on October 22.
- Two staff reports will be presented to the board – a legislative overview by the college's Lansing lobbyists and an update on the strategic plan by Dr. Spangler.

Tabitha Zimny of Karoub Associates provided an overview of the Lansing political scene noting, among other items, that the theme for the upcoming legislative session will be evaluation of educational funding via performance indicators. A push is also underway to create state-mandated high school graduation requirements. Next year's legislative session will be short, she predicted, because 2006 is an election year.

Chancellor Mary Spangler presented an update on the progress of OCC's 2002-2007 Strategic Plan. To date, ten Round 1 task forces have been named, and recommendations from six have been forwarded to the College Planning Council, which has sent them on with comments to the

chancellor. In addition, training sessions have been held for volunteers, a steering committee convened and an on-line monthly newsletter created. Next steps include a report on Round 1 status to the board; responses to the task forces recommendations; identification of Round 2 co-chairs, timelines and charges; recruitment and training of volunteers for the 05-06 task forces; naming of new planning coordinator; and development of a research agenda for 2006-07. President Jacqueline Shadko introduced new Orchard Ridge administrative assistant Linda Emerson.

College Resources

John Sirhal, managing partner of the college's auditing firm, Plante & Moran, presented an overview of the 2004-05 annual audit. This year's audit went very well, Mr. Sirhal said, and was completed in record time – a sign of the college's efficiency. The financial statement for the year ending June, 2005 merited a "clean" (unqualified) opinion. The separate federal awards audit also received a clean opinion and the college "did an outstanding job of implementing last year's recommendations" Mr. Sirhal said.

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

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: purchase and installation of replacement carpet for buildings C and F, Auburn Hills, from the low bidder, NBS of Troy, Michigan, for \$78,300; 10 Principles of Technology work stations for the Auburn Hills environmental technology program from the low bidder, Great Lakes Training Systems of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, for \$91,403; a replacement front end loader for Auburn Hills from the low bidder, AIS Equipment of Richmond, Michigan for \$40,232; replacement furniture for the Highland Lakes Student Center from the low bidder, ISCG of Royal Oak, Michigan for \$37,172; replacement lab equipment for the Orchard Ridge science labs from the low bidder, Fisher Scientific, for \$32,932; workforce training and facilitation services from the low bidder, Strategic Improvement Services of Saline, Michigan, for \$740 per day, through June 30, 2006; equipment for the Orchard Ridge life science program from the low bidder, National Satellite of Troy, Michigan for \$11,281.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that a new standing committee for academic planning has been established, and that the senate is recruiting volunteers for the impending North Central visit. Academic senate Blackboard sites have now been established at both the campus and college levels.

Orchard Ridge Campus student representative Miranda Webster noted that performances of the fall theater offering "Reckless" take place this weekend at the Smith Theatre, and that auditions for the OCC Singing Idol program are slated at Royal Oak's Jones Johnson Theater November 11.

Old Business

The Board Audit Committee, composed of trustees Scott, Davis and Abraham, has received eight outside applicants and will provide a report at the November meeting.

New Business

The labor negotiator selection will be made at the November meeting.

A motion was approved that the chancellor handle the student complaint recently received by the board.

Reports and Comments

Vice Chair Anne Scott distributed a report on the community college funding formula adopted by the MCCA at its October meeting. Ms. Scott also distributed a report on distance learning.

Trustee Sandra Ritter noted the concert by Waterford Schools graduate and clarinet virtuoso Dave Bennett at Highland Lakes, October 22.

The board entered closed session to discuss the chancellor's mid-year evaluation.

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