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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting January 23, 2006

The board conducted a special meeting before the regular session to interview law firms.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler reported the following:

- The chancellor's cabinet held its January meeting at the new Arab-American and Chaldean youth facility and toured the premises.
- An OCC delegation consisting of the chancellor, Cheryl Kozell and Trisha Markwood of Preston Gates met last Wednesday with Brigadier General Mike Daniels of the Michigan National Guard who is responsible for allocations of federal Homeland Security funding in Michigan. The topic of discussion was possible OCC access to these funds.
- On January 18 OCC signed an articulation agreement with Ferris State University that permits OCC students to earn three quarters of the credits toward a Ferris bachelor's degree in industrial technology/management at OCC. Two OCC students spoke of the educational and career advantages of the arrangement for them, personally.
- The second Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation at Orchard Ridge on January 13 provided speakers and performers of outstanding quality.
- The chancellor is currently conducting the midyear review of cabinet officers.
- With the completion of semifinalist interviews the Auburn Hills presidential search is nearly completed. Finalists will be announced in the next week.
- The college's second annual report is progressing on schedule. Publication is set for February 13.
- OCC's lobbying firm, Preston Gates, has issued a report on progress over the last year. Preston Gates is currently making arrangements for OCC meetings with Oakland County legislators during the AACC-ACCT Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC in early February.
- The next Business Community Alliance meeting is set for March 15.
- OCC's commencement is scheduled for the Palace of Auburn Hills June 23. Other sites are being investigated for next year.
- The Highland Lakes Campus will present a hands-on Health Career Day for high school students on January 27. On January 30 the campus will hold its annual Nursing Careers Day.
- OCC was the only community college (along with several universities) participating in a forensics tourney hosted by the Orchard Ridge Campus, December 10. An OCC student took a first, and four OCC students qualified for national competition.
- Orchard Ridge Librarian Ann Walaskay recently received the Michigan Library Association's Walter Kaiser Award.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley provided an update to his November board presentation covering disposition of the District Offices and Rochester Hills Center. For discussion purposes Mr. Brantley presented a number of alternative configurations for the Bee property but recommended renovation and expansion of the current Bee Center at a cost of \$3 to \$4 million.

Mr. Brantley and Interim President David Adams then presented a proposal which involves (1) construction of a new student center at the Auburn Hills Campus, and (2) occupation by IT and Institutional Research of the second floor of Building G, the present student center.

The board passed a motion to rehabilitate the Bee Center, but within the current configuration, and with no expansion of the structure.

In the same motion the board directed that the IT and IR staffs be moved from Rochester Hills to the second floor of G Building. DO staff will move to Rochester Hills until DO renovations are completed. The board also approved the construction of a new student center at Auburn Hills, which would be connected to existing buildings.

Academic and Student Affairs

Royal Oak student Laura Manley, representing Alpha Omega Xi, the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, announced that the chapter will stage an auction to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The event will be held at Club Venetian on March 11. Two hundred guests are expected.

Vice Chancellor George Keith provided information on winter registration. Student Credit Hours increased by 1.1 percent over last year, capping a 10-year upward trend of 10.9 percent. Headcount decreased slightly, but an increase of 4.7 percent is noted since winter, 2002.

Dr. Keith also distributed a "fast facts" document to the board containing data on head counts, credit hours, student ethnic composition, disciplines, etc.

The faculty appointment of Lisa Nemitz, IIC (OR) was approved, as was the temporary faculty appointment of Paul Foley, human sciences (OR). The temporary management staff appointment of Kathie House, manager of student success (AH), was also approved.

A proposed Investment Guidelines and Procedures document was approved by the board.

Authority was granted to the Auch Company to enter a construction contract for replacement of the water booster pump at the Highland Lakes Campus for \$397,800.

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: an affiliation agreement with Oakland-Macomb Regional Center of Auburn Hills to provide on-site training for students in the mental health/social work program; renewal of a contract for waste removal services with Capital Waste, Inc. through February 2007 in the amount of \$47,000; purchase of library furnishings for the Orchard Ridge Campus from Library Design Associates, Inc. for \$28,968.

A four-year agreement with Educational Resources, Inc. for the Total Testing Program package at a cost of \$55 per nursing student per semester (estimated at \$28,000 per semester) was approved.

A contract with Educated Business Resources Corporation for sales, marketing and sales consulting was approved at a rate of \$5,500 per month through December 31, 2006.

Comments

Vice Chair Scott reminded the board that the Midwinter Michigan Community College Association meeting will take place at Wayne County Community College February 10 and 11.

Trustee Janice Simmons asked if the IT Department provides assistance to students. Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry indicated that because of limited staff resources the department cannot accommodate students at present, but he will provide a proposal.

OCCFA President Mary Ston introduced the association's new chief negotiator, Jon Lundgren, elected at the group's December meeting.

Ms. Ston also asked the board to reconsider the "80-20 Rule" (80 percent of college budget expenditure on personnel, 20 percent on other costs) so that needed full-time faculty can be hired and courses added.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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