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Regular Meeting June 19, 2006

Public Comments

Auburn Hills paraprofessionals John Brooks and Robert Wilson asked the board to reconsider a recent decision on adjunct teaching at OCC by classified employees. Pastor Douglas Jones of Pontiac's Welcome Missionary Baptist Church; Oakland County resident, Al Pope; NAACP Counsel H. Wallace Parker; North Oakland NAACP President Eugene Rogers and Michigan House candidate Harold Harrison asked the board to reconsider its votes on the appointment of Dr. Patricia Dolly.

Introduced by Dental Hygiene faculty member Stephanie Markwardt, first year DH student Olivia Habbo and graduate Brenda Heintz described their learning experiences at OCC.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler made the following comments:

- The state legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Committee has approved the Auburn Hills renovation and construction projects.
- OCC participated in a Transfer Initiative Conference, designed to facilitate the transfer of community college students to the University of Michigan, on May 23.
- The annual OCC Legislative Luncheon was held in Lansing on May 23. The focus of the meeting was budget issues. Trustees Scott and Wangler participated.
- The chancellor took part in a May 25 Michigan Workforce Roundtable sponsored by Michigan State University.
- The Highland Lakes Campus hosted a delegation of educators from Mainland China on May 24. Joint partnerships were discussed.
- Two hundred and twenty-five prospective students attended the Health Careers Opportunity Day held at Highland Lakes on May 19.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield Honors Convocation was held at Orchard Ridge on June 2. Vice Chair Scott participated.
- The Police Academy's 90th graduation was held at Orchard Ridge on June 9. Chairperson Wangler spoke at the event.
- The OCC Women's Softball team has placed fifth in national competition.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield Campus hosted a meeting of southeast Michigan community colleges on June 5. The event focused on curriculum development and delivery of training to local emergency services agencies.
- A CREST brick dedication ceremony was held at Auburn Hills on May 26.
- Following a protracted team effort (including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson), an announcement is expected that OCC will receive federal funding for initiatives in the emerging technologies and international education.
- A closed session to discuss evaluations of cabinet members and the chancellor will take place this evening.

President Gordon May introduced new Highland Lakes faculty member Lori Ann Przymusinski. Interim President David Adams introduced new Auburn Hills staff member Jonathan Cottrell.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee announced that in recent voting she was reelected

senate chair, Mary Ston was elected vice chair and Nick Valenti was elected secretary. In addition, three of the campus academic senates have elected new chairs.

Ms. McGee also noted that the senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Textbooks has completed its work and will provide a report to the board. Among the findings:

- The average national ratio of textbook costs to tuition is 72%; for OCC the ratio is 57%.
- Textbook markups at OCC are totally in line with national figures.
- The faculty is developing strategies to reduce costs to students. One example is instant publishing – the printing only of sections of books needed for a particular course, thus providing considerable savings.

Vice Chancellor George Keith detailed the OCC Cybercommunity project with Oaxaca for which the college won a grant from the American Council of Education. Among the contributors to the project are Doug Riddering, Trish Harris, Steve Reif and Nick Valenti.

College Resources

Sabbatical leave for the fall, 2006, winter, 2007 and spring, 2007 semesters was approved for Orchard Ridge human sciences faculty member Carl Austermiller.

The probationary contract of Orchard Ridge fine and performing arts faculty member Diane Hill was renewed, effective August 31, 2006.

Appointments of the following faculty members were approved: Jeffrey Farrah, political science, (AH); Evan Kaplan, life sciences, (OR); Nahrein Mirza, counseling, (RO/SF); John Sefcovic, applied and engineering technologies, (AH); and Nodja Springer-Ali, library, (OR).

The administrative staff (exempt) presidential appointment of Patricia Dolly, (AH); was approved, as were the temporary appointments of David Adams, interim president (RO); Steven Reif, interim vice chancellor of academic affairs (DO); and Lloyd Crews, interim executive director of student services (DO).

The annual contract of non-exempt management staff member Melanie Myers, business/construction program coordinator (OR) was approved, as was the appointment of Kristina Kinglsey, public safety officer, (CW).

The monthly report on millage-funded renovation projects was presented.

A motion to convey a permanent water main easement at the Highland Lakes Campus to Waterford Township was approved.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: purchase of ammunition and related supplies from the low bidder, Michigan Police Equipment, for \$39,590; 55 licenses of Automation Student Education Edition software from the sole source, Famic Technologies, for \$51,390; a mill and lathe from the low bidder, Gerotech, Inc., for \$90,640; an Adobe maintenance renewal program from the low bidder, Academic Superstore, for \$74,851; robotic tape drives from the low bidder, Dell, for \$43,439; printing services for stationary from the low bidder, Nationwide, for \$36,452; purchase and installation of 15 simulation workstations for the Dental Hygiene program from Kavo Dental Corporation for \$212,820; a contract with Macomb Community College to provide training for General Motors employees for \$40,000.

The contract with the college's state lobbyist, Karoub Associates, was extended for the 2006-2007 fiscal year at a rate of \$4,000 per month.

New Business

Vice Chair Anne Scott was elected 2006-07 OCC representative to the Michigan Community College Association; Trustee Pamala Davis was chosen as alternate.

Comments

Vice Chair Scott thanked retiring RO/SF President Martha Smydra for her dedication and service to the college.

Trustee Davis thanked retiring Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs George Keith for 39 years of dedicated service to the college.

Trustee Janice Simmons thanked the board for its support of the Auburn Hills Presidential Search Committee and Dr. Patricia Dolly.

AFSCME Local 2042 President Kathleen Cham asked the board to reconsider the denial of classified adjunct teaching opportunities at the college. Ms. Cham asked the board to think beyond cost effectiveness issues, consider what will be lost, and work toward a mutually agreeable solution.

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