

# **Board Digest**

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Regular Meeting August 21, 2006

A plaque was presented to Trustee John Wangler in recognition of his years of service to the board and the college.

Retiree Nancy Gross was presented with a certificate and a gift commemorating her 25 years of service to the college.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston asserted that progress on the faculty contract is slow, and that a "fair and reasonable" agreement is needed before classes begin in 10 days.

#### **Chancellor's Report:**

After introducing new Auburn Hills Campus President Patricia Dolly, Chancellor Mary Spangler made the following comments:

- Recommendations for two interim deans for the Royal Oak/Southfield Campus will be presented to the board this evening.
- The college recently lost two longtime faculty members Richard Trombley and Carl Austermiller.
- The chancellor now has final draft copies of the Spelling Commission Report on the Future of Higher Education.
- The MCCA's new CEO, Mike Hansen, participated in the July Summer Institute.
- DO's annual Fun Day raised \$1,400 for scholarships.
- One hundred and thirty-three golfers took part in the Annual Dorene Hope Shank Golf Tournament, which raised \$26,000 for scholarships.
- A recent AACC Board of Directors meeting focused on community college image enhancement and approved five strategic action areas: recognition and advocacy; student access; community college leadership development; economic and workforce development; and global/intercultural education...
- Student soccer will come to the Orchard Ridge Campus this fall with a new field, new bleachers and a new coach.
- Orchard Ridge's J Building will be renamed the Student Center. A wireless project for students has been completed at the site, and the deck has been completely restored.
- The Auburn Hills STEPS Program, designed to introduce high school girls to technical careers, was featured in a front page article in the *Oakland Press* recently. Marikay Clancy coordinated the project.
- The 19th Annual Pontiac Summer Program, coordinated by Alicia Paramo-Dionne, was again successful.

Executive Director of Academic and Student Services Lloyd Crews reported that 60 students participated in OCC's first student orientation last summer at the Orchard Ridge Campus. This summer 530 students took part at all campuses, and evaluations were positive.

Mr. Crews also noted that with 10 days to go, registration numbers are up from last year.

Orchard Ridge President Jacqueline Shadko introduced new math faculty member Brian Shaw. Highland Lakes President Gordon May introduced new English faculty members Joseph Helminski and Robert Lamphear. Royal Oak/Southfield Interim President David Adams introduced new science faculty member Saul Grunfeld.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Vice Chancellor Steve Reif noted that the first draft of the Self Study will be ready on April 16. The study will contain curriculum realignments consistent with changes that have taken place since the last

Commission of Higher Education visit, with emphasis on the infusion of globalism, emerging sectors and developmental education.

Dr. Reif also noted that Chinese language and literature classes will be offered for the first time at OCC in winter, 2007.

## **College Resources**

The board approved a continuation of the temporary employment contract of humanities faculty member John Corbin (AH), as well as a recommendation for an unpaid leave of absence for business faculty member Richard Bowden (AH).

The temporary (non-exempt) appointments of Thomas Hendricks and Beverly Stanbrough as interim deans, academic and student services (RO/SF), were also approved.

The classified (part-time) appointment of Sunni Schirmer, child care assistant (RO), and the full-time appointment of Tracey Gandy, science paraprofessional (AH), were both approved, as was the public safety appointment of Robert Kennaly, PSO (CW).

Trustee Wangler read a statement for the record containing his objections to reclassifications of several administrative and management staff employees.

The monthly report on millage-funded renovation projects was presented, followed by a board request for a report on how much has been spent, and on what projects, over the past seven years of millage collections. An agreement with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for an upgrade of police dispatching services was approved.

## **Consent Agenda**

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: 275 affiliation agreements with local health facilities to permit on site training for students in 13 OCC health-related programs; a lease agreement with Oakland Schools permitting use of a CAD classroom at the Auburn Hills Campus when it is not being used by the college; purchase of a Spectrum 510 three-dimensional printer from the low bidder, Edutronix LLC for \$48,895; machine tool equipment upgrades from Gerotech, Inc. for \$28,475; purchase of an automated Phone Pass Speaking Test System from Ordinate Corporation for \$30,750; renewal of a contract with Ace Consulting for training services at \$500 per day through June 30, 2007; training services from Innovative Resources at \$800 per day through June 30, 2007; training services from Human Performance Technologies, Inc. at \$800 per day through June 30, 2007; renewal of a contract with TechniGraphics, Inc. for CAD-related training for \$1,350 per day through June 30, 2007; contract for training services from Regional Technology Network Corporation for \$80,000.

#### **Old Business**

The temporary appointment of Cheryl Kozell as acting chief strategic development officer, and the reclassifications of Public Safety Director Terry McCauley and Director of Purchasing Gheretta Harris were approved.

#### **New Business**

The board will set a date in September or October for a special session to discuss topics such as strategic planning and ACCT materials on guiding principles for board members.

#### **Reports**

Board Secretary Scott noted that she, Chancellor Spangler and Board Chair Davis attended the MCCA Summer Workshop in Traverse City. Many new community college presidents were introduced. Much was accomplished, and the subject of the state funding formula was not brought up once, Ms. Scott said. The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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