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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting April 23, 2007

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley introduced Mike Hansen, the new president of the Michigan Community College Association. Mr. Hansen provided some updates on recent developments in Lansing, including the following:

- The governor is proposing a 2 percent increase for community colleges in the next fiscal year, while the house is proposing 3 ½ to 4 percent, primarily for the purpose of increasing the training of nurses.
- There is some support in the senate and house to allow community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees in nursing and other applied fields; strong opposition may be expected from the universities.
- Reform of the school employees' retirement plan is being seriously considered; a proposal would permit current employees to retain MPERS, but eliminate it as an option for future hires.

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following observations and announcements:

- Longtime faculty member Sarah Keidan died on March 17.
- The college community has taken the Virginia Tech tragedy to heart; a college-wide conference on campus security is under consideration.
- The National League for Nursing Accreditation recently accredited the OCC ADN program through 2014. The efforts of Dean Nadia Boulos and her staff were crucial to this success.
- Standard and Poor's has upgraded OCC's bond rating to AA-plus.
- The Orchard Ridge and Auburn Hills chapters of Phi Theta Kappa were rated among the top 100 in the nation at the organization's recent national convention in Nashville.
- The OCC Culinary Team won a first place gold medal at the American Culinary Federation's Michigan Team Competition in Grand Rapids on February 24.
- Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry has announced that the Dell Corporation will be a presenting sponsor for the annual OCC scholarship golf outing in August, in the amount of \$10,000.
- An OCC Respiratory Program team won first place in a statewide competition held in Lansing, March 24.
- Director of Institutional Research Nancy Showers has been named to the 2007 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program.
- Financial Services has implemented a cost-saving online pay advice service for college employees.
- Interim Executive Director of Student Services Lloyd Crews has been awarded his doctorate by Wayne State University.

Director of Placement and Cooperative Education Willie Lloyd introduced the department's new secretary, LaTanya Porter.

Academic and Student Affairs

Interim Director Lloyd Crews noted the following activities: several student appreciation days conducted by Student Life over the past few weeks; a number of Earth Day events, including free showings of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth", a well-attended "Culture Slam" at the Royal Oak/Southfield Campus last Thursday, a student dance at Auburn Hills last Friday; and a candlelight vigil commemorating the Virginia Tech tragedy at Auburn Hills last Friday.

Retiring Highland Lakes CIS faculty member Henry Austin was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift by the board.

College Resources

Recommendations for continuing contracts were approved for the following faculty members: Jack Cronin, OR; Gina Fournier, RO/SF; Diane Hill, OR; and Karen Lee, RO/SF.

Sabbatical leaves were approved for OR English faculty member Leslie Roberts, OR English faculty member Peter Stine, and RO ESL faculty member Ildiko Porter-Szucs.

The classified appointments of Karen Green, science paraprofessional (AH) and William Ray, II, tool crib attendant (AH) were also approved.

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley conducted the mandated public hearing on the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget.

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

Authority was granted to the Auch Company to enter a construction contract for \$105,600 for replacement of trench drains in Building A, Auburn Hills.

Amendments to the college's investment guidelines and procedures were approved.

Consent Agenda

The board approved the following items via consent agenda procedure: purchase of a three-dimensional scanner for the CAD and drafting technology programs from Engineering and Manufacturing Services, Inc., for \$48,219; a one-year agreement with U.S. Industrial Technologies to provide waste management services for \$35,000; a contract extension with Professional Communications, Inc., to provide wiring installation services for \$100,000; purchase of a replacement flashover fire unit for the Emergency Services Program from Draega Safety Systems for \$55,843; training services for programming languages at \$1,900 per day, and UNIX/LINUX services at \$2,020 per day with ProTech Professional Technical Services; a contract with Westberg Consulting for training and facilitation services at a rate of \$900 per day.

Old Business

Trustees Anna Zimmerman and Sandra Ritter (with Mrs. Ritter as chair) will represent the board on the Chancellor Selection Committee; all other groups now have complete representation.

New Business

A motion was approved that all trustees promulgate a new corporate credit card policy for the Board and relinquish their current cards on May 1. Cards will be reissued after the policy is approved. In the interim board travel responsibilities will be looked after by the chancellor's office.

The 2007-2008 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings and Conferences was approved.

Board Member Reports

Secretary Anne Scott will represent the college at the MCCA Spring Meeting where the group's annual budget (including OCC's dues) will be up for approval. Ms. Scott will abstain from this vote.

Trustee Dale Cunningham's motion that all future Tax Increment Finance Authority, Downtown Development Authority and Corridor Improvement Authority requests come before the board was approved.

Chairperson Pamala Davis informed the Board of the following changes:

- That checking account numbers be obliterated from personal checks written by individual trustees to the college.
- That Dr. Tom Sullivan serve as the liaison from the Foundation Board to the OCC Board.
- That Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley provide a report on construction progress at the Bee Center at next month's meeting.
- That Trustee Dale Cunningham serve as board parliamentarian.
- That, starting in June, the board conduct monthly Monday work sessions in addition to its regular business meetings.

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