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Public Comments

College Academic Chair Mary Ann McGee took issue with the omission of her verbatim public comments on the chancellor search process in the November 5 Board Minutes. Chairperson Anna Zimmerman noted that it is standard practice to synopsise such materials.

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following announcements:

- Through the efforts of Dean Nadia Boulos and Dr. Edward Callaghan the Henry Ford Health System has agreed to provide OCC with a grant of \$175,000 to hire two full-time nursing faculty members.
- In an effort to reduce textbook costs a pilot program will be tried during the winter semester permitting students to rent, at a fraction of their cost, elementary algebra texts. If successful, the program will be expanded.
- Orchard Ridge business faculty member Harvey Bronstein has been appointed by the governor to a record fourth one-year term as vice chair of the State Higher Education Loan Authority and the Higher Education Assistance Authority.
- A special board meeting to discuss the strategic plan was requested for January 14. In addition, the input of employees, advisory group members and others will be sought in a meeting of the Business and Community Alliance scheduled for January 29 or 30.

Interim Chancellor Brantley provided an overview of the preliminary General Fund Budget for 2008-09. Tentatively, the new budget will total \$161,116,902, a four percent increase over 2006-07.

Academic and Student Affairs

Although expressing concerns over the chancellor selection process, College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee stated that the senate will work with the new chancellor to move the college forward. Ms. McGee also urged the board to develop a new and more open chancellor search policy.

Highland Lakes nursing student Sarah Fitzpatrick provided an overview of various Student Life activities across the five campuses. Ms. Fitzpatrick also noted that the OCC Student Nurse Association, to which she belongs, is the fourth largest organization of its type in the nation.

Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Cathey Maze announced that the final version of the Higher Learning Commission Self Study has gone to press and will be available after the holidays. She also noted that the chair of the evaluation team, Dr. Benjamin Young, had toured OCC in the fall in preparation for the team visit, and has asked that the team's schedule be changed to accommodate a three-hour meeting with the board of trustees on March 16.

College Resources

Recommendations for continuing contracts were approved for the following faculty members: Anthony Baracco, human sciences (OR); Milutin Erzbeznik, science (HL); Suzanne Labodie, English (RO/SF).

The following faculty appointments were approved: Rosalind Reaves, academic support center (RO); Thomas Dennis, fine and performing arts (OR); Krishna Stilianos, behavioral science (HL); Kathy Tiell, social and behavioral science (AH); Kenneth Aud, social and behavioral science (AH); Patricia Harris, English (AH).

Temporary faculty appointments were approved for the following: Alfred Eppens, history (RO); Kristina Fitzgerald, accounting (OR); Terry Weideman (HL). In addition, the temporary appointment of John Corbin, humanities (AH) was extended.

The temporary appointments of Lloyd Crews, interim executive director of student services (DO) and Thomas Hendricks, interim dean of academic and student services (RO/SF) were extended through June 30, 2008.

The management staff appointment of Stephanie Wren, Institutional Research analyst (CW) was approved, as were the classified appointments of Kimberly Combs, federal/state programs assistant (AH), Jessica Cook, photography paraprofessional (RO), and the maintenance appointment of Chantell Flores, building custodian (AH).

The executive employment agreement of Auburn Hills President Patricia Dolly was extended until June 30, 2009 when all other executive employment agreements expire.

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The board approved the following items via consent agenda procedure: reconfiguration/expansion of the Auburn Hills Campus Financial Aid Office, \$80,100; campus-wide concrete sidewalk replacements, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$527,700; renovation of restrooms in Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$567,600.

In addition, exterior foundation waterproofing projects for buildings A, B, C, and D at the Orchard Ridge Campus were approved for \$359,000.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following contracts and purchases were also approved via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with Lakes Internal Medicine of West Bloomfield to provide on-site training experiences for medical assisting students; an affiliation agreement with Dr. Khambati Pediatrics of Waterford to provide on-site training experiences for medical assisting students; an agreement with SNC Technologies Corporation to provide scenario-based simulation training for the Oakland Police Academy for \$43,050; an agreement with Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services for interpreting services at the rate of \$36.00 per hour; purchase of the Microsoft Campus License from the low bidder, Dell, for \$76,035.

Unfinished Business

A motion to increase the college officers' salaries at a rate of 2½ percent of current salary was approved.

A motion to support Trustee Anne Scott's membership in the Pontiac Rotary was approved.

The college will issue requests for proposals for investment consultants to review current investment policies and make recommendations. The selection will be made at the February 18 board meeting.

A proposal for a CREST Advisory Committee was approved. Trustees Anne Scott and Dale Cunningham will serve on the committee.

Wording for a new board credit card policy will be furnished by Trustee Kuhn at the January board meeting.

New Business

The board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Timothy Meyer as Oakland Community College's eighth chancellor and authorized negotiation of Dr. Meyer's contract for discussion at a special meeting, January 14th.

A board motion that identifies trustees' personal and professional associations with persons hired as consultants or employees will be reviewed at the January 28 board meeting.

Board Member Reports

Trustee Pam Davis requested a report from Orchard Ridge President Jackie Shadko on cooperative programs with area high schools. Ms. Davis also thanked Dean Boulos and Dr. Callaghan for their work with Henry Ford Hospital mentioned in "Chancellor's Comments", above.

Secretary Kuhn thanked all faculty and administration members who spent time on the chancellor search process.

Chairperson Zimmerman indicated her enthusiasm for OCC's future, and her eager anticipation of the arrival of a new chancellor.

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