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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting April 21, 2008

Public Comments

Bob Zemke, president of the 215-member OCC Retirees' Organization provided an overview of the group's activities and thanked the board and the human resources department for their support.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer made the following comments:

- The OCC Nursing Program's annual Pinning/Graduation ceremonies will take place at the Highland Lakes Campus, May 4. The campus will hold its Honors Convocation on May 28.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa collected 21 pints of blood in its March 31 drive.
- The Royal Oak Campus held a highly successful Transfer Day on March 27 for OCC students planning to transfer to four-year schools.
- Holocaust Survivor Michael Weiss spoke at the Southfield Campus on April 2.
- A film, "The Real 8 Mile", followed by a panel discussion on urban-suburban issues, were presented at the Royal Oak Campus, April 11.
- All campuses held Student Appreciation Days during the month of April.

Academic and Student Affairs

Orchard Ridge Phi Theta Kappa Vice-President Vani Gudeti provided an overview of recent Student Life activities on the campuses, which included poetry readings, a dance, Earth Day celebrations, a workshop on domestic violence, the Chancellor's Leadership Academy, and a Student Music Showcase.

President Gordon May and Dean Nadia Boulos described a new partnership with the Detroit Medical Centers which fosters the accelerated training of 65 additional nursing students over 16 months, in contrast to the standard training period of 20 months. DMC will provide \$300,000 to fund full-time faculty for the program. Dr. May credited Dr. Boulos with successfully conducting the negotiations.

Soon-to-retain employees Bea Catherino, Auburn Hills English faculty, and Diane Fisher, Orchard Ridge manager of campus academic services, were introduced to the board and presented with gifts by the chairperson.

College Resources

Sabbatical leaves for the 2008-09 academic year were approved for faculty members Vicki Kloosterhouse (HL) and Julie Seiter (OR).

A recommendation for a continuing contract was approved for librarian/ASC faculty member Lisa Nemitz (OR). The nursing faculty appointment of Christine Genei (HL), and the (temporary) accounting faculty appointment of Kristina Fitzgerald (OR) were also approved. The classified appointments of Kelly Yingling, math department secretary (AH); Tameka McClellan, public safety administrative specialist (DO/PC); and Krystal Ford, coop education

secretary (AH) were also approved.

A board resolution in support of a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Pleasant Ridge was approved.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley conducted the legally-mandated Public Hearings on the college's General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The board approved the following items via consent agenda procedure: assignment of property easements to Detroit Edison for electrical connections to the new grounds building at the Auburn Hills Campus; asphalt paving replacement, Building E, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$486,200; campus-wide concrete sidewalk replacement, Southfield Campus, \$267,500.

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: installation of a new bullet trap in the Building J firing range, Auburn Hills Campus, by the low bidder, Meggitt Defense Systems Caswell, \$83,450; metallographic equipment for the apprentice technical program, Auburn Hills Campus, from the low bidder, Leco Corporation, \$40,160; data and voice connectivity services from AT&T, \$610,000 annually; a six month extension of internet access connection services with Merit Networks, \$17,635; waste management services at an annual cost of \$35,000 from U.S. Industrial Technologies; testing materials for the nursing program from Educational Resources, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$55 per student.

A resolution permitting entrance into a licensing agreement with Pizza Hut, Inc. was tabled pending receipt of further information.

Unfinished Business

An amendment to Board Policy 1.6.2, "Conflict of Interest", was adopted.

A new credit card procedure was tabled, pending clarification of language.

At the board's direction to take the initiative, Chancellor Meyer has identified a firm to review OCC's investment policies.

The board selected the accounting firm Rehmann Robson to conduct the annual college audit. In the event that Rehmann Robson cannot complete the upcoming EDJT audits in a timely fashion, the college's current auditor, Plante & Moran will be retained for that specific project.

New Business

A revision to Board Policy 1.5.2, "Order of Business", was approved. Henceforth, the trustee declarations of possible conflicts of interest will appear as the fourth item of the agenda under "General Functions".

The 2008-2009 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings and Conferences was approved.

First reading of a new board policy to create a clear process for establishing board committees was approved.

Comments

Trustee Scott noted that the board audit committee will not meet until further notice. She is also awaiting a weekly report from the chancellor on positive developments at the college.

Trustee Ritter expressed the wish to hold a board discussion of CREST. She also noted the time is approaching to issue RFPs for legal services.

Trustee Abraham reminded the administration of his earlier request for a report on investments, and was promised the document within a week.

President Kathleen Cham of AFSCME Local 2042 presented a statement on managing employee health costs, suggesting competitive bids for coverage and establishment of a community college consortium to purchase coverage similar to the collaborative purchase of liability insurance.

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