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# Board Digest

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## Regular Meeting April 20, 2009

### Public Comments

Retiring Auburn Hills Mathematics Professor Charles Neumann expressed his appreciation to the board, administration and his colleagues for the opportunity to work at the college for the past 25 years.

Orchard Ridge President Jackie Shadko presented a DVD highlighting the accomplishments of the OCC Forensics Team and its coach, English faculty member Carole Bennett, in recent competitions. Team member Courtney Raby appeared in person to explain the preparations the team undertakes for competitions.

### Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer noted that 83 students of the OCC Math Club, sponsored by Orchard Ridge Math Professor Brian Shaw, participated in the national AMATYC Student Math League Competitions this year.

Two thousand one hundred and twenty-two students from 188 colleges nationwide competed, and the OCC team placed first in Michigan, second in the Midwest Region, and 15<sup>th</sup> nationally. Students Suhas Devangam, Kevin Joseph and Armin Haghghi won scholarships and placed first, third, and fifth, respectively, in Michigan.

Chancellor Meyer introduced Dean of Economic and Workforce Development Services Sharon Miller who provided background on the Michigan New Jobs Training Program, which permits community colleges to extend loans to local employers for worker retraining.

Director of Public Safety Terry McCauley provided an overview of college-wide security initiatives, including the activities of the four security review committees (Human Security, Physical Security, IT Data and Non-IT Data), as well as details of the Pre- and Onset Emergency Communications, Behavioral Assessment Reviews and Active Shooter/Violence Plans.

The board presented retiring faculty members Charles Neumann and Robert Higgins with certificates and gifts in recognition of their respective 25 and 44 years of service. Mr. Higgins introduced his wife, Diane, who has served as an adjunct faculty member for 38 years.

President Gordon May introduced Cynthia Roman, the new director of nursing. Institutional Research Director Nancy Showers introduced newly-appointed IR Research Analyst Eileen Brennan.

### Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee announced that college-wide elections of new senate representatives will take place this week, campus senate elections having taken place last week. An update on the new senators will be forthcoming at a future board meeting.

Student Representative Gregory Robertson announced that he has been accepted into the OCC Nursing Program, and that tonight marks his final board appearance. Mr. Robertson provided a summary of recent and upcoming Student Life-related activities on the campuses, including Earth Day Celebrations, sports activities, concerts, and last Saturday's successful Children's Literature Conference held at the Auburn Hills Campus.

### College Resources

Recommendations for continuing contracts were approved for faculty members Eric Abbey, Jeffrey Farrah, Saul Grunfeld, Joseph Helminski, Evan Kaplan, Robert Lamphear, Ruth Olsen-Laugal, Lori Ann Przymusinski, John Sefcovic, Brian Shaw, Nadja Springer-Ali, and Jan Marie Weller.

Sabbatical leaves were approved for RO/SF English faculty member Youmin Lee and DO Director of Institutional Research Nancy Showers.

The full-time maintenance appointment of Willie Shells (AH) was approved.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley conducted the public hearing presenting the 2009-10 General Fund Budget. Outlining a gloomy picture of the national and state economies, Mr. Brantley predicted that Michigan would bottom out in the second quarter of 2010, but that full recovery would take 10 years. OCC's budget for 2009-10 will total \$160,306,949, a decrease from 2008-09 of \$1,458,953. The largest hit to OCC's revenue will be a decrease of \$5,216,074 (5.3 percent) in property tax income, which constitutes 58.14 percent of the college's revenue. Nevertheless, OCC's financial status remains sound due to good financial practices, adequate cash reserves, excellent outside audits and good financial ratings. The monthly report on the progress of millage-funded renovation projects was submitted.

#### **Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases**

The following contracts and purchases were approved via consent agenda procedure: purchase of a Hunter Wheel Alignment Rack for the applied and engineering technologies program from the low bidder, Equipment Distributors, Incorporated of Shelby Township for \$50,050; medical and fire dispatch training from Priority Dispatch Corporation for \$44,520; database training for Eaton Steel employees from Oracle USA for \$70,000; an affiliation agreement for training of mental health/social work students with Hospice Advantage of Detroit; an affiliation agreement for the training of health care administration students with Ciena Health Care of Southfield.

#### **Unfinished Business**

On second reading, the board approved the policy on college investments provided by LJPR, LLC. The Governance Consultant Work Plan was approved.

#### **New Business**

The proposed 2009-2010 Board Regular Meeting and Conference Schedule was approved with two modifications: the July 20, 2009 meeting was moved to July 13, and the April 19, 2010 meeting was moved to April 12, one week earlier.

The board approved a motion to eliminate trustee credit cards and set up new procedures for handling trustee travel.

(New item, added to the agenda) The board approved the establishment of a self-funded loan account under the recently-enacted Michigan New Jobs Training Program to issue loans to employers for workforce training in new technologies. The OCC loan account will total \$2 million and is paid back by capturing workers' income taxes which would normally go to the state.

#### **Community Comments**

Trustee Anne Scott expressed her family's thanks to the OCC community for its support. Ms. Scott also noted that Oakland County's only fire fighter scholarship will be supported by proceeds from a fundraiser to be held at Royal Oak's Comedy Castle on May 7.

Trustee Pamala Davis extended kudos to Orchard Ridge President Jackie Shadko for the initiation of the Oakland Early College Project, stating that activities like this make the college a leader.

Board Chair Shirley Bryant noted that she, Vice Chair Anna Zimmerman and Trustee Tom Sullivan were privileged to attend the college's annual Excellence Day Celebration last Friday, a unique opportunity to see the fine work done by OCC's faculty and staff.

On behalf of the board Ms. Bryant also extended deepest condolences to Trustee Anne Scott on the loss of her daughter.

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