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Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer reviewed legislative developments to grant community colleges the ability to offer bachelor's degrees in certain fields. OCC supports the Michigan Community College Association on this matter, which endorses community college baccalaureates. However, because of the educationally enriched local environment in which it finds itself, OCC has no plans to pursue this option.

Dr. Meyer also congratulated OCC Forensics Coach Carole Bennett and her team on their excellent showing in the Michigan Forensics and Debate Tournament held on December 11. The five-member OCC team placed second to EMU, the top ten school in the nation, which fielded 21 students, four coaches and a host of graduate coaching assistants. Among the high scores achieved by the OCC team members were firsts in Poetry, Programmed Oral Interpretation, Duo and Quadrathon Speaking. Seconds were won in Prose, Poetry, and Duo.

President Gordon May introduced new employee Kathleen Andreassi, part-time secretary in the Auburn Hills Athletic Department.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee reported that the senate met last week and accepted a report on English placement, a review on the Liberal Arts degree, and a large number of new course proposals.

Orchard Ridge Campus honor student and Phi Theta Kappa member Marie Taylor provided an overview of Student Life events at the campuses in November and December.

College Resources – Personnel Recommendations

The faculty appointments of Samvel Babasyan, mathematics (RO/SF) and Daniel Lawson, behavioral science (HL) were approved as were the temporary faculty appointments of Sandra Walker, mathematics (AH), Linda Britton, mathematics (AH); Mary Jo Burchart, natural science (AH); Carrie Burdzinski, science (HL); Diana Clark, social science (AH); Bonnie Derisley, ASC (SF); Cindy Mooty-Hoffman, English (RO/SF); Victoria Nikiforov, English (AH). Grant-funded annual contracts were also approved for Nina Barkell and Angelika Maly, both nursing (HL).

The management staff (non-exempt) appointment of Robert Elizondo, Fire/EMS training coordinator (AH); the classified (part-time) appointment of Jennifer Pullins, nursing secretary (HL) and the full-time maintenance appointments of building custodians Janette Cowles (HL); Michelle Kendall (OR); and faculty technician John Halstead (HL) were also approved.

College Resources – Business and Finance

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the preliminary budget presentation for fiscal year 2010-11. With a 15 percent decline in state appropriations and a 12.5 percent decline in property tax collections likely, OCC currently projects an expenditure budget of \$152.5 million, while

expenses are estimated at \$167.3 million – a \$14.7 million shortfall. These are only preliminary estimates, Mr. Brantley emphasized, and “the college will now work to bring the budget into balance”.

remarking on Executive Director of Marketing David Adams’ 42-year career at the college (30 years as a faculty member, 12 years as an administrator) Chancellor Meyer stated that it had been “a privilege and honor to work with him”. Dr. Meyer also noted that Dr. Adams brought a sense of perspective to discussions, had been an asset in negotiations and provided superb work in the marketing department. On behalf of the board, Chair Bryant presented Dr. Adams with a certificate and gift.

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The following maintenance projects were approved via consent agenda procedure: expressway signage for the Orchard Ridge Campus, \$46,000; replacement of the Orchard Ridge Building J dishwashing machine, \$35,600.

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 truck with accessories from Buff Whelan Chevrolet for \$35,861; wireless network equipment from Delta Network Services for \$175,975; scenario-based simuniton training for the Oakland Police Academy from General Dynamics OTS for \$33,000.

New Business

The board policy language covering Conflict of Interest and a Code of Conduct Regarding the Financial Aid Office, lodged at the November board meeting, was approved.

Comments

Trustee Anne Scott reported that she had attended the 34th annual Potter’s Market and found it “as lovely as ever”. She also requested that an update on millage projects be included in the January board agenda and asked how trustees could become involved in the millage campaign. Trustee Tom Sullivan commented that the December 7 board meeting with the College Planning Council was very informative and productive.

Chair Bryant echoed Mr. Sullivan’s comments and also noted that she found attendance at last Saturday’s Police Academy Graduation rewarding. Ms. Bryant reported that she had received an unsolicited comment from a community member on the quality of instruction at OCC.

Several trustees wished the audience “happy holidays”.

Mary Ston noted that Nick Valenti had been elected the new OCC Faculty Association president.

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