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Board Chair Shirley Bryant announced that Trustee Anne Scott will be absent this evening; her mother, Marian Grimm, passed away yesterday.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer noted that the findings of the Annual Audit Report will be presented this evening. In addition, two staff reports on college resources, the scope of its operations, and how OCC remains connected to student success will be presented.

Taking as her theme "We are Connected", President Jackie Shadko provided an overview of student demographics, services and activities at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted, by way of clarification, that at its last meeting the senate supported a motion to begin exploration of online courses, as requested by Vice Chancellor Richard Holcomb.

In her final appearance as student representative to the board, Highland Lakes PTK Chapter President Kimberly Vettraiño made a PowerPoint presentation that provided an update on student life – related activities at each campus including charity food drives, lectures, beautification projects and workshops. Chair Bryant thanked Ms. Vettraiño for her contributions over the past three meetings.

Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Richard Holcomb parsed OCC's foundational value statement – "Learning is Our Only Priority" – defining its main component, Learning, as a process that brings together emotional and environmental experiences, and noting that the college is a learning community composed of students, employees, community members and the board.

College Resources

The faculty appointments of Gheorghita Tres, Spanish (AH); Bridget Johnson, sociology (OR); and Ishita Nandi, economics (OR) were approved.

Recommendations for continuing contracts were approved for the following faculty members: Kathy Tiell, social and behavioral sciences, AH; Patricia Harris, English, AH; Kenneth Aud, social and behavioral sciences, AH; Krishna Stilianos, behavioral science, HL; Thomas Dennis, fine and performing arts, OR; Chad Nykamp, physical sciences, OR; Rosalind Reaves, Academic Support Center, RO/SF.

The following faculty members received annual contract appointments: Sandra Walker, mathematics, AH; Brian Mazur, business, HL; Christine Walsh, counseling, HL; Thomas Pryor, English, HL; Terry Ann Weideman, exercise leadership, HL; Judy Hayes, medical assisting, HL; Angelika Maly, nursing, HL; Nina Barkell, nursing, HL; Ayesha Siddiqui, biology, HL; Gail Piepenburg, ceramics, OR; Peter Schade, graphics, OR; Dennis North, theater, OR; Bryan Helwig, CIS, OR; Ryan Dillaha, English, RO/SF; Janie Hilu, ESL, RO/SF; Alan Paulson, ceramics, RO/SF; Nancy Van DeGrift, mathematics, RO/SF; Glenn Moore, business, RO/SF.

The classified full-time appointment of Jamie Gibbard, student financial resources and scholarships (SF) was also approved.

Stacie Kwaiser, a principal with the college's outside auditors, The Rehmenn Group, noted that OCC had seen considerable enrollment growth, a hike in Pell Grant applications and loss of property tax revenue over the past year. She stated that the audit went well and declared an "unqualified opinion" signifying a "clean" OCC audit for 2009-10.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley stated that the audit results reflect the efforts of the entire college community as well as the processes and procedures in place, and acknowledged the outstanding work of Controller Gail Pitts.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following items were approved via Consent Agenda procedure: interpreting services from the low bidder, Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services of Farmington at a rate of \$37 per hour; a three-year maintenance agreement to cover network infrastructure electronics with Delta Network Services for \$324,492 annually. The board also approved a contract for marketing services from the low bidder, Jankowski Co of Troy, at a rate of \$125 per hour; the marketing and communications plan development portion of the contract is not to exceed \$60,000.

Unfinished Business

A board resolution was approved authorizing advance payment new jobs training agreements and exempting disclosure of all financial information received from applicants under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. In keeping with board policy, a New Trustee Orientation Process will provide new Trustee Dan Kelly with information on the college's human and financial resource base, strategic plan, and include a campus-by-campus familiarization tour.

Comments

Trustee Thomas Sullivan announced that he was an attendee at the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Economic Development Award Ceremony on October 28 where Interim Chief Development Officer/Dean of Economic and Workforce Development Sharon Miller received an economic development award. Dr. Sullivan also noted that he is a member of the Meadowbrook Center for Learning Differences Board, which received an Educator of the Year Award.

Dr. Sullivan also reported on the ACCT Leadership Congress in Toronto, which focused on the primacy of community colleges in the economy's renewal. Other themes raised at the conference included midnight classes, weekend classes (already instituted by OCC), deployment of technologies, policy governance and CEO and board evaluations.

Chair Shirley Bryant mirrored Dr. Sullivan's synopsis with a written report, which was distributed to the board. Ms. Bryant also noted that the OCC Faculty Association has withdrawn its request to appear earlier on the board agenda.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor and real estate issues.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications 248.341.2122.