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Chancellor's Report

Continuing his overview of state legislative developments, Chancellor Tim Meyer noted two pieces of legislation pending in the Michigan Legislature. First, a proposed law permitting community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees in certain fields will come before the house this Wednesday and hopefully will pass. Second, HB4572, which establishes a "Hard Cap" for public sector employers specifies that in 2012 no more than \$5,000 in employee health benefits is authorized annually for individuals, \$10,000 for two-person coverage, and \$15,000 for families.

According to U.S. Department of Education figures for 2009-10, OCC has moved up from 48th to 34th place nationwide in the number of degrees conferred.

OCC Outstanding Alumnus for 2003, astronaut Drew Feustel, was selected by the Michigan Community College Association as "Outstanding Michigan Community College Alumnus for 2011." Dr. Feustel, just back from his second mission into space, will be accompanied by his wife, Indira, to the MCCA Summer Workshop in Traverse City to receive his award on July 22.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry spoke on "Information Technology at OCC," an overview of the many services IT provides to students, faculty and numerous college operations. Mr. Hillberry noted his department accommodates 21,500 staff and faculty requests annually, 16,000 daily visits to the OCC website, and the IT Firewall intercepts 2,500,000 potential viruses each day. He also described the IT Technology Plan the number one concern of which is security. Other initiatives include learning management systems, Cloud computing, and smart classroom technology.

Highland Lakes President Gordon May introduced new employees Daniel Chudnov, business administrative faculty, and Dr. Kurt Stanley, biology faculty.

Auburn Hills Dean Henry Tanaka introduced new employees Theodore Bolak, English faculty and Amy Kurtycz, landscape technology paraprofessional.

Academic Initiatives

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Richard Holcomb provided a brief update on the Achieving the Dream initiative, which launched this year and continues through 2012.

"Achieving the Dream will enable the college to address certain achievement gaps," Dr. Holcomb said, including (1) successful student completion of developmental courses and subsequent progress into college-level classes, (2) successful completion of "gatekeeper" courses, (3) inculcation of student persistence behaviors, i.e., remaining in school, and (4) ultimately earning credentials.

A more detailed report will be presented at next month's meeting.

College Resources

Retiring employees Barbara Blass, mathematics, faculty, Royal Oak; Dr. Mel Chudnov, social science, faculty, Auburn Hills and Dr. Maurice McCall, registrar, enrollment services, District Office, received certificates of appreciation and congratulations from the board.

The interim appointment of Sharon Miller, acting chief strategic development officer, was extended for an additional 60 days.

The faculty appointments of Dawn Young, accounting (AH); Callina Hanson, counseling (HL); Tatiana Reynolds, mathematics (OR); Katelyn Cottone, physical sciences (OR); Mary Thomas, counseling (RO/SF) and Anthony Thomas, counseling (OR) were approved. The interim administrative appointment of Stephen Linden, interim registrar (DO), and Lori Przymusinski, interim dean, nursing and health professions (HL), were also approved.

The classified (full-time) appointment of Kimberlea Reid, ACCESS secretary (AH) was approved, as were the classified (part-time) appointments of Lynn Mills, social science secretary (AH) and Shari Buttrey, nursing secretary (HL) and the full-time operating engineers appointment of superintendent Deron Burgess (RO/SF).

The final 2011-12 General Fund Budget was adopted.

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

Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases

The following items were approved via Consent Calendar: purchase of a three-dimensional printer system for the computer-aided design program from Engineering & Manufacturing Services at a cost not to exceed \$53,270; bulk road salt from the low bidder, Morton Salt, at a cost not to exceed \$81,883.

Unfinished Business

The board voted to hold a special session to discuss the Audit Committee and Board goals. Revisions to Board Policy 2.2.2, "Personnel and Employment Policy," was passed upon second reading.

A motion to approve a cabinet officer employment agreement template was passed.

A motion to approve the employment agreements of all cabinet officers was passed.

The chancellor evaluation instrument was approved.

New Business

Trustee Shirley Bryant was elected representative to the Michigan Community College Association for 2011-12, and Secretary Pam Davis elected alternate.

Chancellor Tim Meyer indicated the latest ReDesign developments from the College Academic Senate can be loaded into the thumb drives distributed earlier to the trustees.

The personnel monitoring reporting format was approved.

Comments

Trustee Sandra Ritter noted the passing of longtime Waterford Township, one-time county commissioner and OCC graduate Betty Fortino.

Trustee Shirley Bryant expressed her approval of the new OCC community relations campaign and its catchphrase, "Community is Our Middle Name."

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The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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