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Chancellor's Comments

On April 11 Chancellor Meyer, along with Grand Rapids Community College President Dr. Steven Ender, were invited to testify before the Michigan State Senate Subcommittee on Retirement regarding implications of Senate Bill 1040, which proposes extensive changes in the School Employees' Retirement System. Dr. Meyer outlined the reasons he has difficulties with the proposed legislation.

New Staff Introductions

Auburn Hills Campus President Pat Dolly introduced new employee MiVida Burrus, secretary of health professions. Ms. Burrus, Dr. Dolly noted, has been invited to be keynote speaker at the upcoming Gates Foundation Annual Dinner.

Highland Lakes Campus President Gordon May introduced new employee Dr. Cynthia Roman, dean of nursing and health professions.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry reported the chancellor is forthcoming in providing the senate with requested updates on a variety of projects. Mr. Dry also noted the draft compilation of the Academic Master Plan prepared by Vice Chancellor Richard Holcomb is now before the senate.

Student Representative to the Board Elynn Parks presented an overview of the latest student activities at the campuses including a diversity fair-art show at Highland Lakes, student government elections at Auburn Hills, student appreciation days at Royal Oak/Southfield and Earth Day celebrations at Orchard Ridge.

Continuing his series of discussions on the OCC Strategic Plan, Chancellor Meyer presented an overview of college transfer policy, including a description of the MACRAO Transfer Agreement, articulation agreements, counseling services, evaluation tools, national and OCC transfer statistics and OCC students' top ten transfer school choices. Dr. Meyer also addressed current OCC initiatives and questions relating to transfer readiness policy and practices.

College Resources

The following staff appointments were announced: Eden Konja, management staff – non-exempt, interim instructional technologist (CW); John Regorrah, public safety officer (CW); Thomas Dzendzel, public safety officer (CW); Barbara Stanhouse, classified biology paraprofessional (HL); Lauren Williams, classified biology paraprofessional (HL); Janaida Turner, classified business office specialist (part-time) (OR).

Recommendations for annual contracts, or extensions of temporary appointments, were approved for the following faculty members; Jamie Hilu, ESL (RO/SF); Anthony Thomas, counseling (OR); Mary Stack, counseling (RO/SF); Susan Ruellen, ESL (OR).

Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases

The following items were approved via Consent Calendar procedure: use of the Palace of Auburn Hills for the 2012 commencement ceremony at a cost not to exceed \$58,000; use of Presidium Learning Services, Inc. for Help Desk services for one year, through June 30, 2013, at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.

Board Comments

Trustee Anna Zimmerman praised Royal Oak/Southfield President Steve Reif and all associated with the planning and execution of the Southfield ribbon cutting ceremony on March 30, noting that there was a great deal of staff input to the layout of the health sciences wing.

Trustee Shirley Bryant expressed interest regarding the future of the college's Daycare Centers.

Referencing a letter from the faculty association Board Chair Thomas Kuhn noted that a special board meeting should be convened in the April 30-May 4 timeframe to discuss 80/20 vs hardcap health benefits.

Labor Organization Comments

None.

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