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## Regular Meeting May 15, 2012

### Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Tim Meyer provided an overview of OCC initiatives designed to assist veterans, as well as such programs on the county, state and federal levels. OCC currently enrolls nearly 400 veterans, one of the largest student veteran populations in the state. Most OCC programs are approved by the Veterans Administration. The college recently dedicated a location at the Auburn Hills Campus for veterans and has designated two staff members to assist them. In addition, five staff members participate in the MCCA Veterans' Consortium. OCC's Economic and Workforce Development arm also works with companies wishing to hire veterans.

Oakland County maintains two offices for veteran assistance – one in Pontiac, the other in Troy. The state has 19 different offices which the governor is seeking to consolidate, while proposed state legislation mandates in-district tuition rates for all vets.

At the federal level proposed legislation, titled the "Heroes Act of 2011," is designed to provide assistance to vets of earlier eras. Tax credits for employers hiring veterans have also been instituted, and a Transition Assistance Program provides guidance to GI Bill active duty veterans.

College Brain Trust (CBT) Project Leader George Boggs, provided an overview of the CBT's two-year plan to assist OCC, and reviewed the background and credentials of the 11-member CBT team. Among the challenges cited by CBT are significant budget shortfalls, the need to improve student success measures and close achievement gaps, completion of the college Academic Master Plan, the need to review organizational structure and clarify lines of authority with the alignment of campus and college operations, governance and communications.

Dr. Boggs described Year One and Year Two Redesign tasks and specified the methods by which the CBT team will report its findings.

Chancellor Meyer introduced new interim Chief Human Resources Officer Bill MacQueen, interim Chief Information Officer Bob Montgomery and visiting CIO Phil Bertolini of Oakland County Government.

### Academic and Student Affairs

Student Representative to the Board Elynn Parks presented an overview of the latest student activity-related events at the campuses, including the April 16 Nursing Student Association luncheon at Southfield, the winning of the state championship by the men's golf team and the May 4 Student LIFE Leadership Summit at Auburn Hills.

Continuing his series of discussions on the OCC Strategic Plan, Chancellor Meyer presented "Transfer Readiness: Policy and Practice," an overview of OCC's support for transfer, options for student transfers, feedback from transferees, top ten transfer choices, methods by which students are informed, and student satisfaction with OCC's processes. The letter includes counseling services, number of credits transferred and students' views on how well OCC prepared them for continuing their educations.

In closing, the chancellor noted the college needs to secure more feedback from students, pursue systematic feedback from four-year schools and further analyze and evaluate OCC course transfer eligibilities.

## **College Resources**

The following staff appointments were announced: Tonya Fakhouri (part-time), natural science paraprofessional (AH); Seema Patil (part-time), EWD paraprofessional (AH-MTEC); Jennifer Luna (part-time), business office specialist (SF); David Crown, public safety officer (CW).

In addition, the interim appointment of Suba Subbarao as interim dean of academic and student services (AH) was announced and sabbatical leave for Carla Mathews, dean of enrollment services, authorized.

The following faculty appointments were also approved: Barbara Hoag, mathematics (AH); Nicholas Conti, mathematics (OR); Jesse Cleary (temporary) library technician (OR) and Terri Frank (temporary) library technician. An extension of annual faculty contract was also approved for Terry Weiderman, exercise leadership (HL).

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley conducted the Public Hearing of the college's proposed 2012-13 General Fund Budget. The new budget will total \$155,381,641, a 2.9 percent increase over 2011-12.

Authority was granted to the college's construction manager, the Auch Company, to enter into a contract for the construction of a trench drain/slop sink in the Heating Cooling Ventilation and Air Conditioning lab at the Auburn Hills Campus Building A for \$66,100.

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

## **Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases**

The following items were approved via Consent Calendar procedure: training and facilitation services from M. H. Technologies, LLC to total \$294,000, through June 30, 2013; training and facilitation services from Sartech, Inc. to total \$171,000 through June 30, 2013; perishable produce for the Culinary Arts Department from Simon Leeman for the 2011-12 fiscal year totaling \$75,000; seafood for the Culinary Arts Department from Northern Lakes Seafood for the 2011-12 fiscal year totaling \$75,000; 25 iMac computers from Apple Computer for \$55,000. Three hundred forty-eight affiliation agreements were approved with local healthcare establishments to provide onsite learning experiences for OCC students.

## **Unfinished Business**

A motion was passed to extend the contract of the Auch Company for two years while a new method is developed for the construction management process.

Revisions to Board Policies 0.05 ("Drug Free Workplace Policy and Procedure"), 5.2 ("Use of College Facilities") and the repeal of 2.7 ("Drug Free Environment") passed First Reading.

The Board Regular Meeting and Conference Schedule for 2012-13 was approved with one modification. The February 19 meeting was changed to February 26.

## **Comments**

Treasurer Pam Davis expressed the college's pride in the fact that Controller Gail Pitts was considered for appointment to the City of Detroit's Financial Advisory Committee.

Chair Thomas Kuhn extended the board's best wishes for the future to Student Representative Elynn Parks who made her final appearance this evening.

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