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Public Comment

Five people commented on a number of topics including the nursing program, the ceramics program, and changes within the College.

Chancellor's Report

- Chancellor Meyer commented on the critical nature of the information being presented on "Community Talent Needs" by Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive; Dan Hunter, Oakland County Deputy Director of Facilities Management; and Lisa Katz, Executive Director at Workforce Intelligence Network (WIN)
 - Ms. Katz reported on the large number of job openings in the region and the lack of skilled employees to fill these positions, specifically in the areas of advanced manufacturing, healthcare and information technology. During the period from 2001 to 2012, the demand for skilled trades employees rose 94% and the demand for IT employees rose 55%.
 - Mr. Hunter shared the results of the "Oakland County Skills Needs Assessment Project on Advanced Manufacturing." The assessment showed the advanced manufacturing sector is creating new highly-skilled job openings, but employers cannot find qualified workers to fill these positions. In addition, increased technical skills were identified as more important than personal competencies and soft skills.
 - Mr. Patterson commented on the vital role OCC plays in training students to fill these essential positions. He cited the need for OCC to continue to educate and train workers to fill the highly-skilled jobs in healthcare, advanced manufacturing and technology to support the economic growth of the county.
- Terry McCauley, Director of Public Safety, presented the College's annual safety report. Public Safety Officers responded to 23,987 calls for service in 2012 compared to 27,587 calls in 2011.

Academic and Student Affairs

- Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry updated the Board on the recent work of Senate.
- Student campus representative Rabia Khan (AH) gave an overview of the Student LIFE activities held in October and upcoming events.

College Resources

- Tom Hendricks was approved as the Academic Dean of Business/Information Technologies.
- The Chancellor reported representatives of the College presented to the Waterford Township Board on the proposed demolition of Highland Hall (HL). The Township Board did not have any objection to the project.
- Contracts were approved to implement a new web redesign and web content management system, purchase computer storage area network equipment, and contract with ETAS, Inc., to provide training through EWD.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- The Board approved the “State of Michigan Appropriation Local Strategic Value Resolution” as required by the state budget director.
- Trustee Ritter asked administration to update the Board on distribution, airing and posting of the Board meetings.

Community Comments

- Trustee Bryant encouraged her fellow Board members to access materials electronically via BoardBook.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications 248.341.2020.