



OR Community Assembly Minutes  
November 5, 2013  
4-5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Nadja Springer-Ali	Mark Seder	Nancy Nicholson	Chris Francis
Dennis Haleks	Ann Walaskay	Linda Emerson	Steve Lesser
Mike Kadrofske	Jeff Zachwieja	Jackie Shadko	Debi Ksionzek
Sally Hanna	Arlene Frank	Sandra Brown	Linda Wareck
Stacey Dyer	Lisa Skowronski	Robyn Tennison	Carole Bennett

1. Community Assembly minutes can be found on InfoMart at <http://infomart/minutes/communityassemblies/or>.
2. Campus Announcements/Updates
  - The last of the CBT reports will be released in by mid-November. The remaining reports are: Administrative Services Process Review; Fiscal Policies; Workforce / Continuing Ed / Crest; Student Services; and Athletics & Co-Curricular. The rest of the reports are already up on InfoMart. OCCFA did a review to see if the reports that were released were complete and found them to be so.
  - In Jahquan Hawkin's absence, we had a written report on recent Student Life events. OCC's Got Talent was a big success, as was the afterglow party held after the show in H Building.
  - Nadja Springer-Ali reported on events from the Diversity and Inclusion committee:
    - Sin Pais – Representatives from various high schools and higher education institutions from Oaxaca visited the campus last week. On behalf of the committee, International Student Advisor Nancy Nicholson showed the 20 minute documentary, Sin Pais, as well as shared information about our efforts as a committee. The viewing was well received and garnered a great discussion on immigration / deportation among participants.
    - Transgender Forum Supportive Showcase Display M Building – OR Counselor Tony Thomas put together a transgender informational display in support of the CW CCDI sponsored Transgender Forum held in the Smith Theatre on October 11, 2013.
    - MLK Convocation – Attorney Mark Fancher for the Racial Justice Project of the ACLU of Michigan is this year's keynote speaker. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Smith Theatre. Registration is available now via the PDTC website, and 2 SDU's will be awarded for attending.

- Committee Activities – Members are focusing on events for next semester. More details are forthcoming.
- The Campus Holiday Buffet will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 11:15 - 1:00 in J-306. An electronic invitation will be sent out shortly.

### 3. Community Relations

- Orchard Ridge received two Beautification Awards from the City of Farmington Hills. One is a Landscaping and Remodeling Award for the Student Center project and the second is an Environmental Sensitivity Award for our native plantings, our involvement with Friends of the Rouge, and the conservationist nature of the plantings done in conjunction with the remodeling.

### 4. Campus Facilities/Equipment/Technology

- There was a discussion about recycling bins:
  - This was also a discussion at the last College Sustainability Committee meeting.
  - The existing bins are very expensive.
  - The old blue bins that are still on campus are not being sorted.
  - Mike Kadrofske asked what happens to paper deposited in the old bins and was told that we are waiting for direction.
  - Possible strategies for improving recycling are:
    - Increase identifiable official bins
    - Co-opt through education
    - Recycle the old bins
    - Formulate a recycling policy
  - Maintenance empties the new recycling bins into larger bins down in receiving.
  - Sally Hanna asked why we don't use companies that will come in and pick up the recycling and then pay us for it; i.e., Royal Oak Recycling. Stacey thinks there might be a conflict with the current waste company's contract.
  - Dr. Shadko wants to invite Michael Schmidt to a future Community Assembly to discuss recycling.
- Arlene Frank spoke about the Recycling Bin Decorating Contest. Campus employees are encouraged to decorate recycle bins that they can keep at their desks to promote recycling by cutting down on trips to out-of-the-way official recycling bins. Entries may be turned in November 18-19<sup>th</sup> in J-184.

### 5. Community Comments

- There was a discussion about smoking on campus
  - There seems to be an increase in students and staff smoking on campus.
  - Mike Kadrofske said the amount of cigarette butts that are picked up by grounds people is down about 90%. However, Arlene has seen a great amount in staff lot 4.
  - Mark Seder said there should be no smoking on the college property, including in one's car. He stressed that we have a smoke-free environment.

- It was felt that we need additional signage to properly enforce this policy and that our current signage is inconsistent. Signs should indicate that there is no smoking in buildings and anywhere on our grounds.
- Staff and faculty are intimidated to go up to students and remind them of the no-smoking policy. Mark said if anyone gets a negative or threatening response from a student, they should contact Public Safety and they will speak to them.
- Mark suggested that faculty remind their students of the policy.
- Mark also suggested that we ask Marketing if college documents could be printed with a no-smoking logo similar to the recycling logo now on documents.
- Sally suggested that we contact area hospitals to see what steps they have taken to ensure that their no-smoking policies were enforced.
- The four Presidents were going to carry this subject forward, but the meeting where they were going to discuss it was cancelled. They will go forward at the next meeting which should be mid-November.
  
- Speeding in parking lots was discussed.
  - Mark suggested that staff/faculty not wait for a Community Assembly to bring up speeding, but to tell Public Safety immediately if speeding is observed.
  - The speed limit on our roads is 25 mph, and in our parking lots 15 mph.
  - There are additional speed limit signs that will be installed after a purchase order for the installation is approved. The requisition has been approved and sent to Purchasing.
  - Someone suggested putting up camera outside to catch speeders, but Mark said outdoor cameras don't work well and wouldn't help. There was also a suggestion that we get an intern from Criminal Justice to monitor the parking lots.
  
- Other Community Suggestions
  - Arlene Frank is concerned about the safety of students sleeping in the student center and in the second floor lobby.
  - Debi Ksionzek said the TV's in the gamers' area of the student center have been removed due to tampering.

The assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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