



Board

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Regular Meeting June 18, 2001

Chairperson Jeanne Towar expressed thanks “to all who worked hard to get the millage passed,” and noted that the entire board took part in the effort, either at the polls, or on election night. The landslide victory, Ms. Towar notes, “gives OCC ten years of breathing room.”

Chancellor’s Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations:

- Regarding the millage, he had been asked many times what the outcome would be. He had run scared, he said, but he knew we had a “secret weapon: OCC and its people.”
- The chancellor also noted that the board had set the campaign in motion two years ago, and won the electorate’s confidence by establishing a 98 percent record of 7-0 votes on all significant issues.
- Our students were our best advertisement, Mr. Thompson said, but success was assured by the combined efforts of the faculty, administrators, management staff, classified staff, maintenance staff, operating engineers and public safety officers, as well as our partners in the public arena including educational institutions, business, and the members of the Community Alliance and the Blue Ribbon Committee.
- The Chancellor and his staff will now begin a two-day retreat to begin preliminary work on how to approach the college’s next five year plan.
- The Business and Community Alliance will hold its next meeting this coming Monday.
- Two new staff members will be introduced this evening.
- MCCA appointments for the coming years are to be certified.
- A closed session will be held to conduct the chancellor’s evaluation.

Vice Chancellor Carol Brown introduced Marie Cooper, the new DO student services specialist. President Edward Callaghan introduced Sabrina Perdue, the new financial aid secretary at Orchard Ridge.

College Resources

The management staff appointments of Thomas Hendricks, campus facilities manager (OR), and Janine McKay, massage therapy coordinator (HL), were approved, as were the classified appointments of Diana Franco, bookstore assistant (OR) and Joedi Forguer, P.A.S.S. secretary (OR).

Authority was granted to the college's construction managers, the George W. Auch Company, to enter into a \$94,400 contract to construct a Teaching, Learning and Technology Center for faculty and staff in Building J of the Orchard Ridge Campus.

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

The following purchases and contracts were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with the Southfield Fire Department to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the EMT program; agreements with third party providers to furnish training under Michigan Economic Development Job Training grants: Education Enhancements, Inc., to Kmart employees, in the amount of \$120,000; International Institute for Learning, Inc., to Great Lakes Technologies Group employees in the amount of \$100,000; MPD Welding, Inc., to DaimlerChrysler employees, in the amount of \$30,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

Citing the passage of a proposal for the approval process for internet courses as an example, College Academic Senate Chair Gerald Faye praised the administration for its openness and responsiveness, and stated that "this has been as harmonious a year as I've seen (in the academic senate) at this college."

Old Business

The appointments of the current trustee director and the alternate director to the Michigan Community College Association, Trustees Anne Scott and John Wangler, respectively, were re-certified for the coming year.

Comments

Trustee Simmons praised Dean Nadia Boulos and the nursing staff for the new Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate Degree Nurse program which has impressed the health care community. Twenty LPN's from the DMC system are to enroll in the program.

The board thanked President Smydra and the Southfield Campus for their hospitality on election night. Trustee Scott has prepared a report on her participation in the ACCT regional meeting this past weekend. The highlight of her visit was a tour of Harry S. Truman Community College conducted by President Truman's grandson, who is on the college's public relations staff.

Vice Chair Towar concurred with Trustee Scott's comments, and is also preparing a report.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty association, OCCFA President James Berry characterized the millage campaign as a good learning experience for his membership because it gave them the opportunity to interact with their K-12 counterparts and other members of the community.

President Oswell Person, who is about to enter retirement, expressed his thanks for the opportunity to work at OCC and wished well to all. Dr. Person also thanked Chancellor Thompson for the chance to work on a number of important activities over the past year.

The board entered closed session to discuss the chancellor's evaluation; upon reconvening in open session it approved a 3 ½ percent salary increase for Mr. Thompson for the coming year.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications (248) 341-2020.