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Regular Meeting May 15, 2006

Public Comments

Chairperson Wangler invited the public to make comments. Speakers included County Commissioner Mattie Hatchett; former state legislator and Chair Emerita of the South Oakland NAACP Nancy Quarles; President of the North Oakland County NAACP Dr. Eugene Rogers; community member Al Pope; Auburn Hills Campus faculty member Randy Ston; and Oakland University Student Body President Mike McGuinness. All expressed their support of the appointment of Dr. Patricia Dolly as president of the Auburn Hills Campus.

Faculty members Shawn Dry and Randy Ston urged the board to support the Auburn Hills Student Center project.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler made the following comments:

- The Michigan Department of Labor audited handicapped arrangements at all college sites on May 2. Preliminary findings were complimentary, and a written report is expected shortly.
- Trustees Abraham, Davis and Scott joined the chancellor at the American Association of Community Colleges National Convention in Long, Beach, California on April 22-25. A House of Representatives caucus is forming, which includes local congressmen Thaddeus McCotter and Sander Levin.
- The Oakland Fire Institute graduated 38 cadets on May 12. Featured speaker was Deputy Chief David Schmaltz of the Coldwater Fire Department, who was the first recipient of the Clyde Harnack Scholarship in 1993.
- Twelve Oaxaca exchange students completed their OCC studies with a graduation ceremony at Auburn Hills on April 28. Eight OCC students and faculty members will travel to Oaxaca this summer.
- Through the Michigan Campus Compact, an Americorps Vista volunteer will serve as a liaison between OCC's Service Learning program and local non profit organizations for one year, starting this summer.
- One hundred and ninety students participated in the 2006 Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony at Southfield's Millennium Center on April 30. The audience was estimated at 2,000.
- The Royal Oak Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Omicron Psi, won awards for excellence in leadership programming and membership increases at PTK's International Convention, April 20-22.
- The annual Culinary Studies Institute's Great Lakes Wine Festival saw an excellent turnout on May 11. The event has raised more than \$80,000 for culinary scholarships.
- The OCC Math Club has placed second in Michigan, and 29th in the nation at the 2005-06 Math League Competition.
- A luncheon for state legislators has been scheduled in Lansing for May 23.

- Cathey Maze and Mary Ann McGee will provide a presentation on the Higher Learning Commission visit this evening.
- The board will vote on the college's budget for 2006-07.

Dean Cathey Maze and College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee provided an overview of preparations for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit, which will take place March 16-19, 2008. The purpose of the visit is to identify OCC's strengths and weaknesses; findings will be used to guide future planning.

Dean Maze explained the five criteria on which the college will be judged, noting the change in emphasis from the last visit 10 years ago. Results will be emphasized over resources, for example, and teaching, with a focus on student learning, replaces teaching per se.

Vice Chancellor George Keith noted that student credit hours and headcounts had decreased slightly for the spring semester. The overall trend since 2002, however, has been one of growth. Dr. Keith introduced Dean Lane Glenn and Manager of Student Services Kathie House who provided an update on OCC's Student Life Program. Dr. Glenn and Ms. House also described a number of completed and projected service learning activities, including the ESL volunteer project at Rochester Hills' Hampton Elementary School, and a planned program of tutorials in math and science for Pontiac middle and high school students.

College Resources

Sabbatical leave for the fall, 2006 and winter, 2007 semesters was approved for Auburn Hills natural science faculty member Marshall Baeckeroot.

The faculty appointment of Lori Ann Przymusinsky, nursing (HL) was approved, as was the management staff (non exempt) appointment of Steven McRae, programmer analyst (DO/RH), and the public safety appointment of Chasine Aguilera (CW).

The classified appointments of Eric Buchfinck, biology paraprofessional (HL); Jonathan Cottrell, manufacturing technology paraprofessional (AH); Steven Jablonski, bookstore assistant (RO); and Valerie Stringer, bookstore assistant (SF) were also approved.

The 2006-07 General Fund Budget was approved.

A \$14,940,900 project to provide interior renovations to Building G, Auburn Hills, and to construct a student services addition between buildings C and G, was approved.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: the purchase of a server and peripheral equipment from Dell for \$215,000; the purchase of network equipment from the low bidder, Delta Network System of Milford, for \$162,164.

Old Business

A motion to appoint Dr. Patricia Dolly president of the Auburn Hills Campus was defeated.

New Business

Chancellor Spangler suggested that she make recommendations at the next meeting for the board's approval to temporarily fill the three administrative vacancies – vice chancellor of academic and student affairs; president, Royal Oak/Southfield; president, Auburn Hills.

Comments

Vice Chair Scott thanked all those who participated in the Night at the Races fundraiser for the Clyde Harnack Firefighter Scholarship. Funds were raised for at least one scholarship.

Ms. Scott also distributed handouts from the recent AACC Convention.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications (248) 341-2122.