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Board Digest

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Special Meeting March 19, 2007

Trustee candidates Dr. Dale Cunningham, Dr. Thomas Sullivan and Dr. Nancy Quarles were interviewed by the board. Because of a previous commitment Dr. Janice Green was unable to attend, but asked an associate, Gwen Bynum, to read a statement on her behalf. Dr. John Wangler had earlier withdrawn his name.

Regular Meeting March 19, 2007

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following announcements:

- Each campus is currently preparing an academic plan; next, they will work with the College Academic Senate to develop the College Master Plan.
- The OCC Culinary Team took first place in the American Culinary Federation's Michigan Student Competition in Grand Rapids on February 24. The OCC team will represent Michigan in a March 25 competition against 10 other states.
- The Highland Lakes Campus will host 60 high school students at its 7th Annual Health Opportunities Day on March 23.
- The Royal Oak Campus hosted an International Academy Career Day on February 28.
- Governor Jennifer Granholm will issue an executive order this Thursday which may include cuts in the community college appropriation.
- Renovations to the Bee Center are proceeding on schedule. Reoccupation is expected in early June.
- Interim Executive Director Lloyd Crews will provide a report on student affairs, and Interim Vice Chancellor Steve Reif will speak on preparations for the Commission on Higher Learning visit in 2008.
- Two new employees will be introduced tonight.

Executive Director Lloyd Crews provided an update on student affairs at OCC, and projections of the program's future directions. Key strengths, he noted, include facilities, teaching/learning and student services. Among areas that need work are strategic partnerships, global competencies and staff development. It is Mr. Crew's goal to have OCC place among the top five institutions in student affairs in the near future.

President Pat Dolly introduced new Auburn Hills Building and Grounds Supervisor John Nagalski. Interim President David Adams introduced new Royal Oak/Southfield Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Andre Winnette.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that the approaching catalog deadline is keeping the senate busy on curricular matters. The first Faculty Assessment Day took place last Friday, and the senate's Master Plan Committee meets next month to synthesize the various campus plans. General Education revisions are progressing, and the Technology Management Committee will report at the next senate meeting on techniques to detect plagiarism. The Curriculum Revision Committee expects to review 17 programs in the coming year.

Student Jeff Albrecht of Alpha Omicron Psi, the Royal Oak Phi Theta Kappa chapter, reported that his group will dedicate its upcoming Relay for Life cancer research fundraiser to the memory of late trustee Janice Simmons. Mr. Albrecht showed "Operation Green", a PTK student-produced video on the campus-wide recycling program.

Vice Chancellor Steve Reif reported that each of five Higher Commission Criterion Committees have submitted first drafts, which will be shared with the college community on May 6. The remaining chapters and summaries, he noted, will be completed this summer, and forwarded to graphics in mid-October. A large (13-member) Accreditation team will visit OCC on March 16-19, 2008. The team's chair will be asked to make an advance visit, as was the case in the last accreditation visit.

College Resources

The temporary faculty appointment of Mary Ellen Stack, counseling (RO) was approved, as were the part-time classified appointments of LaTanya Porter, placement and coop education secretary (AH) and Susan Spelker, business office specialist (SF).

The board passed the annual resolution to levy taxes for the general operation of the college, as well as the annual resolution for collection of the college's taxes by the districts' cities and townships.

Authority was granted to the Auch Company to enter into a construction contract for \$338,400 to replace the asphalt pavements at the Bee Center.

Authority was also granted to the Auch Company to enter into a construction contract for \$124,300 to replace the Southfield Campus sump pump.

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

Consent Agenda

The board approved the following items via consent agenda procedure: purchase of water treatment services from the low bidder, H-O-H Chemicals, for \$22,336; moving services for the Royal Oak Campus Library from the low bidder, Allied Office Interiors, for \$68,735; a two-year contract extension for copiers and services with the low bidder, Albin Business Center, for \$272,980; purchases and installation of cubicle workstations for the Bee Center from Public Place Design for \$339,398; a resolution supporting the 2007-13 Police Dispatch Services Agreement between Oakland County and the college.

New Business

Dr. Dale Cunningham was appointed to fill the vacant trustee position by a vote of five to one. The oath of office will be administered privately in the near future.

Comments

Board Secretary Anne Scott asked that a committee be established to name a building at the Highland Lakes Campus in honor of the late Janice Simmons.

Board Vice Chair Sandra Ritter noted that the "OCC Board has turned a corner", and has now come together to work cooperatively.

Chair Pamala Davis expressed the hope that there will be a role for Dr. Thomas Sullivan and the other board candidates at the college in the future. Ms. Davis also expressed a desire for board study sessions every other month due to the press of business.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston noted the recent loss of longtime faculty member Sarah Keidan to cancer, and noted that the association has selected representatives for the chancellor search. Ms. Ston also welcomed Dr. Cunningham to the college and offered to meet with him at anytime to present the association's point of view.

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