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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting May 21, 2007

A closed session to discuss labor matters immediately preceded the regular meeting.

Student Presentation

Interim Dean Henry Tanaka introduced international student Vishnu Ramsamy who explained the Student Mentor Program recently introduced at the Auburn Hills Campus. The basic concept, Mr. Ramsamy noted, is to create a volunteer support system that enables students to succeed by breaking down isolation and fostering friendships.

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following observations and announcements:

- Representatives from various OCC career programs took part in the Skills USA competition held recently in Lansing. OCC students from the heating, ventilation and air conditioning program took first, second and third places, and will go on to the national competition in Kansas.
- OCC's Math Team scored at the top of eight schools taking part in the Michigan Mathematics Competition, third in the Midwest Competition and ranked 22nd nationwide.
- One hundred ninety-five ADN nursing students and 21 practical nurse education students took part in the annual pinning ceremony held at Southfield's Millennium Center on May 6. The OCC student nursing organization has been reported as the fourth largest in the nation.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will walk in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, June 9 and 10. The group, which hopes to raise \$3,000 for cancer research, will walk in memory of late Trustee Janice Simmons.

Dean of Workforce Development Services Sharon Miller distributed copies of the new OCC publication *Career Re-Focus*, an information piece developed to respond to Michigan's dislocated worker crisis.

Ms. Miller also introduced Art Rogers, vice president for human resources of United Solar Ovonic, an emerging sector enterprise which recently located in Oakland County. Mr. Rogers explained what WDS has done for his company – services that included job task analyses for the company's new hires, development of testing for applicants, productivity training for workers and acquisition of a federal grant for important training equipment.

Auburn Hills President Patricia Dolly introduced two new employees, criminal justice paraprofessional Karine Green, and humanities tool crib attendant Bill Ray.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that the senate will consider two major items when it meets this Thursday – (1) the academic master plan and its goals, and (2) the new climate and regulations surrounding the Higher Learning Commission, which will affect OCC's upcoming accreditation process.

Jeff Albrecht of Alpha Omicron Psi, the Royal Oak/Southfield chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, presented an overview of the many awards and honors won by OCC Phi Theta Kappa chapters, members and advisors at recent state, regional and national meetings. All four OCC chapters, Mr. Albrecht noted, have achieved five star status.

Interim Vice Chancellor Steve Reif noted that OCC and Cleary University signed a 3+1 articulation agreement on May 10 that enables OCC students to complete the majority of their class work here toward a Cleary Bachelor's of Business Administration in Health Care Administration, or several other fields.

Over 50 persons attended Faculty Assessment Day on March 16. The first meeting of the Core

Commitment Leadership Consortium was held in Washington, DC in March. This fall, an inventory measuring five dimensions of personal and social responsibility will be administered at OCC. Findings will be used to assess General Education outcomes. Guidelines on plagiarism (definitions, consequences, etc.) have been presented to the deans cabinet for discussion and action.

College Resources

The classified appointment of Sandra Brown, student services specialist (SF), was approved.

An amendment to the 2007-08 budget that reduces allocations for local meetings and travel by 10 percent (approximately \$87,000), and reallocates this amount for student scholarships, was approved. The budget itself was then approved, the total remaining unchanged at \$155,058,000.

A State of Michigan Civil Rights Compliance plan was approved, along with its accompanying board certificate.

Maintenance Projects

A motion to replace the aged cooling tower at the Auburn Hills Campus was approved at a cost of \$842,800.

A motion to install a new external signage system at the Orchard Ridge Campus was approved at a cost of \$338,300.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The board approved the following items via consent agenda procedure: a one-year contract extension to provide intrusion alarm monitoring equipment and maintenance for \$76,000; purchase, installation and programming of network equipment from the low bidder, Delta Network for \$1,399,123; purchase of Symantec Ghost and Antivirus products and maintenance from the low bidder, CDW Government, for \$33,941; purchase of an uninterruptible power supply upgrade from the low bidder, Anixta, for \$147,236.

Old Business

Chancellor search consultant Ken Myers presented an overview of current and future plans for the search process. The next major step, Mr. Myers noted, is the public announcement to be made in various publications on June 3. The search committee will convene around Labor Day, and the ultimate plan is to bring four or five highly qualified candidates to the board for consideration.

Trustee Kuhn moved that all written documents generated by the search committee be made available to all members of the board.

A motion that the search committee follow all provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act was approved.

A motion to name the new wing of Levinson Hall at the Highland Lakes Campus the “Janice Simmons Health Wing” was approved.

Action on the Investment Guidelines was tabled for action at the next board meeting, pending re-drafting as a board policy.

New Business

The 2007-08 MCCA budget vote was tabled.

The board minutes of March 19, 2007 were changed to reflect five affirmative votes for Trustee Cunningham.

The vote on college credit card policy was tabled until the next board study session.

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