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# Board Digest

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## Regular Meeting July 16, 2007

### Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following observations and comments:

- The college community is saddened by the passing of Royal Oak Counselor Thomas Kress on July 7.
- Twenty-three girls from 16 high schools were introduced to non-traditional careers for women at the recent Science, Technology and Engineering Preview (STEP) camp held at the Auburn Hills Campus June 22-30.
- Two new student orientation sessions at the Auburn Hills Campus drew 157 parents and 256 students.
- Auburn Hills President Patricia Dolly will join the American Association of Community Colleges' Research, Technology and Emerging Trends Commission for a three-year term.
- Two hundred and twenty-seven students will begin the nursing program this fall. An additional 40 are enrolled in the practical nursing program.
- The new wing of Highland Lakes' Levinson Hall, designed by DSA architects, received an honorable mention at the Education Designers' Showcase.
- Orchard Ridge's Culinary Studies Institute held its Chef Apprentice Dinner on June 19.
- Phi Theta Kappa members, staff and community participants worked on restoration of the Orchard Ridge Nature Trail June 16, 30, July 14 and 28.
- The Orchard Ridge Campus, in cooperation with Farmington Schools, presented the fourth annual SUCCESS program for 9<sup>th</sup> graders in June.
- Royal Oak and Auburn Hills hosted six-session Transition programs May through July for persons interested in attending college.
- A new information system demonstrating the pace and quantity of student registrations on an hourly basis has been implemented by IT.

Royal Oak/Southfield President Steve Reif and Executive Director of Marketing Dave Adams presented an update on issues relating to replacement of the aged air handling system at Southfield, lab ventilation and loading dock problems, and the need for additional classroom space in light of a 66 percent increase in enrollment over the past five years.

Three options were identified for further study: closing the campus for six months while the air handling system is replaced; converting a classroom into a larger mechanical room; or constructing a campus addition which encompasses both the air handling system and additional classrooms.

New employee Tang Quach, robotics paraprofessional at Auburn Hills, was introduced by President Dolly.

President Reif introduced new Royal Oak philosophy faculty member Aletia Droba.

### College Resources

The faculty appointments of Wendy Conway, mathematics (HL); Emily McAllister, mathematics (HL); Julie Seiler, economics (OR); and Richard Lamb, science (RO/SF) were approved, as was the administrative appointment of Cynthia Tanner, OCC Foundation director (DO).

The classified appointments of Karen Benner, humanities paraprofessional (RO/SF); Patricia McMinn, faculty secretary (RO/SF); Sandra Happel, art paraprofessional (OR) and Jesse Mason, physical sciences paraprofessional (OR) were also approved, as was the maintenance appointment of Ronald Meyer, facilities technician (HL).

An addition to Board Policy 3.10, "Investment Policy", as presented at the June 18 board meeting, was

approved.

An increase of \$100,000 to the \$50,000 previously approved by the board for preconstruction services at the Southfield Campus was approved.

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: purchase of desktop computer equipment and peripherals from Dell Computer Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$1,245,000 for 2007-08; purchase of servers and laptops from Dell Computer Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$355,770 for 2007-08.

**New Business**

Consultant George Potter presented himself to answer questions relating to his review of the board policies. Adoption was tabled until Mr. Potter's findings are reviewed by the college attorneys, and by the board at its August 13 study session.

The board voted to elect a new set of officers: Anna Zimmerman, chair; Dale Cunningham, vice chair; Thomas Kuhn, secretary.

**Comments**

Trustee Scott encouraged support of the annual Golf for Scholarships outing which takes place August 10. Chairperson Zimmerman expressed her appreciation at being elected board chair and offered her commitment to working collaboratively with her fellow trustees.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston noted that the death of Thomas Kress brings the number of full-time faculty down to 266. Two hundred and ninety full-time faculty are needed, Ms. Stone noted, particularly in the science fields.

Trustee Ritter asked that the college send condolences to the family of the late President Robert Roelofs who died on May 31.

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