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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting October 15, 2007

Public Comments

Faculty member Don Nichols, who is retiring after 40 years of service to the college, asked the board to consider donating his unused 210 sick days to someone on the staff who might need them. Dr. Nichols, himself a cancer survivor, asked that the sick days be allocated to someone also suffering from cancer. Failing that, he asked that the cash value of the sick days, equal to one year's salary, be donated to the Foundation for scholarships.

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following announcements:

- Economic and Workforce Development recently presented three short-term training programs for displaced workers. An automotive servicing internship is being established at the Auburn Hills Campus with General Motors.
- Highland Lakes Campus medical assisting graduates recently passed the national certification exam at a rate of 100 percent.
- Orchard Ridge Culinary Studies Institute students competed successfully for prizes in an October 4 "Savory and Sweet" cooking competition sponsored by Starbuck's. The event raised \$1,000 for scholarships.
- Four hundred people attended the annual Michael Golds AD/HD Conference at Orchard Ridge on October 5.
- More than 4,000 people took part in the Annual Susan Komen Walk for Cancer on September 28. The kickoff of the event took place at Orchard Ridge.
- The Royal Oak and Southfield campuses held U.S. Constitution Day observances on September 18 and 20, respectively, featuring free food for students.
- The Southfield Campus conducted a "Responding to Hate" workshop on September 20 and a College Night, in which 60 colleges participated, on October 2.
- Hispanic Heritage Month was observed at the Royal Oak and Southfield campuses on September 26 and October 4, respectively.
- A PTK blood drive on September 24 collected 24 pints of blood.
- College Controller Gail Pitts was named chair of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants on September 25.

Controller Gail Pitts introduced new accounting specialists Carrie Fenton and Shan Wang.

John Sirhal, managing partner of the college's auditing firm, Plante & Moran, and Senior Manager Paul Edwards presented an overview of the 2006-07 audit. Once again the college displayed a "clean" report, Mr. Sirhal said, and "administration did an outstanding job of getting information to us in a timely manner. Stating that the college maintains "a strong and liquid position enabling it to adapt to challenges", Mr. Sirhal noted that new auditing standards in effect next year will require the college's staff to do more preparation, "but they have already begun to do so."

Academic and Student Affairs

Auburn Hills Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President Victoria Marques reported that a showing of the documentary film "Cold Water" on October 3 drew 140 participants. The Auburn Hills Student Government is currently drafting a constitution, and the Royal Oak PTK chapter is planning a recycling

event. The Highland Lakes Campus Student Life Office will present Ghost Hunter Peter Jordon on October 30.

Sabbatical leave for the Winter, 2008 semester was approved for Orchard Ridge English faculty member Robert Wiley.

The classified (part-time) appointment of Mary Thomas, child care assistant (AH) was approved, as was the public safety appointment of Daniel Sullivan (CW).

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 CISCO Certified Network Professional Equipment, \$43,352; purchase and installation of closed circuit television equipment from Security Corporation, \$126,631; purchase of COMPASS placement test Scantron sheets from Delta College, \$51,750; purchase and installation of bookstore fixtures from the low bidder, Franklin Fixtures, \$66,957; an affiliation agreement for on-site training of patient care associate students with Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Old Business

Updates to Board Policies 1.2 (Officers); 1.4.1 (Meetings); 1.5.2 (Order of Business); 1.5.3 (Public Participation in Meetings); 5.1.5 (Procedures); 1.6.1 (Guidelines for Conduct); 1.6.4 (Compensation); 1.6.5 (Travel Expenses) as lodged at the September 17 board meeting, were approved.

Chairperson Anna Zimmerman noted that the September 26-29 ACCT Annual Congress was highly informative, particularly the sessions on board and chancellor self-assessment.

Trustee Scott noted that she has turned in a written report on the event; Trustee Davis stated that the congress was “very informative” and plans to submit a written report. Trustee Abraham reported that sessions on “Emergent Technologies” were excellent.

Trustee Scott noted that the audit subcommittee is now organizing, but will require a charter enumerating the group’s duties and role. She distributed a draft charter for approval at the November board meeting.

Trustee Ritter, chairperson of the chancellor search committee presented a timetable of the group’s future activities. Mrs. Ritter tentatively projected the announcement of a new chancellor at the board’s December meeting, and his or her installation on February 1.

New Business

The board’s Chancellor Contract Committee, chaired by Trustee Abraham, and including Chairperson Zimmerman and Trustee Ritter, is ready to begin at any time.

Trustee Ritter inquired about a rumored proposal for an ice rink building and the status of women’s parity in sports.

Comments

Trustee Davis asked for an update on the CREST strategic plan.

Trustee Scott asked for copies of the expense reports for consultant Ken Myers.

Trustee Abraham requested a written report on proceedings at the October 5 and 6 MCCA meeting which Trustee Davis attended in Trustee Scott’s stead.

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