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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting February 18, 2008

The board interviewed representatives of two firms making bids to serve as the college's investment advisors – Gray and Company, and Heber, Fuger, Wendin.

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Tim Meyer made the following announcements:

- An OCC delegation traveled to Washington, DC last week to attend the annual AACC – ACCT Legislative Seminar. The group was able to meet with all of Oakland County's legislators and their staffs – a good experience for all involved. OCC, the chancellor noted, is known nationally. A \$6.8 million energy grant involving OCC and several other colleges is in the works. OCC's portion, should it be approved, will be \$1.25 million.
- Highland Lakes President Gordon May has invited the chancellor to attend the Waterford State of the Township Breakfast on March 12. Dr. May will speak on "The State of the Campus".
- The Culinary Studies Institute accreditation visit has been completed. Final results will not be known until July, but all indications are for a positive outcome.
- The Royal Oak Campus Photography Department is currently staging an outstanding photo exhibit of student work. Items are available for sale.

Chief Human Resources Officer Cathy Rush and Dean of Enrollment Services Carla Mathews presented an overview of the Family Rights and Privacy Act. All OCC employees undergo FERPA training.

Interim Executive Director of Student Services Lloyd Crews introduced Jessica Newman, the new Auburn Hills coordinator of student development.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that the senate, which held a meeting last week, is working hard to process new courses and programs before the college catalog printing deadline. Among the new courses and programs passed are degrees in global studies and molecular biotechnology, and new classes in homeland security. The senate has established a new academic standards committee, as well as an ad hoc committee to review the curriculum approval process. Twenty-three OCC programs will be reviewed next year.

Highland Lakes nursing student Sarah Fitzpatrick reported on a variety of recent events, including the Performance Studies Festival at Orchard Ridge last weekend, and a nursing job fair at Highland Lakes on January 27. Ms. Fitzpatrick noted that the Nursing Program's Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for May 4.

Interim Vice Chancellor Cathey maze noted that the Higher Learning Commission Evaluation Team has requested a dinner with the board on March 16 to gather impressions of the college.

The team's exit interview is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 in the Board Room.

Retiree Stella Malkowski was presented with a gift and certificate by Chairperson Anna Zimmerman on behalf of the board.

College Resources

The classified (full-time) appointment of Nestor Baron-Lopez, bookstore assistant (AH), was approved by the board.

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: remedial brickwork repairs to buildings A, B, C, E, H, J, K and P on the Auburn Hills Campus, \$405,500; ceiling and lighting replacements to Levinson Hall on the Highland Lakes Campus, \$967,700; roof replacement for the Highland Lakes Student Center, \$33,200.

Unfinished Business

The board postponed a vote on credit card policy until the March 17 meeting.

The names of the three pre-qualified community members who have volunteered to serve on the audit review committee will be submitted to the board chair for approval.

The board postponed a decision on a lawsuit notification policy until the March 17 meeting.

New Business

The board selected Scofes and Associates as the college's Lansing lobbyist.

Comments

Trustee Sandra Ritter requested that the board receive copies of the monthly crime reports and all Freedom of Information Act inquiries.

Trustee Scott distributed copies of an MCCA calendar to the board and invited trustees to attend the Royal Oak Firefighter Scholarship fundraiser at the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak on March 24.

Ms. Scott also handed out copies of the grants "green sheet" she had collected in Washington, DC, and stated that she missed the weekly information update produced by the chancellor.

Chancellor Meyer offered to provide information on a regular basis directly to board members.

The board entered a closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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