



OAKLAND
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Board Digest

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Public Comments

Jeff Albrecht expressed appreciation to the board on behalf of the 300 part-time employees who will not be transitioned to Adecco.

Four members of the classified bargaining unit expressed their dissatisfaction with the progress of contract negotiations.

Adjunct faculty member Malvern Crawford expressed his views on the college's hiring of minority faculty members.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer introduced Executive Director of Marketing David Adams who provided an overview of the college's marketing operations, including the call centers, publications, the website, internal communications, public relations and advertising. Dr. Adams also described the findings of the college's latest image survey and public opinion poll.

President Patricia Dolly introduced new Auburn Hills history faculty member John Mousty; President Steve Reif introduced new Southfield surgical technology program director Herman Young; President Jackie Shadko introduced new Orchard Ridge paralegal faculty member Robert Long; and President Gordon May introduced new Highland Lakes CIS faculty member Preetha Ravikumar.

Academic and Student Affairs

Chancellor Meyer introduced Chief Strategic Development Officer Cheryl Kozell, who described the two federal earmarks that have been recently awarded to OCC: one for the development of an Emerging Sectors Educational Consortium, the other for the development of a model international education curriculum for two-year schools based on the college's longstanding experiences with Oaxaca, Mexico.

College Resources

The appointment of Brian Moss as interim dean of academic and student services at the Highland Lakes Campus was approved, as was the college-wide appointment of Laurie Huber as a student services athletic director. The management staff appointment of Kenneth Faulk, III as Orchard Ridge theater manager was also approved.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: 308 affiliation agreements, which provide on-site training for students in various health-related programs; bus charter service from the low bidder, Michigan Charters of Novi, for \$68,500; ammunition and supplies for the police academy from the low bidder, Michigan Police Equipment of Charlotte, for \$96,443; renewal of the Blackboard license agreement for online student instruction with the sole vendor, Blackboard, Inc., for three years at a cost of \$398,830.

New Business

The board voted unanimously to accept the chancellor's draft action plan to address board of trustees issues raised by the Higher Learning Commission.

The board asked the administration to investigate the steps and costs involved in having board meetings televised and distributed to county public access channels, as well as the OCC website.

The report of the Chancellor Evaluation Committee was returned to the committee for further clarification.

Comments

Trustee Anne Scott suggested strong action to force Art Van to withdraw a recent TV commercial that demeans community colleges.

Trustee Scott also pointed out the need for OCC representation on the SEMCOG board and requested the administration to investigate the steps required for the college to resume its former participation.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston noted that the college has fallen below the number of contractually-required faculty positions and insisted on remedial action.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations and pending litigation.

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