

**Board Digest** 

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Regular Meeting September 15, 2008

#### **Public Comments**

While praising the new Auburn Hills Student Center, Auburn Hills Administrative Specialist Linda Churchill took issue with the purchase of a grand piano for the facility.

Paraprofessional Ann Johnson Burek expressed the classified union's desire for a contract.

#### **Student Presentation**

President Jackie Shadko introduced Orchard Ridge paralegal student Donna Marie Merogi who presented an overview of Service Learning activities at the college.

#### **Staff Report**

Acting Chief Strategic Development Officer Cheryl Kozell announced that OCC and its Southeast Michigan Community College Educational Consortium partners won the Educational Program of the Year Award at the recent Automation Alley Gala for its Centers of Expertise Program.

## Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that the senate will hold its first meeting next week.

Highland Lakes pre-nursing student and Women's Basketball Team Captain Julia Kelley provided an overview of Student Life activities at various campuses, including the all-campus "Rock the Vote" voter registration drive, which registered 100 students, and the fall Service Learning Volunteer Fair.

Interim Executive Director of Student Services Lloyd Crews announced that a student email service became operative this fall. The system is available to all students, Dr. Crews noted, and will eventually be the college's main method of communicating with students.

## **College Resources**

The nursing faculty appointment of Dawn Baker (HL) was approved, as were annual faculty contracts for Nina Barkell and Angelika Maly, both nursing (HL).

The administrative staff (exempt) appointment of Cherie Foster as executive assistant to the chancellor (DO) was approved, as were the non-exempt management staff appointments of Jay Arnold, budget analyst (DO), Julie Jurmo, admissions recruiter (OR) and Latasha Noland, financial analyst (DO).

The board approved replacement of the electric bus duct in the Royal Oak ceramics kiln room at a cost of \$186,950.

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: purchase of road salt in bulk from Morton Salt, \$90,767; elevator maintenance services from KONE Inc., \$117,000; HP

printer and equipment services from Seki Products, \$60,000; internet access services from AT&T, \$33,348 per year over three years; internet access services from Merit Networks, \$101,916 per year over three years; training for Denso International America employees from M&M Consulting for \$60,000.

# **Unfinished Business**

A motion to record and televise board meetings was tabled for vote at the board's October meeting.

## New Business

The board will hold a special session for a public, item by item discussion of the Higher Learning Commission evaluation. Time and date of the session is to be decided.

Chancellor Tim Meyer made a presentation on "Chancellor's Goals 2008-09" which included detailed timelines for organizational (chancellor) development for the years 2008, 2008-09 and 2009-2010. The year 2008 was devoted to "enculturation"; 2008-09 will be devoted to "sustainability and preparing for change" and 2009-10 to "engagement" or implementing the college's vision and strategic plan. The board voted to approve the "Chancellor's Goals" as presented.

Reporting on behalf of the chancellor evaluation committee, Trustee Pam Davis asked that board input to the document be submitted by October 9. The committee's next meeting is October 13 when the document will be assembled for board approval.

A motion to make a report on each trustees' monthly credit card activity available to the entire board was approved.

A motion to re-adopt the statement on board behavior was approved.

A motion to hold an advance vote on whether or not to have legal counsel present at each open board meeting was lodged for action at the next board meeting.

## Comments

Trustee Scott asked for fall enrollment figures. Chancellor Meyer noted that enrollment was 24,957, up 1.7 percent from last year.

Trustee Scott asked that the nomination of an OCC SEMCOG representative be placed on the agenda for the October board meeting.

Faculty Association president Mary Ston announced that a trustee candidate forum will take place this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Royal Oak Campus' Jones Johnson Theater.

The board voted to enter closed session to discuss pending litigation.

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