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## **Regular Meeting January 25, 2010**

### **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Tim Meyer provided a millage update outlining both the framework and the timelines of the upcoming millage effort. The theme of the campaign, the chancellor noted, is "the renewal of the millage will allow OCC to continue as a leader in this region's economic recovery by providing high-quality education to everyone." Emphasis will be placed on the fact that this is a renewal, not an additional tax.

Phase One of the process involves internal communications consisting of presentations to the union leadership, academic senate and at all college sites. Information will also be posted on Infomart and in the Student Newsletter between January 26 and February 4.

Phase Two will be an external program including such features as a Trustee Ambassador Program (trustees, as elected officials are free to advocate passage of the millage), posting of millage information on the college website, placing of newspaper articles, social networking and the formation of a Blue Ribbon Advocacy Committee consisting of Outstanding Alumnus Patrick McQueen, college founder George Mosher, Kevin Turner and John Axe to support (among other activities) the trustees in their presentations to rotary clubs, chambers of commerce, civic officials and other organizations.

Trustees will be asked to do post-event reports after each engagement in order to minimize duplication.

The chancellor also provided a Higher Learning Commission (HLC) update. A monitoring report is due to the HLC on May 1, which illustrates evidence of the board's progress. To this end another Climate Survey will be conducted on April 25. Other elements to be covered include the college's compliance with requirements regarding diversity in staffing planning progress and college participation in a Student Learning Academy (substituting for another HLC site visit).

The report is proceeding on schedule and will be submitted by May 1.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry presented One-Tenth Day enrollment figures for the winter semester. SCH's have increased by 14.5 percent over last winter, headcount by 12.6 percent and average student credit hours by two percent. In addition, financial aid applications have risen from 18,000 four years ago to 35,000 at present, with awards growing from \$21 million to more than \$50 million.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Ruban Jimmy, a liberal arts major attending the Orchard Ridge Campus, presented a brief overview of recent and upcoming student-related events on the campuses, including Welcome Back Weeks, a student Superbowl party, the upcoming Student Leadership Conference at Orchard Ridge on January 29, and the January 30 student-staff basketball game.

Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Martha Smydra reported that the

college's student support services are successfully serving far more students with the same number of personnel in the face of greatly increased enrollments. Efforts to make operations more efficient by eliminating duplications in staffing and services are now under way; in February a team will be assembled to craft the ideal system.

### **College Resources**

The part-time appointment of Academic Support Center Paraprofessional Magdalena Sedzicka (RO) was approved.

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Clarence Brantley provided an overview of the college's five-year budget projections.

Due to a combination of declining property tax revenue and lower state appropriations, the projected expenditure budget for fiscal year 2014-15, \$195,581,916 may see a shortfall of \$28,808 in revenue. Even if the millage renewal passes, Mr. Brantley noted the college will receive \$10 million less per year than it does today because of the decline in property taxes. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to reduce the budget through economies and by instituting strategic, tactical and operational planning. On a more positive note, the state economy is experiencing negative inflation and property tax revenues may well rise by 2014-15. Mr. Brantley also distributed a handout showing the current distribution of college investments. The only areas currently at risk are certificates of deposit, totaling \$1.4 million or less than one percent of OCC's total investments.

The monthly report on the progress of millage-funded construction projects was submitted.

### **Consent Agenda**

The following contracts and purchases were approved via consent agenda procedure: printing services for the schedule of classes from the low bidder, Macomb Printing for \$60,588; an affiliation agreement to provide learning facilities for students in the health care administration program with Livonia Woods of Livonia.

A contract with Delta Network Services to provide network maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$362,032 through January 31, 2011 was approved.

### **Comments**

Trustee Anne Scott noted that both Womencenter Coordinator Arlene Frank and former OCC Trustee Jeanne Towar were honored as outstanding volunteers at HAVEN'S annual meeting last week.

Ms. Scott also noted that the college's Clyde Harnack Firefighter Scholarship has become fully funded and will no longer require fundraising events.

Trustee Pamala Davis commended Public Safety Officer Darryl Daniels for his quick action in notifying the Farmington Hills Fire Department as he observed a distressed traffic copter make a forced landing at the Orchard Ridge Campus last Friday.

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