

District Office Community Assembly

Meeting Notes February 2, 2016

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Enrollment Update
 - Vice Chancellor Cathey Maze gave an Enrollment Update, bringing attention to the unexpected decline in fall and winter enrollment and shared solutions to increase future student enrollment. Current initiatives are to enhance recruitment, payment plans, persistence and completion academy, guided pathways, effective scheduling, and targeted marketing. The goal is to become more successful in helping students finish community college.
- 2) Distance Education Update
 - Vice Chancellor Maze gave a Distance Education Update, reporting the College is making a lot of progress. The College plans to reapply to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for approval to offer online degrees by September 2016.
- 3) Persistence & Completion and Guided Pathways
 - Associate Vice Chancellor Sherwood presented on the goal of persistence and completion and guided pathways as to help students graduate and become employed. The challenge is to bring students up to speed for college readiness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION SHARING

- 1) Change in No Smoking Policy
 - Recently appointed Executive Director of Facilities Operations Bob Kelly thanked the College for a warm welcome as a new employee.
 - The College has changed its current no smoking policy to include no vaping on all OCC campuses/sites. He encouraged everyone to be responsible for enforcing the policy – not just Public Safety. Signage from Environmental Health and Safety will be increased on all sites to enhance the no smoking/no vaping policy.
- 2) Flint Water Donation
 - Associate Registrar Laurie Huber (on behalf of the OCC Raiders) shared information from the “Water for Flint” posters (located throughout the District Office). A case of water, or a \$5 entry fee, allows entry to the basketball game between OCC and Mott Community College at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February, 17.
 - IT Administrative Assistant Charisse Neal brought posters (from Jessica Lizardi/Student LIFE) concerning “Water Crisis in Michigan” discussion at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 8, at the Student Center (AH: G240).

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OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1) Rumor about RO closing was dismissed as simply rumor.
- 2) Rumor that the College was going to reduce the number of Parapros which could create problems in the science labs where properly trained people must be on staff to guide students during projects.

MEETING DATES

- 1) Next meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2016.