

# Board

## Digest

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### **Regular Meeting May 21, 2001**

#### **Chancellor's Comments**

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and announcements:

- Trustee John Wangler underwent serious surgery this morning and is making a good recovery.
- The following employee groups have now endorsed the millage renewal: OCCFA, the classified union; the maintenance union; the operating engineers; public safety and the exempt personnel. OCCFA President Jim Berry has sent a letter explaining his group's position on the renewal to the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO.
- A May 12 workshop at Orchard Ridge featuring ballet master Iacob Lascu was quite successful. Vice Chair Wiser was instrumental in bringing the event to the college.
- This year's commencement speaker will be Oakland County Circuit Court Chief Judge Joan E. Young.
- Honors convocations are scheduled at the various campuses on the following dates: Orchard Ridge, May 23; Royal Oak/Southfield, May 31; Highland Lakes; May 31; Auburn Hills, June 1.
- Resolutions opposing Senate Bill 365, a measure providing for the establishment of a Michigan Educational Boundary Commission, have been passed by a number of community colleges. The issue seems to have retreated somewhat, but once introduced, a bill has a two-year life span  
Mr. Thompson warned.
- The legislative and executive branches of the state government are engaged in negotiations over the size of the forthcoming community college budget. The college continues to anticipate an increase of one percent or less.
- The college is in the process of developing a master networking report showing the affiliations of all employees to community organizations.

- This month's personnel recommendations reflect a large number of separations via retirement. The average length of service of the prospective retirees is 28 years, and the group represents a total of 230 years of service. Mr. Thompson particularly noted the imminent retirement of Rose Couture, and commended her years of service to her union, the students and the college.
- Mary Anne Sheble and Richard Nagler will make a presentation on E-books.

### **College Resources**

The management staff (exempt) appointment of Latosha Tapscott, academic and student services staff assistant (DO) was approved, as was the temporary management staff appointment (part-time) of Scott Wernnyuk, PASS specialist (RO). The classified appointments of Marie Cooper, enrollment services specialist (DO), Maria Moya, enrollment services secretary (RO); and Sabrina Perdue, financial aid secretary (OR) were also approved.

Sabbatical leaves were approved for faculty members Mary Alice Locicero (RO); Melvin Chudnov (AH) and Raymond Katz (AH). Continuing contracts were approved for Carolyn Harrison (RO); Kathleen Reilly (RO); Robert Bruhn (AH); Maxine Fontana (AH); and Stephanie Markwardt (HL).

The General Fund Budget for 2001-2002 was approved. Next year's budget, which totals \$120,796,000, will expend \$98,300,8564 on personnel/non-personnel costs, and \$21,795,146 on capital costs. In addition, \$700,000 will be set aside to build the fund balance. Revenue sources include \$70,466,000 from property taxes; \$21,687,988 from the state appropriation; \$26,442,000 from tuition and fees; \$2,100,000 from investments and \$100,012 in miscellaneous revenue.

The board approved \$2 million for Phase II of the Combined Regional Emergency Services Training Center (CREST) project so that another \$2 million in matching funds can be provided by the State of Michigan. The George W. Auch Company was authorized to enter into construction agreements for this phase.

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

The following purchases and contracts were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with Neri Pediatrics of Waterford to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the medical assisting program; an affiliation agreement with the City of Romulus Parks and Recreation Department to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the exercise science and technology program.

The following agreements were approved with third party providers to furnish training under EDJT grants: New Horizons, to employees of American Communications Network, \$36,000; Dale Carnegie, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$40,000; Freer Computer Consultants, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$65,000; Jack Pine

Consulting, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$35,000; Jackson Community College, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$80,000; Nachi Robotics, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$45,000; National Tech Team, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$300,000; Quality Systems Company, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$150,000; Siemens Energy and Automation, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$63,000; Taylor Made Systems, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$80,000; Trikon Corporation, to DaimlerChrysler employees, \$50,000.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Director of Library Systems Mary Anne Sheble and Southfield Librarian Richard Nagler made a presentation on the new library system that permits access to 8,000 electronic books by students using OCC computers.

Royal Oak Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President Kelly Wahl reported on the group's recent activities.

### **Old Business**

Vice Chair Wisner thanked all who attended the Lasco Ballet Workshop last Saturday and helped make it a success.

### **New Business**

OCC Millage Renewal T-shirts provided by the Community Alliance for Oakland's Future were distributed to the board.

### **Reports**

Trustee Scott circulated information packets from the most recent Michigan Community College Association Workshop, noting that they included materials on plans for a statewide energy purchasing plan for community colleges. She also distributed a questionnaire to trustees eliciting their input on the program for this summer's MCCA workshops. Ms. Scott noted that an article appearing a week ago in the Detroit Free press was riddled with errors and furnished copies to the trustees. She also thanked staff members for information on the Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative which showed that, with 24 students in the program, OCC has the highest numbers in the state.

Vice Chair Wisner stated that she had learned a great deal at the recent Corporate University 2001 Workshop, and passed out a report on the event.

Chairperson Towar noted that Chancellor Thompson and several board members attended the Pontiac Creative Arts Center Distinguished Citizen Dinner on May 17 which honored Gordon May and two others.

Faculty Association President James Berry noted that his group will work for the millage renewal by seeking the support of K-12 MEA units. Dr. Berry also said that OCCFA is now recruiting faculty members to work the polls on election day, and that 100 percent of the OCCFA Council will be thus engaged.

On behalf of Teamster Local 214, Womencenter Coordinator Arlene Frank spoke to the units' concerns and presented copies of her remarks to the members of the board.

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