

Board

Digest

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**Regular Meeting
October 15, 2001**

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and comments:

- With strong support from the board, the Future Search planning session which took place last Friday and Saturday enjoyed excellent participation and results. More than 80 persons attended. The propositions developed at the meeting will now be presented to the next session of the Business and Community Alliance.
- The board of trustees facilities tour is scheduled for next Friday.
- Jane Bellaver, president of the Highland Lakes chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, will be tonight's student representative to the board.
- The records management contract to be presented to the board this evening enables the college to begin sorting out the paperwork we produce, and decide what should be retained or discarded. It will also allow us to begin a consistent archive system.
- Two academic initiatives will be presented this evening – the first by Dr. Carlos Olivarez on the pre-education program; the second by Dr. Patrick O'Connor on student outcomes assessment.

President Edward Callaghan introduced new employee Suzanne Adams to the board.

College Resources

The temporary (full-time) faculty appointment of Rhonda Gaines, counseling (AH) was approved, as was the temporary administrative appointment of Gary Casey, interim dean of academic and student services (AH), and the management staff appointment of Jeffrey Ragle, financial aid analyst (DO).

The classified (part-time) appointment of Marianne Calunas, library technician (SF), and the maintenance appointment of Geoffrey McGowan, maintenance A (AH) were also approved.

Authority was granted to the George Auch Company to enter a contract for completion of the direct digital control conversion project in Building E, Orchard Ridge Campus for an additional \$28,908. The revised total cost of the project is now \$427,508.

The monthly progress report on millage-funded renovation projects was presented. This report, the chancellor noted, will phase out in spring, 2002 as a new cycle begins.

The following purchases and contracts were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: Millican & Associates, Inc. – archival and records management consultation (Phase I), at a cost not to exceed \$44,500; continuation of the agreement with Oakland University to maintain joint operation of the Pontiac Adult Career Counseling Center through October, 2002, at a cost of \$400 per month.

The following agreements with third-party providers to furnish training or services were also approved via consent agenda: MLC Management, Inc. – implementation of the Walter P. Chrysler Manufacturing Technology Academy and the Multi-Skills Manufacturing Technology program, in the amount of \$60,000; Educational Enhancements – training for employees of Denso International America, Inc. employees in the amount of \$42,650; Infinite Learning – training for employees of Denso International America, Inc. employees in the amount of \$50,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

Academic Senate President Gerald Faye reported that the group has held one meeting this academic year. Numerous proposals have been submitted, and senate actions on those proposals will be reported at the November board meeting.

Student representative Jane Bellaver covered recent activities of the Highland Lakes Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society. The chapter is in the midst of a member recruitment drive, and at the same time is raising revenue by selling refreshments at campus performances in the Highlights Series. During the summer the group sponsored four outdoor rock concerts; proceeds were turned over to deserving charities. At the end of October the chapter will sponsor a Halloween party for first and second graders at a local elementary school.

Dr. Carlos Olivarez provided an overview of the history, accomplishments and future plans of the OCC Pre-education Program Committee. The group's overall mission is to assist students wishing to enter the teaching field in achieving their goals more effectively.

Dr. Patrick O'Connor provided an overview of the mission of the Student Outcomes Assessment Committee which he chairs. The committee has conducted a survey which measures faculty comfort levels with assessment, and solicits advice on future directions. All campuses now have assessment coordinators who respond to concerns, answer questions, and who will assist in the convening of informational workshops. Assessments will eventually be expanded to cover such operations as library and counseling services.

Trustee Simmons noted the excellent campus tour that was part of the ACCT annual convention in San Diego, October 10-13, and thanked the board for the opportunity to attend.

Trustee Scott also thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the ACCT convention and noted that she will furnish a full report at the November board meeting. Ms. Scott also distributed a report detailing how a community college in New York City dealt with the tragic consequences of September 11.

Chair Towar applauded the good media coverage stemming from last week's CREST press conference, but noted that more emphasis must be made on the matter of donations. Ms. Towar thanked the Auch Company for its recent \$10,000 donation to CREST and stated that the OCC Foundation Board is now working on a fundraising plan for the project.

Chair Towar also shared a letter from Chief Jeffrey Werner of the Bloomfield Township Police Department thanking the board for "fast-tracking" the CREST project.

Royal Oak contractor Tom Grady expressed his concerns with aspects of the bid process for construction of the CREST project's mock residences. Chancellor Thompson has set up a meeting to discuss the matter.

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