

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting May 20, 2002

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and comments:

- Three staff reports will be presented this evening: a report by Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley on tuition rates and the proposed 2002-03 budget; a Datatel update by Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry; and a presentation on the restructuring of college bond issues by Al Diebel of Comerica Securities. In addition, Walter Kraft of Caponigro Public Relations will talk about fundraising for the CREST project.
- The board will act on extensions of the faculty association and operating engineers contracts.
- Chair Towar was recently recognized by both the Michigan Women's Foundation and the Pontiac Creative Arts Center.
- Dean Sharon Blackman recently received the 2002 Black Women Achievers Award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs.
- The April 30 Economic Outlook luncheon, which OCC helps sponsor, proved to be one of the best-attended, and most talked-about of these events thus far.
- The Business and Community Alliance will hold its final meeting of the year at the Marriott Centerpoint on June 3.
- The traditional commencement reception at the Palace begins at 4 p.m. on June 7.
- A board planning session to review the chancellor search and the five-year plan is scheduled for June 24.
- A successful walk in-registration for the summer I and II semesters took place under Datatel.
- Orchard Ridge student Sana Hafeez will provide an overview of Phi Theta Kappa activities at her campus.
- One new employee will be introduced this evening.

Noting that the upcoming chancellor search is "a major undertaking", Mr. Thompson provided the board with a suggested outline of the process based on previous practices.

Vice Chancellor Brantley provided a report on the impact on college finances should the 2.8 percent tuition increase be excluded from the proposed 2002-2003 general fund budget. Failure to implement the \$687,000 increase will result in a \$10 million loss of income to the college over the next 10 years, Mr. Brantley noted.

Chief Information Officer Hillberry provided an update on the Datatel implementation process, noting that all four key applications of the administrative software are now operational. The next round of applications will not require the massive training effort experienced earlier, Mr. Hillberry said. Spring walk-in registration, he added, had proved "a major success."

Al Diebel of Comerica Securities reported that refinancing of the college's outstanding debt is not worthwhile under present market conditions, but that new money for the CREST project is achievable under a \$7.5 million bond issue proposal presented to the board.

Reporting on CREST fundraising efforts, Walter Kraft of Caponigro Public Relations noted that great success has been achieved in raising public awareness of the project. "Dollars are not coming in at the

levels we had hoped”, Mr. Kraft said, but activities now under way such as the Chiefs’ Inner Circle, the Dodge Truck raffle, and a Merrill Lynch golf outing hold great promise.

New employee Louis Kilbert was introduced to the board by Vice Chancellor Carol Brown.

College Resources

A recommendation for winter 2002 sabbatical leave was approved for mathematics faculty member Gail Langer (RO).

Recommendations for continuing contracts were approved for the following faculty members: Karyn Baran (OR); Charlott Couch (RO/SF); Jeffrey Eichold (RO/SF); Madeline Ehlert (RO/SF); Allison McFadden-Kessling (HL); John Mitchell (RO/SF); Richard Nagler (RO/SF); Judith Novakowski (RO/SF) and Ann Marie Turner-Taylor (HL).

The faculty appointments of Rhonda Gaines, counseling (AH); Gail Bryan, counseling (RO/SF); Renee Fox, dental hygiene (HL); and David Gee, computer information systems (OR) were approved, as was the management staff appointment of Melissa Hoxsey, accounting supervisor (DO) and the classified appointments of Angela Lawrence, placement and co-op secretary (AH); Matthew Pastula, IIC paraprofessional (SF); and John Brooks, applied engineering technology paraprofessional (AH). The maintenance appointments of Anthony Ragland, Maintenance A (OR) and James Summer, building custodian (AH) were also approved.

A two-year extension of the 1999-2003 Faculty Master Agreement was approved, with a new expiration date set for August 31, 2005. The current agreement expires on August 31, 2003.

A two-year extension of the 1999-2003 Operating Engineers Master Agreement was approved, with a new expiration date set for June 30, 2005. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2003.

A vote on the 2002-03 General Fund Budget was tabled until the June board meeting.

Authority was granted to the George W. Auch Company to enter a \$447,500 construction contract for the renovation of the second floor, Building D, Auburn Hills Campus.

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

The following purchases and contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: a contract to purchase new bleachers for the Orchard Ridge Campus pool and gym from Hoyle Athletic Supply, Inc. for \$51,058; the purchase of 22 Apple Power Mac G4 Dual L-GHZ computers and monitors from Apple Computer for the Orchard Ridge Campus digital photography lab for \$82,522; a contract with Dell corporation to provide replacement desktop computers, laptops, servers and printers for the 2002-03 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$1,913,204.

The following Workforce Development contracts with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: New Horizons, an additional \$10,000 for training and materials for Wallbridge Aldinger Company employees; Infinite Learning, to provide training and materials for Infalfa Roof Systems employees for \$124,304; International Institute for Learning, Inc., to provide training and materials for Great Lakes Technologies Group for \$12,010; Creative Technology, to provide technical training for Kmart Corporation employees for \$24,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate President Gerald Faye reported that the current leadership has been re-elected for the coming year. Mr. Faye also noted that Chancellor Thompson received a strong round of applause as “the finest leader ever to lead this institution” after he made his report at the last meeting of the academic senate.

Orchard Ridge PTK President Sana Hafeez provided an overview of the group’s recent activities and future projects. Ms. Hafeez noted that Orchard Ridge was rated third among 32 Michigan chapters at the organization’s recent state convention at Schoolcraft College. The group’s honors topic over the next two years is “Dimensions and Directions in Health”, and part of the project will be volunteer work with the American Cancer Society.

Old Business

Following a series of questions from Trustee Wangler on the CREST project, the board voted to establish two committees which will report to the June meeting. The first, consisting of trustees Davis and Wangler, will meet with Caponigro representatives to evaluate the progress of CREST fundraising. The

second, made up of trustees Simmons and Wiser, will further investigate the possibilities of a bond issue for the CREST project.

Reports

Trustee Simmons expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend the AACC convention in Seattle, noting that one of the speakers, Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, stated that he had been inspired by the example of his mother who had attended OCC. Mrs. Simmons also circulated two items from the convention, an article entitled “Creative Marketing From Start to Finish”, and a summary of the threats to nation’s associate degree nursing programs.

Trustee Scott echoed Trustee Simmons’ statement of appreciation and submitted materials from a convention session on “Diversity in Firefighter Training.”

Chair Towar noted that in her speech at the Grand Rapids session of the Women’s Foundation Awards she commented on her affiliations with community colleges, and what they meant to her.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston noted that OCCFA has been involved in all past chancellor searches, and is ready to support the next one as well.

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