

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting May 19, 2003

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and announcements:

- Development of the state budget is still in process, although cuts affecting community colleges remain in place. The status of Gogebic Community College in the Upper Peninsula (which is heavily dependent on state funding) is unclear. Approximately \$4 million in funds earmarked for community college student grants has been shifted to the universities' operating budgets.
- OCC is nearing the end of its Perkins-funded projects, consequently state-mandated reductions will have little effect.
- Paul Salgado, president of the Orchard Ridge Phi Theta Kappa chapter will provide tonight's student report.
- Honors convocations are scheduled at all campuses through the end of the month.
- The next Business/Community Alliance meeting will take place at the CREST site on June 30.
- Chef Doug Ganhs of the Culinary Institute faculty has won the Michigan Chef de Cuisine Association's prestigious Chef of the Year Award.
- Dr. Ernest Harrison will present an update on the chancellor search.

Chancellor Search Liaison Ernest Harrison reported that the starting time for candidate Richard Pappas' board interview tomorrow has been changed from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., and with the completion of his visit the board will have interviewed three candidates. The fourth and final interviewee, Dr. Bryan Blanchard will appear on Friday. Dr. Harrison noted that the board will now be able to move on to the next stage of the selection process and thanked all employees who participated in the campus open forums. President Edward Callaghan introduced new employee Clarissa Elpedes.

College Resources

The counseling appointment of Gail Bryan (RO) was approved, as was the management staff appointment of Gail Foster, Institutional Research research assistant (PP @ DO) and the temporary (full time) administrative appointment of Robert Powell, interim dean of applied technologies (AH).

The classified appointment of Linda Reinhardt, financial services accounting specialist (DO) was approved as were the classified (part time) appointments of Donna Pellerito, nursing secretary (HL) and Julia Yancey, financial aid specialist (AH). The maintenance appointment of building custodian Derreck Nelson (RO) was also approved.

The exempt administrative and management staff salary schedules for 2003-04, and 2004-05, were approved. The new schedules provide for a 3.1 percent increase for each of the fiscal years covered. The college general fund budget for 2003-2004 was approved. The new budget totals \$128,985,000 – a 1.7 percent increase over 2002-2003.

The board approved the revised master plan for the Highland Lakes Campus. Totalling \$23 million, the plan encompasses additions to Woodland and Levinson Halls, modifications to the student center, the reworking of the utilities infrastructure, and the razing of Highland Hall and Redwood Center.

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

The following contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: roof replacement of Building E, Auburn Hills Campus, \$136,000; interior renovations for the Southfield Campus, \$2,772,800; boiler and emergency generator replacement, District Office, \$1,185,500.

An affiliation agreement with the Hospice of Henry Ford, St. Clair Shores, to provide on-site learning opportunities for students in the associate degree nursing, modified career ladder, and practical nursing programs was also approved via consent agenda procedure.

Academic and Student Affairs

Gerald Faye reported that the College Academic Senate's previous set of officers has been reelected – Gerald Faye, president; Mary Ston, vice president, and Gail Bryan, secretary.

Orchard Ridge Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President Paul Salgado provided an overview of recent accomplishments of the Highland Lakes, Auburn Hills and Orchard Ridge chapters. Mr. Salgado noted that many PTK members will be receiving awards at the upcoming campus honors convocations.

Old Business

Trustee Judith Wisner expressed concern at the erosion of OCC Foundation investment revenue due to the poor economy, and urged the foundation to drop losing investments. Her comments were seconded by Trustee Abraham.

Trustee Sandra Ritter requested that the revenue arrangements of the Royal Oak Potters Association be placed on a future board agenda for discussion.

New Business

The board voted to establish a committee to visit the home sites of chancellor candidates who are to be considered further. The committee will be coordinated by an exempt administrator, and will include two or three board members who wish to participate, as well as members of the various employee groups serving on the advisory committee.

Comments

Trustee Wisner complimented Dean Nadia Boulos on the excellence of the recent nursing graduation ceremony. She also extended thanks to the college's public safety officers "for the wonderful work they do."

Trustee Anne Scott reported on the Michigan Community College's Association's concern over the state's reduction in scholarship funding (as mentioned by Chancellor Thompson in his comments) at a recent meeting at Glen Oaks Community College.

Teamster Local 214 Business Representative Sheryl Langdon presented signed copies of the administrative/management bargaining and settlement agreements, and thanked the board for supporting resolution of this longstanding matter.

A number of community members and students enrolled in theater courses at the Orchard Ridge Campus expressed their support of faculty member Carol King, whose contract was not renewed.

The board approved a motion to place “Community Comments” at the top of the meeting agenda and limit presentations to three minutes per speaker.

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