

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting July 21, 2003

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following observations and announcements:

- With repainting, and the installation of new furniture, ceiling tiles and an improved AV system, the remodeling of the board room is now complete. Only the hanging of pictures remains to be completed, and ideas on their placement is solicited.
- Final figures on summer registration show a 10 percent increase in credit hours over last year, but a decreased head count, indicating that fewer students are taking more classes.
- Students were able to register for the fall semester for the first time via the web in July. The process is still in test mode, and arrangements are not yet complete to permit charge payment of tuition and fees.
- The Auburn Hills Campus will again host the Pontiac Summer Student Enrichment Program in July and August. This summer the campus is also hosting the Young Girls in Technology Program, a project designed to encourage the interest of Pontiac School System 7th and 8th graders in the technical professions.
- The summary report for millage-related restoration projects to be submitted this evening reflects a \$3.794 positive variance.
- The 6.7 percent reduction in state aid to the college for 2003-2004 has been confirmed; our worst-case scenario was far more drastic.

Auburn Hills Campus President Sharon Blackman introduced new employee Donna Heath; Director of Purchasing Gheretta Harris introduced new employees Janet Whitfield and Pamela Ryals; and Royal Oak Dean Steve Reif introduced new employee Darlene Johnson-Bignotti.

College Resources

The faculty appointment of Shawn Dry, history (AH) was approved as were the non-exempt appointments of Philip Hale, dean of applied technologies (AH); Thomas Boozer, interim dean of academic and student services (AH); and Dale Rohrbach, interim PASS coordinator (OR).

The classified appointments of William Konkolesky, IIC paraprofessional (RO) and Robert Wilson, applied and engineering technologies paraprofessional (AH) were approved, as was the maintenance appointment of Wayne Seals, building custodian (AH).

The board approved assignment of property easements to the Oakland County Road Commission for improvements along Opdyke Road, including installation of a traffic light at Opdyke and Hickory Grove roads.

The board authorized \$39,961 for renovation of the electronic card readers that operate the college's parking lot gates.

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

The following workforce development agreements with third party providers were approved via consent agenda procedure: contracts with S.T.E.P.S., Inc., to provide facilitator training and services for GM Orion Assembly Plant employees for \$30,000; Primedia Workplace Learning for training equipment and supplies for GM Orion Assembly Plant employees for \$40,000; Lake Orion Community Schools to deliver services to Work First clients for an additional \$40,000.

New Business

As a cost saving measure the board requested that the college's attorneys only be present at board meetings at those specific times when their presence is required.

A revision to Board Policy 1.5.2 ("Order of Business") was lodged for action at next month's meeting. The revision will move public comments and student presentation to 1.3 ("General Functions") in the agenda.

Chairperson Simmons requested volunteers for a committee that will formulate the evaluation process for the new chancellor. Secretary Scott and Vice Chair Wangler volunteered, and Trustee Abraham agreed to serve, absent any other volunteers.

Reports and Comments

Trustees Wisner and Scott noted the large number of people (including several community college presidents) at the MCCA Summer Workshop who praised the board's choice of Dr. Mary Spangler as chancellor.

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