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# Board Digest

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## Regular Meeting November 21, 2005

### Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of long-time trustee David W. Hackett who died on November 3 was passed by the board. A framed copy of the resolution was presented to the Hackett family.

### Public Comments

Faculty Association President Mary Ston requested that the board delay action on the manager of student success position at the Auburn Hills Campus until a grievance involving the position is settled.

### Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- She will provide a PowerPoint presentation on the CC Benefits OCC Economic Impact Survey this evening.
- Orchard Ridge student Michele Berry has been named to the first OCC Lloyd Meeds Fellowship. Ms. Berry will intern with the college's lobbying firm in Washington, DC during the winter semester.
- Dr. Spangler extended congratulations to Highland Lakes President Gordon May on the completion of his doctorate.
- OCC United Way contributions totaled \$40,750 – a two percent increase over last year. Staff participation has increased by five percent.
- OCC hosted a reception for Oakland Community legislative delegation staffers in Washington, DC, on October 31. This is the first time such an event has been held.
- The Student Ambassador program is well under way with 11 volunteers. Ambassadors participated in the recent "Your Child Coalition" event co-hosted by Oakland Schools and OCC, and the "Superhighway to Success" career fair held at the Pontiac Silverdome.
- The college continues to actively participate in Michigan Community College Association deliberations to develop a new community college funding formula.
- OCC signed an articulation agreement with Lawrence Technological University on November 8 that permits OCC graduates in 16 programs to transfer up to 75 credits.
- The Auburn Hills Campus hosted Ferris State University President David Eisler for a tour of the CREST site.
- The Auburn Hills presidential search process has resumed with a pool of 46 qualified candidates.
- Forty Pontiac high school students graduated from the Auburn Hills Pontiac Summer Program this week, the highest number in its 17-year history.
- The Highland Lakes Campus will conduct a new student orientation next week.
- The induction of new Phi Theta Kappa members is planned at Orchard Ridge. A piano concert by Professor Jose Garcia Leon on November 20 was sold out.
- The Royal Oak Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has recruited 48 new members.

Chancellor Mary Spangler presented findings from a study by the research organization CC Benefits on the economic impact of OCC on the region's economy.

The study will prove useful in many areas, including the upcoming accreditation self-study, reports to the community and governmental bodies, decision-making and strategic planning, and program development.

Among some of the study's findings:

- OCC operations contribute \$25.7 million annually to the regional economy through employee earnings and other college expenditures.
- Former students generate \$1.8 billion in added income to the region.
- OCC graduates holding associate degrees will earn an average of \$52,260 annually – 35.4 percent more than high school graduates. For OCC graduates that means half a million more in income over a working lifetime.

In addition, the study provides information on demographic changes and occupational projections – critical data for planning college programs.

### **College Resources**

Executive Director of Staff Development Linda Pososki, whose retirement was confirmed this evening, was presented a certificate and gift by the board.

The board authorized the administration to enter into discussions with Sturgeon Point Development Company to develop an oil and gas lease at the Auburn Hills Campus.

The board authorized the Auch Company to enter a construction contract for repairs to the exterior wood deck of Orchard Ridge Building J in the amount of \$275,900.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with the Insight Recovery Center of Clarkston for on-site training of students in the mental health/social work program; purchase of a structural repair frame machine for the collision auto program from the low bidder, DHI Equipment Sales of Redford for \$62,251.50; self contained breathing apparatus equipment from the low bidder, Moses Fire Equipment, for \$46,170; accident investigation training for the police academy from the low bidder, Michigan State University, for \$96,830; medical and fire dispatch training for the police academy from Priority Dispatch Corp. for \$41,700; leadership and facilitation services from the low bidder, Innovative Resources of Commerce Township, for \$800 per day; robotics worker training from Valentine robotics for \$1,250.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee reported that progress is being made on the staffing of the Higher Learning Commission Criterion Committees, and that the senate has established a standing committee on academic planning.

Among other items, Orchard Ridge student representative Miranda Webster announced that of six OCC students participating in the Jackson Community College Forensics Tournament on November 12, three have qualified for national competition. OCC will host the next tournament at Orchard Ridge on December 10.

### **Old Business**

The board passed a resolution altering the regular election date for the office of college trustee to the general November election date in even years.

The board selected Charles Semchena to serve as the college's chief labor negotiator.

Secretary Phillip Abraham reported that the audit committee has selected four community members to join the group. Three have agreed, and one has not yet responded.

### **New Business**

A revision to Board Policy 1.5.2., "Order of Business," was lodged for action at the December meeting.

### **Community Comments**

AFSCME Local 2042 President Kathleen Cham noted that the unit held an election in October, and has a new slate of officers.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston expressed concern over the increased use of adjunct faculty at the college.

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