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Board Digest

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Regular Meeting March 20, 2006

Amish McDonald and Carrie Norton, two high school students enrolled in an alternative high school, the Avondale Academy, reported on their experiences in an Orientation to College class held by the academy and coordinated by Auburn Hills Counselor Alicia Paramo-Dionne. Both students praised the experience, and noted that 17 students completed the course, earning grades in the A- to B- range. Students currently pay for tuition and books themselves. Vice Chair Anne Scott suggested that the OCC Foundation set up scholarships to assist future enrollees.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- There will be no board closed session this evening.
- A letter of congratulations from the college has been sent to OCC student and Olympic Ice Dancing Silver Medalist Ben Agosta.
- The annual Business and Community Alliance meeting, which focused on the topic "21st Century Job Skills," took place at the Orchard Ridge Campus on March 15. Trustees Simmons, Scott and Wangler attended, along with members of the BCA Advisory Committee and a number of guests.
- OCC's Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team was honored at a luncheon in Lansing on March 7.
- A large variety of events are scheduled for the college's Diversity Month celebration, April 1-30.
- Twenty-one students have applied to participate in the Salzburg Seminars, a considerable increase over last year.
- Colonel Pummill of the Pentagon observed training by the National Guard's 125th Infantry Battalion at CREST, March 11 and 12. Sharing the dais with Congressman Mike Rogers at a meeting of military and government officials held in Livonia afterwards, the colonel voiced high praise for the CREST facility.
- OCC will serve as convener of a Homeland Security Education Consortium being formed by seven area community colleges.
- Tours are being conducted of the newly-opened life science labs at the Orchard Ridge Campus.
- The Royal Oak/Southfield Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony was held on March 18.
- Royal Oak Dean Lloyd Crews has been named a 2006 Diversity Champion by the Birmingham Race Relations and Diversity Task Force.
- An open house will take place at the Highland Lakes Campus on April 5. Groundbreaking for the Woodland Hall Addition is scheduled for April 6.

Royal Oak/Southfield President Martha Smydra provided an overview of the selection process leading to recommendations for filling the presidential vacancy at the Auburn Hills Campus.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley introduced new employee Sandra Harrold.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that with the approach of the printing deadline for the new catalog, the curriculum committee is working actively to process new classes and programs. In an effort to cut down on inter campus travel, the academic senate will sponsor a special workshop on new technologies for conducting remote meetings.

Student Samantha Rhein, a member of the OCC women's softball team and president of the student Optimist Club chapter at the Auburn Hills Campus, provided details on the student leadership program.

Vice Chancellor George Keith reported that Counselor Doug Riddering and Dean Steve Reif submitted a

successful grant proposal to the Luce Foundation to develop informational cyber links with OCC partner schools in Oaxaca, Mexico.

College Resources

A motion to appoint Dr. Patricia Dolly president of the Auburn Hills Campus was not approved.

The board passed the annual resolution to levy taxes for the general operation of the college.

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The board approved conveyance of a permanent highway easement at the Highland Lakes Campus to the Oakland County Road Commission for \$120,870.

The board granted authority to the college's construction managers, the Auch Company, to enter a contract for the asphalt paving of Auburn Hills Campus Lot Six for \$218,600.

A motion for the construction of a connector link from building C to G, and renovations to Building G at the Auburn Hills Campus, was tabled until the April board meeting.

The board granted authority to the Auch Company to enter a contract for HVAC replacement and interior renovations of the Bee Center for \$2,440,600.

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 agreement with SNC Technologies to provide advanced police simulation training for \$43,050; an annual increase to the current contract with AAA Alarms to cover new and renovated college structures of \$80,000; a contract for replacement of aged dental chair units and supporting systems in the Highland Lakes Campus Dental Lab by the low bidder, Sullivan-Schein Dental, for \$159,860; a contract for carpet replacements in buildings D, G, J and K, Orchard Ridge, and buildings B, C, D, E, F, H, K and T, Auburn Hills, by the low bidder, NBS, for \$288,190; a contract for furniture rental and installation at the Royal Oak Campus by Allied Office Interiors for \$37,045; a contract with Electro-Matic Productions to provide training for General Motors employees for \$40,000; a contract with Lansing Community College to provide training for General Motors employees for \$210,000; a contract with Mott Community College to provide training for General Motors employees for \$80,000; a contract with Rockwell Automation to provide training for General Motors employees for \$100,000; a contract with Brenda Hamilton to provide training for the Work First Program for \$35,000.

Old Business

Revisions to board policy 1.1.3, "Elections," noticed at the February board meeting, were approved.

Board Policy 1.1.5, "Vacancy on the board," was revised and noticed for vote at the April board meeting.

Revisions to Board Policy 1.2.2, "Election of Officers/Organizational Meeting," noticed at the February board meeting, were approved.

A three-year contract to provide legal services to the college on behalf of the board of trustees was approved with Plunkett & Cooney, P.C.

New Business

The board approved the Michigan Community College Association budget for 2006-07.

Comments

Chairman John Wangler reported that he had received a note from retired faculty member Robert Zemke thanking the board for his retirement gift. Mr. Zemke expressed regret that he could not accept the gift in person because he was teaching a class on the night of the presentation.

Trustee Sandra Ritter inquired into the status of the college's relationship with the Oakland Literacy Council.

Vice Chair Anne Scott announced that the Harnack Firefighter Scholarship fundraiser will take place on May 11. Tickets are \$50 per couple. Ms. Scott also noted that legislation has been introduced in the Michigan Senate that would eliminate the six percent sales tax on textbooks.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston complimented the chancellor's "360 degree" evaluation process for cabinet members. Ms. Ston also asked when the board will respond to repeated requests for explanation of the "80-20" budget rule.

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