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# Board Digest

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## **Regular Meeting November 17, 2008**

### **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Meyer announced plans for televising board meetings are progressing, with a trial run scheduled in December for the board's review.

Dean of Economic and Workforce Development Services Sharon Miller provided an overview of the plans of the Rapid Response Team convened by Governor Granholm to deal with the unemployment crisis facing the state should one or more of the Big Three automakers fail. OCC has established a single point of contact through Workforce Development Services. Strategies such as late start classes and additions to the counseling and financial aid staffs are being explored.

President Gordon May introduced new nursing faculty member Dawn Baker.

### **Academic Senate Reports**

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted the senate scheduled an open session to discuss issues relating to automotive layoffs, including flexible scheduling. Ms. McGee also mentioned the blog produced by Allied Health faculty member Vicki Kloosterhouse who, while on sabbatical, is conducting workshops on interactive teaching strategies in Indonesia, Malaysia and India.

### **Student Reports**

Women's Basketball Team Captain Julia Kelly provided an overview of recent and upcoming Student Life activities on the campuses. She also announced that the women's volleyball team had a strong season, qualifying at the state level, and that both the men's and women's cross-country teams have placed 16<sup>th</sup> nationwide.

### **Human Resources**

The faculty appointments of philosophy instructors Lawrence Stark (HL) and David Strand (OR) were approved, as was the appointment of history instructor Nancy Schockley (RO/SF).

The classified appointment of student services specialist Jean Murphy (RO/SF) was approved as was the maintenance appointment of Elizabeth Spaulding (AH).

Payment of a lease termination fee to K-F Land Company was approved for \$141,748.02.

### **Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects**

The following maintenance projects were approved via consent agenda procedure:

HVAC/electrical switchgear replacement and interior renovations to buildings H, J and K at the Auburn Hills Campus, \$8,127,000; installation of an emergency generator, distribution panels and lighting at the Orchard Ridge Campus, \$786,400; relocation of Building D's Graphics Design Digital Lab, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$91,600; parking structure remediation, replacement of stairs and elevator in North Parking Deck, Royal Oak Campus, \$947,100; addition of vestibules to all exterior doors, Royal Oak Campus, \$60,000.

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

## **Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases**

The following contracts and purchases were approved via consent agenda procedure: purchase of a bullet comparison microscope for the criminal justice program from the low bidder, Lead Forensics Systems, for \$41,995; medical and fire dispatch training for the Oakland Police Academy from the low bidder, Priority Dispatch Corp., for \$27,510; CISCO Certified Network Associate Training for the Business Technology Center, \$26,800; training and facilitation services for local businesses from the low bidder, Human Performance Technologies, Inc., at a rate of \$800 per day; COMPASS placement test Scantron score sheets from Delta College for \$69,000.

## **Unfinished Business**

Prospective Higher Learning Commission consultants are still being reviewed; recommendations will be presented at December's board meeting.

The selection of a SEMCOG representative has been tabled until the January board meeting.

Action on the change in Board Policy 1.4.6 – Legal Counsel, was tabled.

A motion to request a recommendation from administration on the matter of selecting an investment service provider was approved.

## **New Business**

The date for installation of new board members is tentatively going to be set for the first week of January; board members are to check their schedules. Legal counsel is asked to research the language of the Community College Act on this matter.

Trustee Pam Davis distributed copies of the draft chancellor evaluation for future vote.

## **Comments**

Trustee Ritter praised the efforts of the OCC Forensics Team, which took first place in Division II of the Bowling Green State University Forensics Tournament in competition with 15 other schools. Team member Ernesto Chavez won a first in Poetry, a third in Dramatic Interpretation and a fourth in Programmed Oral Interpretation.

Trustee Anne Scott submitted a written report on her recent trip to China to attend the Sixth Annual Convention on International Education, and thanked the board for the opportunity to participate and present her paper on U.S. Community College Governance. Ms. Scott noted that Chinese students take exams at age 13 which channel them either to university or vocational school; once the die is cast, there are no opportunities to cross over, a strong contrast to the U.S. system. Ms. Scott also noted that U.S. embassies issue 1,200 visas per day allowing Chinese students to study in the U.S.

Vice President Linda Churchill of the classified union claimed unequal treatment toward the members of her unit whom she characterized as “the front line workers at this institution.”

Trustee Pam Davis stated that although she seldom became involved in contract matters, felt it necessary to respond. Ms. Davis noted that the union membership had twice rejected tentative signed agreements – an indication of a problem with the union leadership's ability to negotiate effectively. Ms. Davis also noted that as a former AFSCME officer her unit in the past supported the filling of a posted position from a selection of the three most senior and qualified applicants.

She could not agree that management should be forced to accept only the most senior candidate as Local 2042 insists.

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