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Regular Meeting October 19, 2009

Public Comments

Orchard Ridge French Professor Kathryn Stewart-Hoffmann urged everyone to attend the “Spooktaculaire Variety Show” November 6 at the Orchard Ridge Campus’ Smith Theatre. Proceeds will be used to help OCC French Club students travel to Paris.

Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer ceded the floor to Acting Chief Strategic Development Officer Cheryl Kozell who provided an overview of the Summer 2009 Community Feedback Survey. The purpose of the survey, Ms. Kozell noted, is to understand what our constituents know and value about OCC. More than 400 respondents took part, three quarters of whom have lived in Oakland County for more than 20 years. Sixty percent were 55 years of age and older, and nearly two-thirds are female.

Seventy-five percent of the respondents were “somewhat” or “very” familiar with OCC, and 60 percent have attended OCC, or know someone who is attending. Respondents felt that OCC provides quality education, is affordable (but not cheap), is available to everyone, offers a broad variety of offerings to young and old, and serves as a gateway to higher education.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee reported that neither the college nor campus senates have been able to meet for want of quorums.

Student Tricia Gonzalez, vice president of the Auburn Hills chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, presented an overview of recent and upcoming Student Life activities at the various campuses, including an AIDS Awareness Workshop on November 4, a Gleaners Food Drive through November 20, a Student Nurse Association Walkathon on October 24, and the annual Mariachi Night on October 23, which raises funds for student travel to Oaxaca, Mexico.

College Resources

Sabbatical leave for the Winter, Summer I and Fall 2010 semesters was awarded to Auburn Hills natural sciences faculty member Michael Giangrande.

The interim appointment of Dr. Martha Smydra as interim vice chancellor of academic and student affairs was approved for the period of November 9, 2009 through May 7, 2010.

The full-time (grant-funded) appointment of Public Safety Officer (CW) Matthew Meissner was approved.

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The following maintenance projects were approved via consent agenda procedure: CREST emergency vehicle garage conversion at the Auburn Hills Campus - \$133,900; enclosure for a new ceramics program kiln at the Orchard Ridge Campus - \$90,800.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: provision of a series of accident investigation courses for the Oakland Police Academy by Michigan State University - \$69,000; purchase of a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe with police package for the department of public safety from Berger Chevrolet - \$29,618; a contract with Educated Business Resource Corporation to provide customized training to local businesses at a markup of 6.5 percent; purchase of a Sony Virtuoso Digital Language Learning System for the Sign Language Interpreter Program from Bratton Corporation for \$84,890; an affiliation agreement with Expression Dental Centers of Bloomfield Hills to provide on-site learning opportunities for students in the Dental Assistant Program; an affiliation agreement with Athletic Republic of Auburn Hills to provide on-site learning opportunities for students in the Exercise Science Technology Program.

A continuation of a contract for provision of elevator maintenance services by KONE, Inc. for \$117,000 through September 2010 was approved.

Unfinished Business

A motion to conduct a meeting of the Business and Community Alliance was approved. A session is to be scheduled for the first quarter of 2010.

New Business

The Investment Management Committee will make its recommendations to the board at the November meeting.

The two top bidders for college legal services, Butzel Long and Plunkett & Cooney, will be invited to make presentations at the November board meeting.

Comments

Trustee Anne Scott reported that she attended the Michigan Community College Board of Directors Fall Meeting in Escanaba on October 2-3. The MCCA, she noted, played an important role in Governor Granholm's decision to provide full funding to the state's community colleges in next year's budget.

Chairperson Shirley Bryant, Trustees Anne Scott, Anna Zimmerman, and Thomas Sullivan attended the ACCT Annual Leadership Seminar in San Francisco on October 7-10.

- Chairperson Bryant distributed materials from the "Development Education" and "Presidential Contracts and Evaluation" session.
- Trustee Zimmerman distributed materials from the "Learning Outcomes" session.
- Trustee Scott distributed materials from a workshop titled "The Trustees' Role in Global Education."
- Trustee Sullivan distributed materials from the "Textbook Affordability" session.

Chairperson Bryant reported that she attended the Michael Golds Memorial Conference at Orchard Ridge on October 2, finding it to be an excellent source of information on AD/HD. Ms. Bryant also noted that ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of the OCC Foundation, and the re-naming of the Guest House as the "Doris Mosher Foundation House" are scheduled for this Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston provided an overview of her organization's assessment of the faculty contract bargaining process, noting that her membership had chosen to remain in their classrooms because they "put students first." Ms. Ston also noted that she would appreciate any help the board could provide in moving the negotiation process forward.

The board moved into closed session to discuss labor negotiations and litigation issues.

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