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Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer noted three versions of the state budget community college funding have been put forward – the governor's proposal, which calls for no reductions for community colleges; the state senate's version, which proposes a 3 to 4 percent reduction; and the state house's version, which proposes a 15 percent reduction. The issue is likely to be resolved tomorrow in Lansing with decisions on community college, university and K-12 appropriations. OCC was a co-sponsor of the annual Oakland County Economic Outlook luncheon on April 28. Among other items, University of Michigan economists George Fulton and Donald Grimes noted that the precipitate loss of jobs in Oakland County – 60,000 in 2009, 1,000 in 2010 – has ended. Ten thousand new jobs are expected to be created in each of the next three years, and the unemployment rate will decrease. Oakland Community College is a major player in the region's economy, the chancellor noted, not only because of its expenditures as an organization, but because of its contributions in worker training.

President Steve Reif provided an overview of the Royal Oak/Southfield Campus, unique in that it consists of two geographically-separated sites, but with shared faculty, staff and administration. RO/SF has experienced a 35 percent enrollment increase over the past five years, and projects another 25 percent increase by 2015. President Reif also described RO/SF student demographics, community outreach activities, and distinctive programs, including the highly successful Weekend College.

Chief Information Officer Andy Hillberry introduced new Auburn Hills financial aid specialist Codruta Trifan.

In her farewell appearance before the board, Orchard Ridge student representative Ksenia Malkina presented an overview of recent Student Life activities at the campuses as well as upcoming events. Ms. Malkina noted that involvement in Student Life enables participants to practice leadership skills, public speaking and develop an understanding of life in the community beyond the classroom.

College Resources

The board approved the faculty appointments of Theodore Bolak, English (AH); Daniel Chudnof, business administration (HL); Nina Barkell, nursing (HL); Angelika Maly, nursing (HL); Thomas Pryor, English (HL); Kurt Stanley, biology (HL); John Baugh, CIS (OR); Dennis North, theater (OR); Peter Schade, graphic design (OR); and Aydeh Selameh, mathematics (RO/SF).

Annual faculty contract appointments were approved for Terry Weideman, exercise leadership (HL); Gail Piepenburg, ceramics (OR); Jamie Hilu, ESL (RO/SF) and Alan Paulson, ceramics (RO/SF).

The classified part-time appointments of Amy Kurtycz, landscape paraprofessional (AH); Kristina Young, ACS paraprofessional (AH); Kerry Rzeznik, ACCESS secretary (HL); and Janet Misner, business office specialist (OR) were also approved.

The 2011-2012 proposed General Fund Budget was approved with a zero-percent tuition increase.

A contract to renovate the ASC Testing Lab at the Highland Lakes Campus was approved at a projected cost of \$81,000.

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

Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases

The following contract items were approved via Consent Calendar: an agreement to provide lab supplies in support of college-wide science programs was awarded to low bidder, Fisher Scientific at a cost not to exceed \$120,000 for the 2011-12 fiscal year; a contract for IT wiring installation services was awarded to the low bidder, Professional Communications Services of Jackson, Michigan at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

New Business

The 2011-12 board of trustees regular meeting schedule, which moves meetings to the third Tuesday of the month, except in December and July, was approved.

The enumeration of board goals was tabled until the June meeting.

The first reading of revisions to Board Policy 2.2.2, “Personnel and Employment Policy” was approved, with stipulations.

A motion that the chancellor continue discussions with the college attorneys and the cabinet, and bring recommendations on the cabinet contracts to the board by June 30, was approved.

A discussion of the Board Audit Committee was postponed until the June meeting. The administration is to supply information in the meantime.

Comments

Trustee Ritter said that she attended the excellent Business Recognition Breakfast at the Highland Lakes Campus and received many compliments on OCC from the participants. Mrs. Ritter also noted that other significant board meetings should be recorded.

Secretary Pamala Davis stated that the chancellor and members of the cabinet should be free to negotiate cabinet contracts without board interference, except for final board approval.

Chancellor Meyer distributed the ReDesign findings to the board on flash drives. This item will be discussed at the June board meeting.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications 248.341.2122.