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Public Comments

Royal Oak/Southfield CIS faculty member Judy Matteson expressed interest to continue using OCC IT personnel as adjunct faculty. Her views were seconded by Auburn Hills faculty member Ken Sigler.

Southfield Librarian Stacy Charlesbois expressed her enthusiasm for the College Brain Trust recommendation to create a grants office, as well as the opportunity for her children to attend Oakland Early College.

Highland Lakes English faculty member and SOAC Chair Robert Lamphear expressed concerns over the impact of the new Educational Master Plan.

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Tim Meyer noted with almost 2,900 students graduating this year, 2013 marked the largest graduating class in OCC history. Dr. Meyer also pointed to the dynamic presentation by keynote speaker Hajj Flemings, during which Mr. Flemings invited the audience to participate in the social media. Many students sent messages during the presentation, which was covered by CBS national news.

In remarking on the passing of former Trustee Anne Scott, the Chancellor characterized her as an active civic and business leader and an advocate for youth, particularly community college students. He requested a moment of silence in Ms. Scott's memory.

Vice Chancellor Richard Holcomb introduced new nursing faculty member Susan Snyder.

Academic and Student Affairs

Continuing his review from last month of the College and Campus Academic Senates, Chair Shawn Dry focused on the Senates' activities, including discussions and motions on academic matters. He also provided an overview of the College Senate's committees and their duties.

Student Representative Stephanie Ehrhardt (who just graduated from the OCC nursing program) presented a synopsis of recent and upcoming Student LIFE activities on the campuses, including an April 9 student-staff basketball game at Orchard Ridge; an upcoming lecture at Auburn Hills by Japanese Counsel General Kuninori Matsuda on May 22; the PTK Induction Ceremony at Highland Lakes on May 3; and free dance lessons for students at Royal Oak/Southfield. In this, her final presentation to the board, Ms. Erhardt thanked the college's founders, staff, faculty and trustees for creating "a profound educational experience for all."

The following staff appointments were presented to the board: Learning Resources Technician (part-time) Laura Mason (HL); Library, ACCESS and Technical Services Manager Alexis Zirpoli (AH); Academic Dean, Mathematics/Natural and Life Sciences, Timothy Sherwood (CW); Financial Analyst Cherie Nolff (DO); and Director of Clinical Education/Respiratory Therapy Laurie Niemer (SF).

The faculty appointment of ESL faculty member Collin James (OR) was approved by the board.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley conducted the Public Hearing of the 2013-14 General Fund Budget.

Consent Calendar – Maintenance Projects

The following items were passed by the board via Consent Calendar Procedure: boiler stack repairs, Building E, Orchard Ridge Campus for \$73,500, and replacement of high temperature heat exchangers and hot water control valves, Orchard Ridge Campus, for \$991,000.

The monthly report on millage-funded college building renovations was submitted.

Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases

The following items were passed by the board via Consent Calendar Procedure: purchase of network equipment from the low bidder, Delta Network Services of Milford, Michigan for \$581,301; a five-year agreement with

Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. for a college-wide DDC System Technical Support Program at a cost averaging \$62,511 per year for the next five years; business training services from InCompass Learning Solutions LLC for \$85,000.

A three-year contract to purchase janitorial supplies and paper products at an annual cost of \$100,000 was approved with Nichols of Wixom, Michigan.

A contract with KIT Digital Co. to provide a video content management system at a cost of \$66,000 annually through June 30, 2016 was approved.

Unfinished Business

Consistent with Board policy, pay for college officers based on rates at comparable community colleges was approved.

New Business

The Chancellor Goals document for 2013-14 was approved.

Comments

Trustee Shirley Bryant stated she and the Chancellor both attended the recent Association of Governing Boards annual meeting along with a Shared Governance Pre-meeting Workshop. The topic, Trustee Bryant said, requires an in-depth discussion session among the trustees.

Treasurer Thomas Sullivan noted he too attended the meeting and found the workshop on finances covering the role of boards particularly insightful.

Trustee Thomas Kuhn noted the inadequacies of current board documents, as pointed out in the CBT report, and expressed his hope the board will address this issue.

OCCFA President Mary Ann McGee expressed the concerns of her organization's membership on various aspects of the college's governance.

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