

BOARD DIGEST

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Public Comment

Five community members commented on the College's tuition rate for out-of-state students and its impact on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) students. A faculty member commented on adjunct instructors.

Chancellor's Report

- Chancellor Meyer commented on the success of the OCC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon held in March. The event celebrated donors and students who received more than 300 scholarships totaling \$155,000.
- Dr. Meyer mentioned the Outstanding Alumni of the Year was selected—Anthony J. Filippis, President and CEO
 of Wright & Filippis. He will be honored at this year's commencement.
- Chancellor Meyer provided an update on the faculty separation incentive plan.
- Vice Chancellor of External Affairs Sharon Miller reported on the work of the task force examining international student tuition and introduced Tracy Shauff, an immigration attorney with Fragomen, Del Rey, Bersen & Loewy, PLLC. Ms. Shauff gave an overview of DACA, the current state of this status, and other immigration implications for the College related to the work of the task force.

Academic and Student Affairs

- Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry updated the Board on the work of Senate in March and April, which included
 an Assessment Day for faculty and recommending changes to the mark and grade system. The Senate will also
 be looking at program and curricular changes related to the Michigan Transfer Agreement.
- Blanca Fox gave an overview of the Student LIFE activities held in February and early March, as well as upcoming
 events across the College.

College Resources

- The monthly personnel monitoring report was provided to the Board and the March <u>faculty recommendations</u> were approved.
- Under Business and Finance, the Board received preliminary general fund estimates for 2014-15 by Interim CFO Chuck Thomas. Mr. Thomas stated a budget workshop is being scheduled for the Board prior to the full budget presentation in May. He informed the Board the full pension liability will be included in next year's budget.
- Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Rich Kolcz discussed the Renovation/Major Maintenance
 Program plan for 2014-15. The proposed program provides an annual schedule of renovations and
 maintenance, including the timing and budget required. The Board asked this item be tabled until the next
 meeting as several Board members were absent.
- The following contracts were also approved by the Board:
 - Replacement of seating for lecture halls in Building F, Auburn Hills campus
 - Lawn care services for the Auburn Hills and Highland Lakes campuses
 - ETAS, Inc. training services

Unfinished Business

The Trustees tabled action on selection of a college-wide law firm to the May Board meeting.

New Business

None.

Community Comments

- Trustee Bryant commented Administration has a solid new team working to improve the College, and Board members should consider this when requesting information.
- Trustee Ritter asked when the Board would receive information on the Michigan Transfer Agreement (it was noted this information was provided previously to the Board via email) and quarterly expense reports (it was noted these would be sent the end of this week).
- Treasurer Kuhn would like all Board members to attend the budget workshop.
- Dr. Meyer commented the budget workshop will provide greater detail and is part of Administration's efforts to have the budget process be more open and transparent. The goal is to develop a three-year budget cycle which will allow for more effective planning College-wide. This aligns with efforts to implement integrated planning, which is occurring in facilities and IT.
- Vice Chair Sullivan echoed the comments of Trustee Bryant and expressed his concern related to the challenges facing the College, such as those presented by the DACA students and development education.

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