

Auburn Hills Campus Community Assembly
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 – 4:00pm-5:00pm, F124
Minutes

Campus President Tim Taylor facilitated the meeting of about 28 faculty and staff.

1. Announcements/Updates

a. Financial Forecast Presentation

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Peter Provenzano will make site visits to explain the new long-range budget planning process the college is undertaking and explain the rationale behind it. The new approach will be based on five-year projections rather than one-year as in the past and is expected to provide a much sounder footing for dealing with anticipated changes. The Auburn Hills presentation will be February 9, 10:00am in F123. Everyone was asked to share this announcement with others and attend a presentation at Auburn Hills or another site. Budget worksheets will go out to departments February 16 and will be due to deans on February 22.

b. Orchard Ridge Campus President

RO/SF Campus President Steve Reif will serve as interim president at Orchard Ridge from February through March. Tim Taylor will follow for May through July. The permanent position has not been posted yet.

c. Facility Management Study

Jeff Ragle reported in November on the facility management process at the Auburn Campus. He has met with a team formed to study the matter and help make recommendations. Members are Frank Zechmeister, Suba Subbarao, Lori Przymusinski and Kim Hugelier. The team is meeting and intends to present information at the next Community Assembly.

d. Auburn Hills 2025 Progress

In early January Engineering, Manufacturing and Industrial Technologies (EMIT) faculty and staff began a pilot planning process. The process is going well, and participation has been very good. The process is divided into three phases—mission/vision development; issue analysis, i.e., SWOT and goal and strategy development. The team has completed Phase 1. They will engage in Phase 2 in March. They will complete Phase 3 by the end of May.

e. Community College Skilled Trade Grant Application

A proposal has been submitted for a \$6 million grant for equipment for the transportation cluster of programs at the campus. We should know later in February whether the proposal has been accepted for funding.

f. Lunch with the President – Open forum for students to have a conversation with the president.

The first such event took place in October 2014. A second is scheduled March 9, 11:30am in G240. Tickets to the free lunch are available to students and observers from the B welcome desk or the Student Life Office (G108).

Vice Chancellor of Student Services Jackie Shadko said AH led the way holding this event, and the other campuses have followed with their own events. She said it's interesting getting

feedback from students about what works well and what can be improved. Top issues have been financial aid problems, bookstore issues, transportation—especially between campuses, accessibility of classes and scheduling issues. The general feeling was that counselors were very caring and well prepared and that most college personnel students encountered appeared to really care about them.

g. American Honors

The college explored the possibility of establishing an honors program through this Washington, D.C. based company, whose goal is to prepare its community college participants for acceptance into Tier 1 institutions. Chancellor's Cabinet met with their representatives but chose not to pursue aligning with this program. College Senate may study the College's Educational Master Plan Objective 4 – "Develop an honors program to enhance transferability and employability for eligible students to consider," and the possibility in the future of establishing an honors program by some other means.

h. Community Day

This effort has been canceled. The workshop proposals submitted were excellent, but there were not enough of them to make the event successful at each site in the given timeframe.

i. Commencement Date

The tentative Commencement date is Saturday, May 30, 2015.

j. Honor's Convocation

Dates and times have not been set. Several dates in May are being considered. Coordinators at each site will select dates/times that do not conflict with one another.

K. Student Life Events

Jessica Lizardi reported that participation has been growing in the Serving 12 for 50 monthly service projects. Information about the next project will go out soon.

- **February 12th** - 11am- 2pm in the Student Center - Beat the winter blues with a free massage

OCC massage therapy program students will once again be here to give away free massages for all who stop by their table in the Student Center.

- **February 16th-20th** - PJ's for Patrick

Wear your PJ's to school for suicide awareness and stop into the Raiders Store or Student Life to have your photo taken. **Buy a PJ pin from Student Government for a minimum \$1 donation.** All proceeds will go to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

- **February 18th 6pm G240 Poverty Stimulation**

Students participating will gain a deeper understanding of the realities faced by low income people. **Eight more volunteers are needed to assist students experiencing life as a person in poverty.**

Volunteers still needed! Email studentlife@oaklandcc.edu to sign up.

- **February 24th Noon G240 BHM: "The Black Power Mixtape 1967 – 1975"**

In honor of Black History Month this powerful documentary examines the evolution of the black power movement in American society from 1967 to 1975. Co-sponsored with the AH Campus Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

2. Community Comments/Concerns - Communication Improvement

Problems people are experiencing:

- People feel disconnected from what is going on academically at the campus; minutes are not detailed enough to overcome that feeling.
- Faculty and staff are isolated from one other; staff has no opportunity to listen to faculty discussion or offer input on matters that concern them. Case in point – N grade discussion; staff wasn't part of it.
- Departments are isolated from one another; partly because deans and chairs no longer meet, there is no awareness of what is going on in other departments.
- Departments are working in silos; that makes it difficult to share information.
- Collegewide decisions seem to be made with little or no awareness of how resulting changes affect users.
- Essential information is not being sent to all when needed. For example, when the computers malfunctioned during winter registration, no immediate college communication went out to faculty and staff about the problem or what was being done to remedy it. For several days there was no information about what message should be given to students, no update on progress being made in solving the problem and nothing to indicate how judgments should be made about when to cancel classes. After several days there was a message on the website telling students about how the problem would affect their registration payment, but faculty and staff should have been in the loop from the outset.

What can we do to improve?

Action: Participants are to bring to next meeting ways to solve the problem—ways we can communicate better within the newly structured model that has been adopted.

Would a newsletter help? (This topic was not addressed.)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 4:00pm-5:00pm, AH:F124

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