

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting June 21, 2004

Six students enrolled in Professor Nick Valenti's advanced digital photography class at the Orchard Ridge Campus provided a description of their recent field trip to the Rochester Institute of Technology, the Eastman House Museum and Niagara Falls, illustrated with their photos from the various sites.

Chancellor's Comments:

Dr. Mary Spangler reported the following:

- The college's Pontiac Place staff will relocate to a new site. In addition, a space planner will be engaged to advise the college on needs at the District Office.
- Dr. Spangler thanked Dr. George Keith and the staff for undertaking the selection of students for the May Salzburg Seminar. The event, which proved "an enriching experience" for all involved, included 17 students from four colleges. The seven OCC student participants will report to the board in September.
- One hundred and thirty-five responses have been received from faculty, staff and students volunteering to participate on strategic plan task forces, which are now being formed.
- Staff reports will include a study on campus child care operations.
- Record numbers of graduates and guests attended commencement ceremonies at the Palace on June 18. The number of participating graduates is estimated at 1,200. Commencement speaker was Senator Debbie Stabenow.
- The Culinary Studies Institute will prepare a dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club tomorrow night.
- The Business and Community Alliance will hold its next meeting on Monday evening. Keynote speaker is Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.
- The board will enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters and labor negotiations. Director of Purchasing and Auxiliary Services, Gheretta Harris, speaking on behalf of a committee composed of Mary Ston (HL), Cathy Raffle (OR), Karen Johnson (AH), and Gary Casey (DO), presented an overview of child care services at the college. Ms. Harris offered a plan for the board's consideration that would reduce the subsidization of child care services by the college from 79 to 50 percent in the next three years.

New staff member Mary Anne Cotton was introduced to the board.

College Resources

Recommendations for sabbatical leave for the winter, 2005 semester were approved for OR mathematics faculty member Pamela Jackson, RO/SF English faculty member Raymond Mort, and OR CIS faculty member Frances Vallely.

The faculty appointments of Monica Chodan, chemistry (HL), and John Corbin, humanities

(AH), were approved, as was the classified appointment of Eric Beeson, CIS paraprofessional (AH), and the maintenance appointment of Catherine Gonzalez, building custodian (OR). Authority was granted to the college's construction managers, the Auch Company, to enter into a revised contract for heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment replacements in the PE building at the Highland Lakes Campus for an additional \$32,000.

The monthly progress report on millage-funded construction projects was presented. The following items were approved via consent agenda procedure: purchase of a service recognition program from OC Tanner of Livonia, at a cost of \$25,761.43; design/integration services and purchases of wireless equipment from the low bidder, Delta Network Service of Milford, in the amount of \$106,720; design, furniture and moving services for IT relocation from ISCG of Royal Oak in the amount of \$70,000; purchase of an air handling training system for the Auburn Hills Campus from Advanced Technologies Consultants at a cost of \$56,993; purchase of a robot for the Auburn Hills Campus from FANUC Robotics at a cost of \$52,270; a contract for child abuse investigation training with the Institute of Child Advocacy at a cost of \$50,000; purchase of 25 Apple Power Mac G5 Dual 1.8GHZ computers and flat panel monitors from Apple Computer, Inc., in the amount of \$75,825; a contract for facilitation training with Ace Consulting at a cost of \$50,000; a contract for instructional services with Computer Education Services Corporation at a cost of \$500,000; a contract for instructional services from Human Performance Technologies, Inc., at a cost of \$80,000; a contract for training services from Innovative Resources in the amount of \$80,000; a contract for training services from Project Technologies group in the amount of \$80,000; replacement tools for the applied and engineering technology program from the low bidder, Production Tools of Madison Heights, at a cost of \$144,594.75; purchase of a ceramic gas kiln and accessories for the Orchard Ridge Campus from Baily Pottery Equipment Company, in the amount of \$31,113.20.

Academic and Student Affairs

Vice Chancellor George Keith noted that Datatel reports on guest students enrolled for the Summer I semester reveal that the average load carried is 3.5 credits, and that the top three courses in which such students enroll are math, English and physics.

The board approved the convening of a special meeting, Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers.

A salary increase of 3.1 percent for the chancellor was approved for the 2004-05 fiscal year. The board approved payment of \$800 monthly to the chancellor as a professional stipend for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

Trustee Sandra Ritter read a tribute to Trustee Judith Wiser recognizing her 18 years of service to the college.

The board entered closed session to discuss personnel matters at the request of the individuals involved. Labor negotiations will also be covered.

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