

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting March 21, 2005

Chancellor's Report:

Dr. Mary Spangler announced the following:

- Congratulations are in order for the three OCC Phi Theta Kappa members, Liliana Barska, Katie Kuchlbauer and Sarah Smarch, who were nominated March 8 to both the 2005 All-Michigan Academic Team, and the All-USA Academic Team.
- William Emerson, CEO of Quicken Loans and Rock Financial, will be OCC's 2005 commencement speaker.
- As the Strategic Plan enters its second phase, 68 new volunteers have joined six new task forces. Orientation sessions for the new teams were conducted last week, and recommendations from the current task forces are now coming forward.
- The chancellor recently met with Pontiac Schools Superintendent Mildred Mason to discuss partnerships.
- Twelve Oaxaca exchange students and their teacher arrived today. A reception for the group will be held on April 15.
- One hundred and seventy-five OCC students, staff and family members went as a group on March 15 to the Pistons-Jazz basketball game at the Palace.
- Groundbreaking for the Levinson Hall addition at Highland Lakes is scheduled for April 1.
- One hundred-plus area high school students participated in the 14th annual Computer Assisted Design Competition at Auburn Hills, March 11.
- One hundred and sixty OCC students participated in the March 11-12 Student Optimists State Convention hosted by the Auburn Hills Campus.
- There will be no closed session this evening.
- Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley will present the revised 2005-2006 budget.
- One new staff member will be introduced.

In presenting the revised 2005-2006 budget, Vice Chancellor Brantley noted that cuts in state appropriations to community colleges are not likely to be as great as anticipated, and that OCC's tuition and fee income will exceed projections. The budget, now balancing at \$140.1 million has been modified to reflect these developments.

A new employee, Public Safety Officer Richard Dunn, was introduced to the board by Vice Chancellor Brantley.

The classified appointments of Joanne Bouren, nursing and health professions secretary (SF) and Ana Negovani, accounting specialist (DO) were approved, as was the maintenance appointment of Roberta Board, building custodian (DO).

Two annual tax resolutions, the first setting the millage rates for the 2005-06 fiscal year, the second requiring collection of taxes on the college's behalf by the cities and townships, were approved.

The revised budget was approved.

The following two items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: construction of salt storage facility, Highland Lakes, \$144,800; exterior foundation water-proofing, Buildings E, F, G and L, Orchard Ridge, \$291,500.

The board approved a project to provide exterior structural repairs to Building D, Auburn Hills in the amount of \$133,700.

The board approved a project to provide site lighting improvements and replacements at Orchard Ridge in the amount of \$1,689,500.

College Resources

The monthly progress report on millage-funded construction projects was presented.

The following contracts were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: a three-year agreement with the low bidder, Albin Business Center of Farmington Hills, for copiers, service and supplies at an annual cost of \$272,980; the printing of 50,000 2005-06 college catalogs from the low bidder, Von Hoffman Graphics of Owensville, Missouri in the amount of \$54,891; the replacement of carpeting for the second and third floors of Building M, Orchard Ridge, from the low bidder, NBS of Troy, in the amount of \$42,620; a third party agreement with DP Technology to provide CNC training to DaimlerChrysler employees for \$29,040.

The board also approved modification to a contract with New Horizons for Microsoft training for EDS employees at an additional cost of \$75,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

Kevin Crumpley of the Auburn Hills Phi Theta Kappa chapter provided an overview of the group's activities over the last year. The chapter has earned the organization's five-star rating (the highest possible) and raised a considerable amount for charity, including \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. The group will send five representatives to the annual International Convention in Dallas, Texas, April 14-16.

Vice Chancellor George Keith provided the board with a handout on the soon-to-be convened Enrollment Management Task Force, which he will co-chair with RO faculty member Michael Vollbach. The task force, Dr. Keith noted, will not only study the recruitment of new students, but the retention of current ones, as well as strategies to increase student completion rates.

New Business

The board approved the 2005-06 schedule of regular board meetings and conferences.

Board Member Reports

Vice Chair Anne Scott announced that OCC's 40th anniversary celebration will begin with a scholarship fundraiser-dinner May 5 at the Detroit Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint, and distributed invitations to the trustees. She also noted that the annual Golf for Scholarships outing is set for August 12 at Pine Knob.

Ms. Scott advised the board that she needs its input on the upcoming MCCA budget and indicated the need for a Business and Community Alliance meeting in the near future. Trustee Ritter suggested that since President Edward Callaghan is to be honored at the PTK convention in Dallas, all trustees who so wish should be authorized to attend.