

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting May 16, 2005

Public Comments

OCC music majors, Chloe Canon and Virginia Pepper, were invited by Orchard Ridge music faculty member, Jose-Garcia Leon, to describe their experiences in the program. Ms. Canon, who intends to earn an associate degree, then transfer to a university, cited the advantages of small classes, personal attention and the affordability of OCC's program. Ms. Pepper, a self-described "Baby Boomer" who is a church musician and full-time employee with the Henry Ford Health System, praised OCC's "well thought-out music program" and excellent faculty.

Chancellor's Report:

Dr. Mary Spangler noted the following:

- Three hundred guests, including trustees Scott, Simmons, Wangler and Abraham, attended the college's 40th Anniversary celebration on May 5. The event netted \$65,000 for scholarships.
- The college hosted a table at the April 20 Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber Forecast Luncheon.
- OCC signed an Information Assurance partnership agreement with the University of Detroit Mercy and Henry Ford Community College on April 29. OCC student and PTK officer Katie Kuchlbauer received one of the \$10,000 scholarships available through the agreement.
- OCC was again one of the co-sponsors of the annual Oakland County Economic Forecast on April 29.
- The chancellor attended an Automation Alley networking event with Cheryl Kozell on April 29.
- An OCC delegation met with officials from Eastern Michigan University on April 26 to sign a business administration articulation agreement in international commerce. EMU will make \$40,000 in scholarships available to transferring F1 students who meet the program requirements for transfer.
- The chancellor and an OCC delegation attended a meeting of the Detroit Economic Club on May 2 to hear Governor Jennifer Granholm.
- Board Vice Chair Anne Scott and the chancellor attended the Spring Michigan Community College Board of Directors meeting at Lake Michigan College April 22-23.
- With a record of 27 wins, 15 losses, the OCC Women's Softball Team has qualified to participate in the national NJAA Tournament in Fort Dodge, Iowa, May 18-21.
- Waterford Township has officially recognized the Highland Lakes Campus' 40 years of service to the community.
- Two hundred and thirty nursing program graduates participated in the program's pinning ceremony at Troy Athens High School May 15.
- The Womencenter's national women's art competition opened on May 12, featuring 140 entries by 58 women artists.
- The OCC Culinary Studies Institute's annual Great Lakes Great Wine Competition took place at the Orchard Ridge Campus May 11.
- The Southfield Campus hosted a workshop on infant health May 13.
- The board will enter a closed session to discuss the chancellor's performance evaluation.
- Vice Chancellor George Keith and President Sharon Blackman will make a presentation on the Institutional Dashboard.
- Vice Chancellor Brantley will introduce one new staff member.

Vice Chancellor George Keith, President Sharon Blackman and Chancellor Spangler presented an overview of the Institutional Dashboard – "a snapshot for looking at the condition of the institution," in Dr. Keith's words. The instrument, developed over a number of months, reveals how the college is doing in terms of its six purposes and seven strategic goals. It is used in planning, decisions about resource allocation, measuring institutional effectiveness and accountability, student learning outcomes, and modification of current programs, as well as the development of new ones.

President Gordon May announced that Allied Health Dean Nadia Boulos will be honored by the nursing department by a memorial brick paver to be installed at the Sigma Theta Tau International Center of Nursing Scholarship in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Vice Chancellor Brantley introduced new employee Joyce Carter.

College Resources

A recommendation for sabbatical leave was approved for English faculty member Carolyn Carty (OR) for the fall-winter 2005-06 semesters.

The administrative staff (exempt) appointment of Jacqueline Shadko to the Orchard Ridge presidency was approved.

The classified (part time) appointment of Belynda Thomas, IIC paraprofessional (RO) was approved. The 2005-06 General Fund Budget was approved.

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The following two items were approved via consent agenda procedure: concrete sidewalk and stair replacements, Auburn Hills, \$182,400; kitchen hood fire suppression system and exhaust hood replacement, Building G, Auburn Hills, \$75,000.

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

Consent Agenda - Contracts and Purchases

The following items were also approved via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the health care administration program with Woodward Hills Nursing Center of Bloomfield Hills; an affiliation agreement to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the mental health/social work program with the John D. Dingell Medical Center of Detroit; a two-year contract with Broughton International to provide anti-spam filtering services for \$36,000; a contract with McNaughton McKay Electrical Company to provide training services for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$35,000; a contract with New Dimension to provide Unigraphics training for General Motors employees for \$40,000; a contract with RWD Technologies to provide training to DaimlerChrysler employees for \$60,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Gerald Faye reported that the senate has elected a new slate of officers for the coming academic year: Mary Ann McGee (OR), chair; Michael Vollbach (RO), vice chair; Karen Robinson (HL), secretary.

Old Business

New employment agreements for President Sharon Blackman, Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley, Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry, Vice Chancellor George Keith, President Gordon May, Chief Human Resources Officer Catherine Rush and President Martha Smydra were approved, effective July 1. The board voted to establish an Audit Review Committee that follows ACCT guidelines and promotes public participation. The committee's establishment culminates several months' work by trustees Abraham, Ritter, Scott and Simmons, in cooperation with the chancellor.

Board Member Comments

Reporting on the Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors meeting at Lake Michigan College, Vice Chair Anne Scott noted that MCCA President Thomas Bernthal will resign and that the development of a new funding formula for the state's community colleges has become a highly divisive issue. Five colleges, including OCC, have developed a proposal for a revised formula.

Ms. Scott emphasized the need for a special board information session, in which Vice Chancellor Brantley would explain the funding formula, prior to the MCCA summer workshop in Traverse City this July. The board agreed to hold such a session, starting at 6 p.m., June 20, prior to the regular business meeting.