

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting June 20, 2005

The board convened a study session at 6:00 p.m. to receive a briefing by Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley on the Michigan Community College Funding Formula. The regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m., followed by a continuation of the funding presentation after adjournment.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- Auburn Hills President Sharon Blackman will leave the college to assume the presidency of Brookhaven College in the Dallas, Texas Community College District. Dr. Spangler offered congratulations and noted that Dr. Blackman's "collaborative spirit will be missed".
- Auburn Hills Counselor Douglas Riddering has been named OCC's Diversity Champion for 2005.
- Along with seven students, Highland Lakes President Gordon May participated in the Salzburg Seminar May 29-June 5. The students will share their experiences with the board in the fall.
- OCC's 39th graduation on June 17 at the Palace of Auburn Hills proved an outstanding event.
 One thousand members of the graduating class took part and trustees Wangler, Ritter, Scott and Simmons were present. Commencement speaker was Bill Emerson, CEO of Rock Financial/Quicken Loans.
- Thirty-five cadets graduated from the Oakland Police Academy on June 10.
- A 30-member OCC team took part in the annual Race for the Cure, June 11.
- A display at the District Office celebrates National Children's Day, June 3. It was prepared by the staff of the Royal Oak Childcare Center.
- A health academy aimed at high school juniors and seniors interested in nursing will be held at the Southfield Campus this summer.
- The Orchard Ridge Campus is engaged in several beneficial partnerships with the Farmington School District this summer.
- Her participation in the Mackinac Conference June 2-4 proved "a formidable experience," Dr. Spangler reported. A wide range of topics pertinent to the State of Michigan was covered, and the chancellor was able to make a number of important contacts, including a meeting with the new State Superintendent of Education, Michael Flanagan.

College Resources

The faculty appointment of Karen Lee, business (AH/RO) was approved, as were the reclassifications of Edward Callaghan, business faculty (AH/RO) and James Berry, dean of academic and student services (OR).

The board gave the Auch Company authority to enter into a construction project for restoration of the pedestrian bridge between buildings D and F, Orchard Ridge Campus, at a cost of \$72,400. Authority was also given to increase the budget for previously-approved waterproofing work on Orchard Ridge buildings E, F, G and L in the amount of \$40,800.

Consent Agenda Contracts and Purchases

The following items were approved via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with The Village of Oakland Woods to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the exercise technology program; purchase of Symnatec computer software from the low bidder, CDW Government in the amount of \$36,020; fixtures for the Southfield Bookstore from the low bidder, Franklin Fixtures, in the amount of \$38,130.

The contract with the college state lobbyist, Karoub Associates, was extended through the 2005-06 fiscal year at the current rate, \$4,000 per month.

A modification of the current contract with Computer Education Services Corporation to provide contract training to local businesses was extended for one year.

A contract with National Instruments to provide Lab View Basics 1 and 2, Lab View Real Time, and Lab View Field Programmable training for General Motors employees was approved in the amount of \$500,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

Vice Chancellor George Keith reported that the Higher Learning Commission has accepted the conclusions of OCC's midterm report on student outcomes. No further action is required until the next review in 2007-08.

New Business/Reports

Vice Chair Anne Scott noted that the Business/Community Alliance held an excellent meeting today. Highlights of the session were presentations by RO faculty member Debra Rowe on renewable energies, by Executive Director of Advancement Cheryl Kozell on emerging sectors, and by CIO Andrew Hillberry on updating strategic planning.

Ms. Scott suggested that the board raise a trustees' team for the annual OCC golf scholarship fundraiser in August.

Ms. Scott also encouraged her fellow trustees to read the article on workforce development in the last edition of the *Community College Journal*.

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