

# **Board Digest**

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# **Chancellor's Report:**

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- Fifty students and parents participated in the new orientation procedure at the Orchard Ridge Campus on July 27.
- Orchard Ridge hosted a special planning session of the board of trustees August 10. The presidents made presentations on building projects at their respective campuses.
- The Womencenter's Self-Defense for Women workshop on August 6 enrolled 35 participants.
- The Southfield Campus recently held a certification ceremony for students in the diagnostic medical sonography program.
- The Highland Lakes Campus held an orientation for 200 prospective nursing students on August 1.
- The new van for the mobile nursing clinic is now on hand.
- Dean Cathey Maze recently provided a debriefing on her visiting scholar experiences in June at ETS headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey.
- DO held a successful employee appreciation day on August 10.
- The chancellor participated in a meeting of the Oakland County Roundtable's business committee on August 9.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dorene Hope Shank Golf for Scholarships Outing on August 12 was sold
- Board Chair Wangler, Vice Chair Scott and the chancellor attended the MCCA Summer Institute in Traverse City, July 21-23.
- Chancellor Spangler traveled to Washington, DC, August 1-5 to participate in the AACC Board Retreat. The event included legislative updates and visits to Capitol Hill.
- Five persons have applied for positions on the board audit committee. The deadline for applications is in a week and a half and the board invites more to apply.
- The board will enter closed session to discuss labor negotiations and real estate issues.
- Trisha Markwood of Preston Gates will discuss lobbying activities.

Orchard Ridge President Jacqueline Shadko introduced new faculty member Jack Cronin. OCCFA President Mary Ston introduced the new chair of the college academic senate, Mary Ann McGee.

Trisha Markwood of OCC's Washington, DC lobbying firm, Preston Gates, provided an update on developments at the Capitol. The recent reorganization of the House of Representatives committee structure, Ms. Markwood noted, has enhanced the stature of Oakland County congressmen Knollenberg and McCotter, both of whom are supportive of OCC's legislative goals in the fields of international education and emerging technology business sectors. The firm will offer an OCC fellowship this winter, a paid internship in Washington for an OCC

student.

# **College Resources**

The faculty appointment of Gina Fournier, English (RO) was approved, as were the temporary faculty appointments of John Corbin, humanities (AH), Kathy Jegla, English (HL), and Mary Taras, history (OR).

The (temporary) management staff appointment of Melanie Myers, construction management program coordinator (OR) was approved, as were the classified appointments of Dawn Robinson, bookstore assistant (RO), and Donna Markiewicz, nursing secretary (HL).

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

#### **Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases**

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: 277 agency affiliation agreements permitting on-site training for students in the nursing, diagnostic medical sonography, EMT, exercise science, health care administration, hospital pharmacy, massage therapy, medical assistant, social work, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy and surgical technology programs; purchase of two CISCO Networking Academy Program lab configurations, plus a three-year licensing agreement with U.S. Cisco, for \$30,011; purchase of desktop computer equipment and peripherals from the low bidder, Dell Computer Corporation, for \$1,245,000; alarm monitoring services from the low bidder, AAA Alarms for \$40,000 annually; electronic security equipment from the low bidder, Broen Corporation of Warren, Michigan, for \$32,000; sign language interpreting services from the low bidder, Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services of Farmington Hills, at a rate of \$35 per hour.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee reported that the senate leadership will meet with Vice Chancellor George Keith next week to establish priorities for the coming academic year.

#### **New Business**

Chancellor Spangler noted that the board will receive updated information shortly to assist in the final decision on election dates. The board's decision will be made before January, 2006. A committee composed of Chair Wangler, Trustee Abraham and Trustee Kuhn will review the progress of the Auburn Hills presidential search.

The board passed a motion to issue an RFP for legal services.

#### **Board Member Reports**

Vice Chair Scott praised the new CREST class schedule.

Ms. Scott also noted that the MCCA will take up the issue of the state community college funding formula in October where a bloc of three community colleges will seek endorsement of a single formula that benefits them. Ms. Scott asked the board for instructions on her position at the meeting.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations and real estate matters.

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