

# **BOARD DIGEST**

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# **Public Comments**

Sheila Kendrick, the mother of a student enrolled in the nanotechnology program, expressed frustration at her daughter's inability to complete the program because classes are not available. Chair Tom Kuhn referred the matter to administration for resolution.

# Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer noted that he made presentations during Staff Development Day, September 7, at three campuses, which focused on the college's future driven by the needs of students. Dr. Meyer also commented on the Reverse Course Transfer agreement signed on August 27 with Wayne State University that enables non-graduated OCC transfer students to apply credits earned at WSU toward completion of an OCC associate degree. This innovation enables OCC to better meet the degree completion agenda set by government. The chancellor also noted that OCC CSI alumnus Scott Ryan, executive chef of the Pepper Pike Ohio Country Club, was recently named USA Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation.

Vice Chancellor of Student and Academic Affairs Richard Holcomb provided an overview of 2008-2012 fall headcount and student credit hour trends, changes in credit hours and headcounts by campus, as well as 2011-12 headcount changes and five-year trends at the state's 28 community colleges.

AH President Pat Dolly introduced the new landscape technology paraprofessional, Kevin Thompson. New SF enrollment services specialist Virginia Boone was also introduced.

# **Academic and Student Affairs**

College Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry reported the first Campus Academic Senate meetings of the year took place last week, and that a great deal of positive discussion was generated at the September 7 Staff Development Day meetings. Shared Governance was a major topic at all events. The Senate is concerned, Mr. Dry noted, that the search committees to fill the new dean positions have faculty representation. Student Representative to the Board Angela Waldowski, President of the OR Phi Theta Kappa chapter, provided an overview of recent Student LIFE activities at the various campuses, including Patriot Week observances, a financial management workshop for students at RO/SF, and PTK's active participation in the implementation of the college's smoking ban.

Continuing his discussion of the OCC Strategic Plan, Chancellor Meyer turned to the Completion Agenda, defined as a student's completion of a given course with a grade of C or better. Successful course completion, he noted, leads to successful program completion. Topics covered included OCC course withdrawal policies; 2010-11 course completion statistics; degree completion procedures; awards earned by type; the number of years students spend completing, by type of program; student feedback surveys and satisfaction levels; organizations monitoring college completion rates; and benchmarking – comparisons with other community colleges.

Dr. Meyer will delve deeper into completion data in part II of the talk, to be presented at the next board meeting.

#### College Resources

The full-time (temporary) appointment of business faculty member Lisa Alshab (HL) was approved.

The following staff appointments were announced: Julie Jurmo, EWD interim business services manager (AH M-TEC); Amy Elwert, part-time business department secretary (AH); Randall Huff, part-time IR interviewer (AH); Lisa

Agosta, science paraprofessional (RO/SF); and Katherine Jones, health professions and technologies secretary (SF).

# Consent Calendar - Contracts and Purchases

The following two items were approved via Consent Agenda procedure: a three-year agreement with Kelly Services to manage the placement of the college's temporary staff effective January 1, 2013; replacement of all tubes in Boiler Number One at the Orchard Ridge Campus by the low bidder, Purvis & Foster of Detroit, for \$159,750.

The board approved a contract specifying a daily rate of \$1,800 for mentoring and \$1,200 for instructional services with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center for a total amount of \$120,000 for customized training to a variety of corporate clients.

### **New Business**

Board Treasurer Thomas Sullivan and Trustee Anna Zimmerman were named OCC delegates to the 43<sup>rd</sup> ACCT Leadership Conference in Boston, October 10-13.

Trustee Shirley Bryant requested a review of board communications policy relating to what requests for information can be made with or without a motion by the board.

#### Comments

Trustee Pam Davis welcomed Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley on his return.

Treasurer Thomas Sullivan noted that four new directors, Antoine Joubert, Richard Berkfield, Maureen Donahue Krauss and Marc Strandquist, were elected to the OCC Foundation Board this month. Dr. Sullivan also noted he believes up to \$50,000 was generated for scholarships at the August Annual Foundation Golf Outing. Trustee Sandra Ritter expressed her approval of the half-page OCC ad appearing in last Sunday's Oakland Press College Guide.

Trustee Shirley Bryant expressed appreciation for the long service as chair by OCC Foundation Director Jan Dolan. Ms. Dolan was succeeded as chair this month by David Ong. Brian Carney was elected vice chair, Don Schiemann secretary and Thomas Sullivan, DDS, treasurer.

Faculty Association President Mary Ann McGee noted the Association ratified its new labor agreement by a vote of 204 to 1. "Now begins the work of making the contract real," Ms. McGee said, adding that she looks forward to working with administration.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications 248.341.2122.