

Auburn Hills Campus Community Assembly
Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 3:15pm-4:15pm, F124
Minutes

Campus President Tim Taylor facilitated the meeting with 32 faculty and staff in attendance.

Announcements/Updates

1. Security Cameras Update

Public Safety Lieutenant Patrick Baldwin reported that the College is in the process of updating its closed circuit television security system. New cameras are being installed to replace old equipment at all sites. The installation is expected to be completed during Fall Semester 2015. For the first time, some cameras will be installed in the parking lots.

2. Bookstore Web Page

Bookstore Manager Heidi Renton explained the features of a new bookstore purchase system that allows students to view the price the OCC bookstore charges for a book and compare it to the price other vendors are charging for the same book. The bookstore's goal is to allow buyers to see all their options and to offer the lowest price it can while providing the best possible service. Even though its prices are not always the lowest, recent figures indicate that 89% of OCC buyers chose OCC over other options. In-store purchases can be made with debit, credit, cash and financial aid. Currently, website purchases can be made with debit or credit cards. A process is being worked on to allow website purchases to be made with financial aid in the near future, perhaps as soon as Winter 2016. Kinks are still being worked out, but overall the new system has been very well received by OCC students.

3. 50th Anniversary Gala

President Taylor announced the cancellation of this event. The OCC Foundation had been planning this gala to celebrate the College's 50th anniversary on November 6.

4. Enrollment Presentation

President Taylor reviewed College enrollment trend information presented to the board this past summer. The following points were emphasized:

- The College's current enrollment is somewhat reflective of the enrollment of the 2002-2006 years, which were prior to the great recession.
- As enrollment increases, so too does the cost of educating students.
- State revenue is fixed.

- The local tax rate (millage) was reduced significantly in 2010-2012 due to the recession.
- Our market is shrinking: the number of high school graduates is decreasing and 81% of Oakland County residents already have an associate degree or higher.
- Recent events have made it clear that longer range planning and better uses of our resources are necessary for our future success.

5. Student Services Update

An article will be posted in the next few days on InfoMart that summarizes the many changes that have been made this past summer to the student services area headed by Vice Chancellor for Student Services Jackie Shadko. See highlights of the structural, personnel and physical changes at InfoMart.

6. Campus Culture

The president urged the importance of maintaining a climate of respect at the College. He noted that OCC has undergone a tremendous amount of change in the last five years or so and that in many cases people have tended to take some of these changes personally, often not acknowledging that larger forces, not disregard of employee wellbeing, have made these changes necessary. He emphasized that it is important for each of us to do what we can to support one another and treat all parties with respect during these trying times. That goes for whatever might occur in the labor negotiations in which we are currently involved. He said that when the process is completed, regardless of whatever changes may ensue, we need to focus on remaining respectful of one another.

Community Comments/Concerns

1. New Issues

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a) Updating of Multi-Function Printers

Dan Frezza announced that the College updating of multi-function printers will begin at Auburn Hills on September 28 and be completed in about a week. All Lanier machines will be replaced with higher end Canon machines that will enable users to print to wherever they are by swiping their card. All new machines will use the same interface, so screens on the large and small units will look and operate the same. The new system will monitor toner and place orders automatically whenever toner is needed.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2015, 3:15 pm-4:15 pm

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