

Auburn Hills Campus Community Assembly  
Thursday, October 15, 2015 – 3:15pm-4:15pm, F120  
Minutes

Campus President Tim Taylor facilitated the meeting with 22 faculty and staff in attendance.

### **Announcements/Updates**

1. Employee Meetings with the President

President Tim Taylor announced the initiation of a new mode of communication for the campus. Faculty and staff will be offered a couple of dates per month from which to select a date to meet as part of a small group (10-14 people) to get to know the president and each other in a casual setting and to talk about college issues.

An email will go out in the next few days with dates for the remainder of the fall 2015 semester. An employee would get supervisor's approval for a time that fits his/her schedule and submit the choice to Betty Green in the President's Office. Each employee would sign up for one meeting. The intention would be to offer new dates at the beginning of each semester for various times so that eventually everyone would find a suitable date to attend. Ideally the sessions would bring together a mix of employees from different work groups.

2. Security Matters

Lieutenant Patrick Baldwin reviewed an extensive list of security measures the College has in place to protect the campus community. In particular, he noted that the best prevention of an active shooter event is the continual presence of a highly trained armed police force such as the one we have in place at OCC. Our officers attend an initial three-day active shooter training and a one-day refresher every year to keep their training current.

He showed Run-Hide-Fight- Surviving an Active Shooter Event, a 6-minute video created by the City of Houston, Texas, and the Department of Homeland Security, also accessible on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2DQ>. He discussed the value of being prepared in the unlikely event of encountering a shooter in a public place or at work and emphasized the importance of awareness and thinking ahead wherever you are about escape routes, hiding locations and items that could be used as weapons.

President Taylor commented that the college is doing all it can to make the college as safe a place as possible. He said all of us need to be active participants in our own safety. The AH Campus has been emailed about implementation of the "provost" plan to request a stand-by Public Safety presence in certain circumstances. We will continue to use this plan at the campus even though its use is not being encouraged at other sites.

### 3. Tuition Policy Presentation

President Taylor presented a modified version of the September 10 Tuition and Fee Guidelines presentation given to the board of trustees by Peter Provenzano and Chancellor Meyer. Specifically he reframed the presentation around the following questions:

- Should the college operate on a balanced budget?
- What factors should be considered when establishing a tuition rate?
- Should local tax money (millage) be used to support out-of-district and out-of-state students?
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- Should tuition cover the cost of instruction?
- Should all students pay the same tuition price, even though there are significant differences in program instructional cost?
- Should differential tuition be considered due to variability of program/course costs?

After the presentation, he asked the Community Assembly participants to provide their opinion on what the board of trustees should do around the aforementioned questions. Questions and participant responses are noted below:

- a) Should the college operate on a balanced budget?  
100% responded yes.
- b) What factors should be considered when establishing a tuition rate?  
All agreed that state reimbursement, property tax and programming course costs should be considered.
- c) Should local tax money (millage) be used to support out-of-district and out-of-state students?  
Approximately 75% felt that local tax money should be used to support out-of-district and out-of-state students.
- d) Should tuition cover the cost of instruction?  
All felt that the combination of tuition and fees, state reimbursement and local property tax should cover the cost of instruction.
- e) Should all students pay the same tuition price, even though there are significant differences in program instructional cost?  
The general consensus was that students should pay a differential price based on instructional cost. There was a difference of opinion as to whether this price should be reflected in tuition or fees.
- f) Should differential tuition be considered due to variability of program/course costs?  
The majority felt that fees should be reflective of course costs and a minority felt that tuition should cover costs.

**Next Meeting: November 19, 2015, 3:15 pm-4:15 pm, AH:F120**

Submitted by Betty Green