

Board Digest

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**Regular Meeting
February 18, 2002**

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and comments:

- In response to the board's request for information on Datatel a list of possible consultants has been submitted. Following discussion, it was agreed that the top three recommended firms will make presentations to the board on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.
- Board Chair Towar, Vice Chair Wiser, Trustees Scott and Wangler, Chancellor Thompson and Executive Director Cheryl Kozell attended the annual Community College National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC on February 10-13. While there, the OCC group met with Oakland County legislators from both houses, legislative aides, as well as two lobbying firms to discuss the CREST project. The Oakland County legislative delegation is highly receptive to CREST and will draft letters of support to Homeland Security Chief Tom Ridge, and the House Appropriations Subcommittee. Chancellor Thompson will also meet with representatives Kilpatrick and Dingall, as well as with County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, to see if county funding is available for CREST.
- The next meeting of the Business and Community Alliance convenes on March 11.
- The annual Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Awards Luncheon will take place in Lansing on March 13. Six OCC students will be recognized.
- Shelly Stahl of Karoub Associates will brief the board on latest developments in Lansing.
- The student report will be presented by Liz Tierney of the Royal Oak Campus. Ms Tierney plans to study architecture at Lawrence Technical University when she graduates from OCC.

Shelly Stahl of Karoub Associates, the college's Lansing lobbyists, made the following observations:

- Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be OCC's commencement speaker this June.
- A legislative vote is not likely in the near future on the community college budget.

- Governor Engler has held the state community college allocation harmless for the coming year; i.e., there will be no change in funding.
- Federal Homeland Defense grants will be largely administered via the state police.
- There is no activity at present on proposed legislation to consolidate elections.
- A bill that permits municipalities to secede from community college districts (which applies only to Wayne County Community College) was heard last week. It is opposed by the Michigan Community College Association.
- Due to term limits there will be extensive turnover in both state houses after the next election.

College Resources

The administrative appointments of Terry McCauley, director of public safety (DO) was approved, as were the faculty appointments of Teresa Garcia, nursing (HL), Susan Lipton IIC (OR), and the maintenance appointments of Rodney Roberts, building custodian (OR), and Annette Shannon, building custodian (OR).

The management staff appointment of Maxine Liest, manager of nursing and allied health (HL/SF) was also approved, as were the public safety appointments of Joseph Abbo, public safety officer (CW), and John Wells, public safety officer (CW).

The board approved a motion to undertake a feasibility study of a parking lot shuttle service at the Auburn Hills Campus.

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

The board approved contracts with the following firms to provide architectural/engineering services to the college: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC; Duce Simmons Associates; IMP Associates. The following firms were authorized to provide engineering services only: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC; CFI Engineering, Inc.; Peter Basso Associates; Wolf Wineman, Inc.

The following purchases and contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: the purchase of 27 Leica microscopes for the Southfield science lab from W. Nuhsbaum, Inc., at a cost not exceeding \$39,155; the purchase of 10 police dogs, associated training and equipment for the Auburn Hills K-9 program from White Collar Canine, at a cost not exceeding \$50,000; extension of the current Pontiac Center Lease with Waldron Properties until May 30, 2002; the printing of 100,000 Summer I and II class schedules from the low bidder, Central Printing, in the amount of \$31,044; an agreement with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to provide dispatch services for a five-year period, on a sliding scale ranging from \$57,996 for the first year, to \$62,520 for the final year.

The board approved a motion to purchase five ATM machines from International Merchant Services at a cost not exceeding \$29,975.

Royal Oak student Liz Tierney provided an overview of Phi Theta Kappa's recent activities and future plans. The Royal Oak chapter, Ms. Tierney noted, began with three students at the start of the semester. Its membership has grown to 25.

New Business

The board passed a resolution authorizing the June 10 trustee election.

Reports

Trustee Simmons requested that corsages be provided to the students participating in the PTK All-Michigan Awards Luncheon on March 13.

Trustee Scott thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the annual Community College Legislative Seminar in Washington and the MCCA in service meeting in Flint. Ms. Scott noted that the focus of the Washington visit was CREST, but work was also done in support of ADN nursing programs.

Vice Chair Wisner noted that Representative Dale Kildee spearheaded the effort to develop the letter from the Oakland County legislative delegation in support of funding for CREST.

Chair Towar expressed confidence that our CREST efforts will see results. Every attempt will be made, she said, to get Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge to OCC for the CREST opening.

Steve Baldwin of the Auch Company noted that bids have been awarded for the next four CREST structures and ground will be broken next week.

Correction to last month's Board Digest: the group voting to join AFSCME Local 2042 are the child care assistant coordinators (caregivers), not the coordinators, as reported.

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