

# Board Digest

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**Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2002**

## **Chancellor's Comments**

Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and comments:

- Datatel registration for spring-summer began on March 7 and has been running smoothly, with enrollment figures up from last year. The new payroll system is also running well.
- Last Monday's Business and Community Alliance was well attended. State Representative Nancy Cassis provided an overview at the legislative scene; other speakers included Dan Hunter of Oakland County Government, John Almstadt of the Oakland County Employment and Training Division and Dean Sharon Blackman.
- On March 13 six OCC Phi Theta Kappa students were recognized at the organization's All-Michigan Academic Awards Luncheon in Lansing. OCC's was the largest contingent present.
- Only one new bidder has responded to the RFP to serve as college auditor; the chancellor therefore recommended retention of the current firm, DeLoitte & Touche.
- In response to a request from the board, Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley will present an expanded report on the college's debt service.
- Three new staff members will be introduced tonight.
- International student Jana Stankova from the Czech Republic will make the student report.
- Professor Chuck Newmann will make a presentation on the new COMPASS math assessment program.
- Under New Business the board will make selections of a Datatel auditor, as well as a Washington DC-based lobbying firm for the CREST project. The board will also vote on the MCCA budget and the chancellor's goals for 2002-2003. Mr. Thompson noted that his final contract extension ends in 2003, and that the board should begin the process of selecting his successor.

Vice Chancellor Brantley provided a recap of the report he had submitted to the board covering the college's debt. Four major items are outstanding – three bond issues, and

the installment purchase agreement for the new telephone system; the total for all four is \$17.5 million.

Representatives of two firms, Dykema Gosset and DKW Law Group, made presentations to the board to win appointment as the college's Washington, DC lobbyist for the CREST project.

New employees Maxine Leist, Terry McCauley and Teresa Garcia were introduced by President Smydra, Vice Chancellor Brantley and President Keith, respectively.

The administrative appointment of Andrew Hillberry, chief information officer (DO) was approved, as were the classified (part-time) appointments of Michelle Gonzalez, IIC Paraprofessional (RO); and Kamal Sabnani, WDS paraprofessional (AH).

The temporary faculty appointment of Carol Hardaloupas, ESL (AH) was also approved.

The two annual tax resolutions, the first setting the millage rate for the 2002-03 fiscal year, the second requiring collection by the cities and townships, were approved.

The monthly progress report on millage-funded renovation projects was presented. Chancellor Thompson noted that this was the final report on 1995 millage projects, and that a new report begins in April.

The following purchases and contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: the printing of 70,000 2002-03 college catalogs from the low bidder, Phillips Brothers Printing, for \$59,011; capital asset/infrastructure appraisal and inventory services from R. A. Shettler Company for \$30,000; ASSET and COMPASS scantron sheets from Delta College for \$25,000; a three-dimensional printer for the CAD program from Engineering & Manufacturing Services, Inc., for \$82,500; two Enco Maier PC Mill 55 CNC milling machines from Howard and Smith, Inc., for the machine tool program for \$36,000; a CNC milling machine from MSC machinery sales for the machine tool program for \$27,895.

The following Workforce Development contracts with third party providers were approved via consent agenda procedure: TSD Inc., to provide training and materials for employees of the Walbridge Aldinger Co. for \$48,200; Quality Systems Group, to provide training and materials to employees of the Delmia Corporation for \$50,000; Emhart Fastening Technologies, to provide training and materials for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$34,650; Global Technology Associates, to provide technical training to General Motors employees for \$130,000; Jack Pine Consulting, to provide training

and materials to DaimlerChrysler employees for \$50,800; Pontiac Adult Learning Program, to deliver learning services to targeted populations for \$46,500.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Academic Senate President Gerald Faye noted that the senate's next meeting will take place on March 8.

Student Jana Stankova reported on activities of the Auburn Hills chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Professor Chuck Neumann provided an overview of the development, workings and future prospects of COMPASS, the college's new math placement program.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Wangler made a number of inquiries regarding the special contract reports which had been provided to the board.

### **New Business**

The 2002-03 schedule of board meetings and conferences was approved.

The board selected Dykema Gosset as the college's Washington, DC lobbyist for CREST.

The board selected KPMG Consulting to serve as auditors of the Datatel project.

The Michigan Community College Association budget for 2002-2003 was approved.

In light of the announcement of his departure in 2003, discussion of the chancellor's goals for

2002-03 was tabled, pending the convening of a special meeting by the board.

### **Comments**

Chairperson Towar distributed a handout from a recent ACCT seminar she attended discussing the role of the outgoing chief executive officer.

AFSCME Local 2042 president Debbie Schmidt rose to take exception to the chancellor's comments regarding unsigned letters sent to the board.

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