

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting
December 16, 2002

Chancellor's Comments

After wishing a happy holiday season to all, Chancellor Thompson made the following observations and comments:

- The governor's recent executive order has stipulated a 2.5 percent reduction in state community college funding for this year. An additional five percent cut is anticipated for next year.
- A recommendation for tuition increases to help meet this challenge, starting with the spring semester, is on this evening's agenda; the OCC tuition increase will be the state's lowest.
- A series of reports will be presented, including President Smydra on the functions of the vacancy committee; Chief Information Officer Hillberry on the progress of Colleague; Vice Chancellor Brantley on budget matters; Dr. Harrison on the chancellor search; and Executive Director of Marketing David Adams on recent media activity involving CREST.
- Student Sherri Roth of the Highland Lakes Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter will report on recent activities.
- Two new employees will be introduced.
- The board will enter a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

Vice Chancellor Brantley reported that steps to keep the college's budget balanced for the next two years will include tuition increases; dropping the IT administrative system maintenance agreement; reduction of replacement computer purchases; reduction of non-computer purchases; canceling of rolling stock replacements; and reduction of contributions to the fund balance.

President Smydra provided an overview of the operations of the vacancy committee whose purpose is to maintain proper staffing while preserving a ratio of 80 to 20 percent in personnel, versus other expenditures.

Director of Physical Facilities Dan Cherewick provided an overview of the college's preventative maintenance program and its success in honoring promises made to the voters in the last millage campaign.

Executive Director of Marketing David Adams presented an excerpt from the nationally-televised Fox television program "From the Heartland," which highlighted the CREST project. The program aired on December 7.

Dr. Harrison noted the chancellor search profile, once approved, will be forwarded to the printer immediately. The brochure containing the profile will be available for distribution in three weeks, and national advertising will begin in late January or early February.

New employees Dorothy Marotta and Kimberly Ball were introduced by Vice Chancellor Brantley and President Blackman, respectively.

College Resources

Summer I sabbatical leaves were approved for faculty members Henry Austin (CIS-HL) and Steven Berman (English-AH).

Continuing contracts were awarded to the following faculty members: Sandra Abernathy (BIS, AH); Richard Koblin (science, SF); Leah Michels (English, OR); and William Schanerberger (CIS, OR). An annual contract was also approved for Carol King (fine and performing arts, OR). Faculty appointments were approved for Dawn Edford (life science, OR); Elaine Fett (counseling, HL); Charles Martin (physical education, RO/SF); and Ashish Rungta (CIS/BIS, AH). The temporary appointment of Rhonda Gaines (counseling, AH) was also approved.

The administrative-exempt appointments of David Dunshee, executive director for technology applications (DO @ PP) and Robert Montgomery, executive director for technology infrastructure (DO @PP) were approved, as were the administrative appointments of Sharon Miller, director of workforce development services (AH) and Julius Brown, interim dean of academic and student services (OR).

The management staff appointments of Gary Haw, information technologies systems administrator (DO @ PP) and Diedre Henahan, building facilities manager (OR) were approved as were the classified appointments of Ann Walk (IIC paraprofessional, RO) and Phyllis Truba (co-op education secretary, AH). The maintenance appointment of Steve Davis (building custodian, AH) was also approved.

In view of a \$400,000 decrease in state funding for the balance of this year, and with an additional decrease looming next year, the board adopted a tuition guarantee plan that raises tuition rates, effective next spring, by no more than 2.8 percent. Tuition rates for the fall of 2003, 2004, and 2005 will be pegged to the rate of inflation, or three percent (whichever is less) in order to preserve the eligibility of OCC students for State of Michigan tax credits.

The monthly progress report on millage-funded construction projects was presented. An affiliation agreement with the Square Lake Athletic Club of Bloomfield Hills providing on-site learning experiences for students in the exercise science and technology program was approved via consent agenda procedure.

The following workforce development contracts with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda: Judson Center, to deliver services under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act in the amount of \$21,500; Phoenix Consultants, Inc., to provide training and certification service to DaimlerChrysler employees in the

amount of \$28,000; Lake Orion Community Schools, to provide recruitment, job placement and supportive services to Work First clients in the amount of \$19,452 (an increase to the original contract); Lake Orion Community Schools, to provide recruitment, job placement, training and support services under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act in the amount of \$300,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

Highland Lakes Phi Theta Kappa member Sherri Roth reported on the chapter's recent community service activities. The group has collected a large number of toys for HAVEN, and recently prepared Thanksgiving dinner for 30 needy families.

Old Business

Trustee Wisner praised a recent performance by Michigan Opera Theater at the Orchard Ridge Campus, and transmitted a letter from Chief Jeffrey Werner of Bloomfield Township urging immediate implementation of the CREST site for police training.

New Business

The board approved a revised draft of the profile of the chancellor's position as developed by the search consultants.

Community Comments

Faculty association president Mary Ston extended holiday wishes on behalf of her membership.

AFSCME Local 2042 President Debbie Schmidt noted that a tentative agreement for a new classified contract has been reached. The membership will vote on January 17. Ms. Schmidt also expressed holiday wishes to the board.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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