

# Board Digest

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## **Regular Meeting January 27, 2003**

Auburn Hills faculty member Edna Garte and student Teri Sellers presented and explained a number of creative projects from their humanities and art classes using Middle Eastern, Native American and Far Eastern themes.

### **Chancellor's Comments**

- Two tentative labor agreements come before the board for approval this evening.
- The annual audit will be presented.
- A naming ceremony will be conducted tomorrow at the CREST site recognizing four corporate supporters – Standard Federal Bank, The Auch Company, Takata, and Consumers Foundation – who have made substantial contributions to the project. A mock holdup involving Standard Federal employees and the Troy Police Department will be staged after the ceremony.
- The next board planning session is scheduled for February 24. Among the agenda items are the next Commission on Higher Learning North Central Association visit (March 24-25) and the budget.
- Staff reports for this evening include a Datatel update by Andrew Hillberry; a report on the chancellor search by Dr. Ernest Harrison; and an overview of institutional assessment formats by Martin Orłowski.
- Highland Lakes Phi Theta Kappa Vice President Mike Hynes will present the student report.
- Four new employees will be introduced.

Noting concerns regarding successful conclusion of the chancellor search by July 1, Mr. Thompson expressed willingness to serve “up to a couple of months” on a post-retirement basis if the board so desires.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry noted that the old Legacy System has now been completely phased out and all contracts terminated. Forty sections on grade entry procedures for faculty and other staff members were presented by the PDTC prior to the holidays. In addition, data retrieval classes covering reporting techniques were offered for IT and institutional research staff members.

Chancellor Search Liaison Dr. Ernest Harrison reported that the search brochures were completed on January 10. Brochures have been sent to a list of 150 college placement officers provided by search consultant Dr. David Ponitz. Articles and ads have been placed in newspapers, as well as on the OCC website, and contacts from interested parties have begun.

Dr. Harrison advised that he will not evaluate the applications, but turn them over to Dr. Ponitz. The target date for closing the search, March 1, may be premature, Dr. Harrison noted.

President Martha Smydra introduced new employee Bruce Martin, Jr.; President Edward Callaghan introduced new employee Dawn Edford; Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry introduced new employees David Dunshee and Robert Montgomery.

### **College Resources**

The temporary full-time administrative appointments of Interim Dean of Academic and Student Services James Berry (OR) and Interim Dean of Technology Debra Rowe (AH) were approved, as was the exempt management staff appointment of Julie Jurmo, PDTC training coordinator (DO @ PC).

The public safety appointment of Officer Glenn Morrison, Jr. (CW) was approved, as were the classified appointments of Gwendolyn McCoy – Poindexter, science paraprofessional (OR) and Carol Williams,

financial assistance secretary (RO). The classified (part-time) appointment of Mercedita Gooding, IIC paraprofessional (RO) and the maintenance appointment of Antoine Bright (RO) were also approved.

A new five-year collective bargaining agreement between the college and AFSCME Local 2042, the classified bargaining unit, was approved.

A first-time collective bargaining agreement between the college and Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers Local 214, the administrative/management bargaining unit, was approved for the period January 27, 2003, through June 30, 2006.

The annual audit was presented by the college's auditors, Deloitte and Touche. The document is positive, but has not reached its final form because of difficulties checking revenue in light of the reconfiguration of the registration schedule into Summer I and II sessions. The problem, however, is minor and the management letter that completes the process will be issued shortly.

The following agreements were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: authorization to the Auch Company to enter construction contracts to provide interior courtyard/entrance drive lighting at the Auburn Hills Campus, \$560,500; masonry flashing repairs and replacements for the student center at the Highland Lakes Campus, \$153,900; replacement of tennis courts at the Orchard Ridge Campus, \$201,366; an affiliation agreement with St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the various nursing programs; a one-year license agreement with Micro Warehouse in an amount not to exceed \$71,951; purchase of a server from Sun Microsystems for \$59,537.

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

The following workforce development agreements with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: modification of a contract with Valentine Robotics to provide robotics training to DaimlerChrysler employees at an additional cost not to exceed \$50,400; a contract with Techspedite to provide IT training to Kmart employees at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Vice President Mike Hynes of the Highland Lakes Phi Theta Kappa chapter provided an overview of the group's plans. The chapter will seek to fulfill all five PTK hallmarks in order to achieve five-star status, and has revived the campus' student newspaper, the "Highland Voice".

Director of Institutional Effectiveness Martin Orłowski explained new formats developed for presenting assessment (institutional effectiveness) data which will equip the college with means for better decision-making.

### **New Business**

A list of professional services for which the college contracts will be included in the board's February planning session agenda; a discussion of the possibility of re-casting the chancellor search timeline will also be added.

If a new chancellor is not in place at the time of Mr. Thompson's retirement, the board expressed its desire that arrangements be made for his continuation on a temporary basis.

### **Comments**

Secretary Scott described the January 17 Martin Luther King Breakfast at Highland Lakes as "a wonderful experience" and commended President Gordon May and his staff for the presentation. Ms.

Scott urged the trustees to attend the MCCA inservice in Lansing this Friday and Saturday where state fiscal matters will be a central topic.

Chairperson Simmons noted that she will represent OCC in the Oakland Human Services Agency's "Walk for Warmth", February 23, and invited pledges from the college community. Mrs. Simmons also expressed appreciation to all involved in the labor settlements approved this evening.

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