

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting February 17, 2003

College Athletic Director Bernie Little introduced students Ashlee Larson and Jillyn Stork of the women's basketball team, and Toni Salo and Kasey DeSutter of the women's softball team. All spoke briefly about their experiences at the college. The basketball team is currently ranked 10th among community college teams nationwide, and the softball team finished fifth nationwide last year. The basketball team members' overall gpa is 3.55, and that of the softball team members is 3.8.

Chancellor's Comments

- Congratulations are due to Board Chair Janice Simmons who was recently named vice president of nursing and clinical services at Hurley Hospital in Flint.
- The board's next planning session will take place one week from tonight.
- The next meeting of the Business and Community Alliance is scheduled for March 31. The event's theme is employee training.
- The North Central Association visit will take place March 24 and 25. A dinner meeting is scheduled for the evening of the 24th with the three-member NCA team. Issues for discussion will be covered at next week's board planning session.
- The National Legislative Seminars in Washington, DC last week proved busy and productive. OCC's delegation met with representatives Rogers, Knollenberg, Levin, McCotter, Kildee, senators Levin and Stabenow, representatives of the Triton Corporation (which specializes in anti-terrorism measures), Governor Granholm's Washington liaison and Homeland Defense Chief of Staff Duncan Campbell.
- Budget revision will be discussed at the board planning session of February 24.
- Kudos are due to Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley and his staff who made the rounds of all college sites for budget revision discussions.
- Under "Academic Reports", Dr. Patrick O'Conner will speak on academic outcomes, and Highland Lakes PTK Vice President Mike Hynes will present the student report.
- Two new employees will be introduced.
- Staff reports include comments by CIO Andrew Hillberry, Vice Chancellor Brantley and Chancellor Search Liaison Ernest Harrison.

Dr. Ernest Harrison reported that the original guidelines for completion of the search will be adhered to. Applications are being recorded in the order they are received, Dr. Harrison noted, receipts are issued and copies are forwarded to the consultants. Six applications have been received thus far, and the consultant, Dr. David Ponitz, reports another 25 potential applicants. The advisory committee will review the applications on March 10, and Dr. Ponitz will be on site March 17.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry reported that the January 31 MCCA Inservice in Lansing proved excellent, with useful discussions on the Learning Content Report (Blackboard) System. Two presenters at the event were from OCC.

Vice Chancellor Brantley noted that a revised budget has been prepared, but will not be finalized in view of the likelihood of more budget cuts by the governor.

Chief Human Resources Officer Cathy Rush introduced new employee Julie Jurmo, and Vice Chancellor Brantley introduced new employee Glenn Morrison, Jr.

College Resources

A leave of absence without pay was authorized for art faculty member Ann Turner (HL). The management staff appointment of Jessica Irwin, financial services assistant, (DO) was approved, as was the public safety appointment of Scott Vierk (CW). The classified (part-time) appointments of Lon Gauthier, parts and tool crib attendant (AH) and Richard Lees, science paraprofessional (OR) were also approved.

The following contracts for renovation projects were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: replacement of the sewer back check valve at the Southfield Campus for \$36,914; replacement of ceilings and lighting, staff relocation expenses for Building K, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$140,500.

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

The following purchases and contracts were also approved via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with Henry Ford Medical Group to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the surgical technology program; an agreement with the low bidder, Navigating Business Systems, to replace carpets in Buildings B, D, F and G, Orchard Ridge Campus, in the amount of \$42,383.20; purchase of 30,000 COMPASS Scantron sheets from Delta College, in the amount of \$33,000; the printing of 70,000 2003-04 college catalogs from the low bidder, Phillips Brothers Printing, in the amount of \$55,018; purchase of a manufacturing diagnostic cell from the SMC Corporation at cost not to exceed \$66,314.

The following workforce development agreements with third party providers were also approved via consent agenda procedure: a contract with RWD Technologies, Inc., to provide training and materials for DaimlerChrysler employees at a cost not to exceed \$100,000; a contract with ABB Automation, Inc., to provide training and materials to DaimlerChrysler employees at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Gerald Faye noted that since Colleague can track prerequisites the disciplines must review requirements for entry into classes and determine prerequisite instructions. Highland Lakes Phi Theta Kappa Vice President Mike Hynes noted that Congressman Mike Rogers will participate in a forum on the disposition of derelict railroad property to be held on campus March 29. PTK will send five delegates to the national convention in Anaheim, California. In its efforts to achieve five-star status the chapter has submitted all of the required essays. A book drive to benefit the campus daycare center is also planned.

Dr. Patrick O'Conner provided an overview of the activities of the Academic Senate's Student Outcomes Committee. The group is studying a variety of techniques that improve student learning, but which do not involve grading. A website for student outcomes assessment is planned for the near future.

Comments

Board Secretary Anne Scott advised that she has provided written reports on the legislative meetings in Washington, DC and the MCCA inservice in Lansing. The two OCC speakers at the MCCA, she noted, were Librarian Ann Walaskay (OR) and Manager of State and Federal Programs Letyna Roberts (AH). Most of the event was devoted to budget discussions, she noted, and the consensus is that the governor will soon order additional reductions.

The legislative sessions in Washington were "incredible", Ms. Scott said, and Executive Director of Advancement Cheryl Kozell "did an excellent job of selling the college."

Vice Chair John Wangler added that all of the parties visited were aware of, and interested in CREST. Of seven training centers across the country we are "way ahead" and "seen as the national model" Dr. Wangler said. Furthermore, the college will receive \$250,000 from this year's federal budget for CREST curriculum development, and may garner \$3 million in fiscal year 2004.

Chairperson Simmons requested that letters of commendation be placed in the personnel files of Ms. Walaskay, Ms. Roberts and Ms. Kozell in recognition of their services.

Chairperson Simmons also noted that she will participate in Oakland Human Services' "Walk for Warmth" next Saturday, and thanked President Sharon Blackman for her support on this project.

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