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# Board Digest

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## Regular Meeting February 20, 2006

### Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Mary Spangler noted the following:

- The Detroit Economic Club has provided paid internships for two OCC photography students to cover Economic Club luncheons.
- Four new student ambassadors have joined the Chancellor's Advisory Council.
- Three high school students from the International Academy job-shadowed the chancellor on February 2.
- OCC and 12 other community colleges are on the list to receive capital outlay funds. OCC is slated for one half of \$32 million for renovations to Building A, Auburn Hills Campus.
- The chancellor has met with Brigadier General Mike Daniels of the Michigan National Guard and Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness Director Mike Sturm in efforts to access Homeland Security funds.
- Faculty Discipline Day took place on February 10.
- The chancellor met with the District Office Academic Senate to honor the two DO Employees of the Year and outline future plans for the Bee Center.
- The 2005 OCC Annual Report has been published and distributed.
- OCC's commencement speaker this June will be Channel 4 newscaster Rhonda Walker.
- Culinary Institute ice carvers won first and fourth place at the recent Plymouth Ice Show.
- The Royal Oak Campus will present a panel discussion on the Holocaust on March 9.
- An Auburn Hills Campus blood drive collected 87 pints. The campus was recognized as the "number one community college collection center in Southeast Michigan."
- Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley will provide an update on the proposed new student center at Auburn Hills.
- The board will enter closed session this evening.

Vice Chancellor Brantley and Interim President David Adams presented information on several options for the location of a new student center at the Auburn Hills Campus, including the results of student and staff surveys. The recommended option is a structure linking buildings C and G.

Mr. Brantley also noted that DO renovations will begin in August, 2006 and will be completed in August, 2007. The Auburn Hills G Building renovation will take place in July-September of this year, with IT-IR operations moving into G in November.

President Jacqueline Shadko introduced new Orchard Ridge faculty member Lisa Nimitz.

### Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that a senate committee on textbooks has been formed to study ways to ameliorate book expenses. The senate has also approved a new degree option in business administration, with a concentration in accounting, as well as a certificate in payroll/tax accounting.

A report was presented to the senate at its January meeting on late registration, and in March a special demonstration project on distance meeting technology will be held. The senate remains heavily involved in preparation for the forthcoming Higher Learning Commission visit scheduled for Spring, 2008.

Laura Manley, president of the Royal Oak Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter, announced that the group has

conducted elections. The new officers will be installed in June. Ms. Manley also noted that her chapter has raised \$3,187 toward special event travel expenses through a variety of activities.

### **College Resources**

The non-exempt management staff appointment of Ryan Harp, network specialist (DO/RH) was approved, as were the classified appointments of Marianne Calunas, library technician (AH) and Sandra Harrold, purchasing and auxiliary services assistant (DO).

Workforce Development directors Karen Pagenette and Brenda Vesprini were presented with mementos by the board in recognition of their imminent retirements.

The board passed separate motions authorizing the college's construction managers, the Auch Company, to enter contracts for preconstruction services for each of the following projects:

- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) and interior renovations to the Bee Center - \$50,000.
- HVAC equipment, ceiling and lighting replacement, Levinson Hall, Highland Lakes - \$43,100.
- HVAC equipment and interior renovations, Student Center, Highland Lakes - \$44,500.
- Air handling replacement study, Southfield Campus - \$50,000.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were approved by the board via consent agenda procedure: a contract with the low bidder, National Satellite of Rochester Hills, to provide technology-enhanced equipment and installation services at \$13,064 per system; a contract with Technical Welding Services to provide training for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$60,000; a contract with Atlas Copco/Kramer Air Tool to provide training for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$60,000; a contract with Dominion Technologies Group to provide equipment-specific training to DaimlerChrysler employees for a total of \$100,000; a contract with Excelerated Learning Institute to provide equipment-specific training for DaimlerChrysler employees for \$245,000.

### **Old Business**

Separate postings of revisions to board policies 1.1.3, "Elections" and 1.1.2, "Election of Officers/Organizational Meeting" were noticed for vote at the March board meeting.

A 12-month contract (January 1 – December 31, 2006) was approved for lobbying services with Preston Gates Ellis Rouvelas Meeds LLP at the price of \$8,000 per month.

A board resolution acknowledging the use and finance process requested by the Michigan Legislative Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee was passed.

### **Comments**

Trustee Janice Simmons commented on the excellence of the recent AACC-AACT Joint Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, and noted the deep cuts in education contained in the administration's new budget. Ms. Simmons also reported that the OCC delegation had opportunities to talk with several legislators and that OCC's lobbying firm did a good job arranging appointments.

Vice Chair Anne Scott echoed Trustee Simmons' observations and also noted that Senator Carl Levin's office places value on stories about student successes, particularly about those receiving Pell Grants.

Ms Scott also reported that a new proposal has been developed by the MCCA on how the state should distribute fund to community colleges in the future.

Faculty Association President Mary Ston presented the board with a handout enumerating the array of activities in which full-time faculty members are involved outside of their regular classroom duties.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor issues.

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