

Board Digest

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Regular Meeting August 20, 2007

Chancellor's Comments

Interim Chancellor Clarence Brantley made the following announcements:

- The Auburn Hills Campus received a Platinum Award from the American Red Cross for having collected 500 pints of blood in 2006-07.
- The Homeland Security Defense Educational Consortium is transitioning from military to civilian control. CREST Director Deborah Bayer has been invited to represent community colleges on the organization's steering committee.
- The Dental Hygiene program has received a full seven-year accreditation through the efforts of Dean Nadia Boulos and the program's faculty and staff.
- The Student Life program is working with Jewish Family Services to mentor at-risk young people.
- The OCC Culinary Team won a silver medal at the American Culinary Federation's National Championship in Orlando, July 25.
- New Student Orientations were held at Southfield on July 12, and Royal Oak on July 20 and August
- The Royal Oak Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently hosted a free outing to a Detroit Shock game for students, faculty and staff.
- An exhibit of student digital photography opened at Royal Oak on July 27, and will run until October 26
- The Respiratory Therapy and Diagnostic Medical Sonography programs held graduations at Southfield on August 15 and 16, respectively. A total of 280 attended the ceremonies.
- The annual OCC Golf for Scholarships tournament on August 10 raised a record \$42,000. Dell Computers constituted the event's first-ever Presenting Sponsor with a contribution of \$10,000. Delta Network has already signed up as next year's Presenting Sponsor.

President Gordon May introduced new Highland Lakes mathematics instructors Wendy Conway and Emily McAllister. President Jackie Shadko introduced new Orchard Ridge economics instructor Julie Seiler. Acting Chief Strategic Development Officer Cheryl Kozell introduced new OCC Foundation Director Cynthia Tanner, and Royal Oak/Southfield President Steve Reif introduced new science instructor Richard Lamb.

College Resources

The faculty appointments of Robert Anderson, humanities/film (AH); Athena Bolger, culinary (OR); Michael Myers, emergency medical services (AH); Michael Robinson, library/academic support center (AH); John Corbin, humanities (AH); Alfred Eppens, history (RO/SF); and Elizabeth Liller, English (AH) were approved.

The administrative appointments of Niko Dawson, director, workforce development (AH); Tahir Khan, interim dean, applied engineering/technologies (AH); and Thomas Hendricks, interim dean (RO/SF) were approved, as were the maintenance appointments of Mary Ann Volckaert, custodian (OR) and Steven Lutz, custodian (also OR). Sabbatical leave for the Winter, 2008 semester was granted to Stephanie Bevier of the PDTC.

Authority was granted to the college's construction manager, the Auch Company, to enter a construction contract for the HVAC replacement and interior renovation of the second floor mezzanine of Building G, Orchard Ridge Campus, in the amount of \$1,397,900.

The monthly report on the progress of millage-funded renovation projects was presented.

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The board approved the following items via consent agenda procedure: 324 affiliation agreements providing for on-site learning experiences for students in the nursing, senior citizen health promotion, diagnostic medical sonography, EMT, exercise science, health care administration, hospital pharmacy, massage therapy, medical assisting, mental health/social work, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy and surgical technology programs; purchase of Phone Pass Speaking Tests from Ordinate Corporation for \$29,400; Highland Lakes boiler tube replacements from the low bidder, Purvis and Foster, Inc. for \$68,740; purchase of library, classroom and office furniture for the Royal Oak Campus from the low bidders, Library Design, and Interior Environments, at a cost of \$98,010, and \$82,867, respectively.

Old Business

Consultant Ken Myers presented a status report on the chancellor search process. Thirty-five formal applications have been received, a candidate evaluation document is now being prepared and a candidate short list should be ready by mid-September, Mr. Myers noted.

Trustee Phil Abraham requested input from fellow trustees before proceeding with proposed board policy changes.

New Business

Trustee Anne Scott, who has served as OCC's Michigan Community College Association delegate since 1992, agreed to provide the board with documentation on the delegate's role and activities. Chancellor Brantley noted that District Office administrators are being encouraged to spend time on the campuses to become more familiar with campus concerns. Chief Human Resources Officer Cathy Rush will spend time at the Auburn Hills Campus and Pontiac Center on a weekly basis, and Mr. Brantley has also scheduled day-long visits to all campuses.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor matters.

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