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# Board Digest

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## **Regular Meeting January 26, 2009**

OCC tutor Jeff Albrecht asked the board to consider issues relating to the employment of certain part-time employees. Chairperson Shirley Bryant indicated that the board will review these matters.

### **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Tim Meyer presented a slide program on the work of OCC's prize-winning ice-carving team at the recent Frankenmuth and Plymouth Ice Shows.

President Gordon May introduced new Highland Lakes philosophy faculty member Dr. Lawrence Stark. Dean Tom Boozer introduced new Auburn Hills humanities faculty member Erin Scott. Student Representative Philip Taylor, president of the Royal Oak/Southfield Phi Theta Kappa chapter, presented an overview of activities at the various campuses over the last six months, as well as plans for the future. Projects include the sending of gift parcels to soldiers in Afghanistan, a used book sale fundraiser and collection of used prom dresses for donation to high school students. The fifth Annual Martin Luther King Convocation, held at Royal Oak's Johnson Theater on January 16, drew an audience of 150.

### **Academic Student Affairs**

Director of Institutional Research Nancy Showers reported that the Winter 2009 Semester One-Tenth Day Count reveals that the headcount increased at all campuses and rose by 8.3 percent college-wide over 2008. Student Credit Hours increased by 10.5 percent.

Trustee Anne Scott introduced community volunteers Chris Schmidt, Terry Moore and Bill Haviland who serve on the board's audit committee. Ms. Scott also announced the launch of a special audit hotline to curb fraud, waste and abuses. The audit committee will meet next on February 24 to interview hotline vendors.

### **College Resources**

The temporary faculty appointment of Alan Paulson (humanities, RO) was approved, as was the interim (non-exempt) management staff appointment of Sandra Harrold, interim manager, print, mail and duplicating services (AH-M-TEC) and the classified (full-time) appointment of Catherine Ryerson, faculty office secretary (RO).

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley presented a preliminary projection for the 2009-10 budget, including an overview of national and state economic conditions, which he expects to worsen in 2009.

Budget projections include a two percent enrollment increase, a three percent tuition increase (set against a four percent increase in the inflation rate) a one percent decrease in state appropriations, a two-and-a-half percent decrease in property tax revenues and a ten percent decrease in investment revenue. The proposed 2009-10 budget is set at \$161,490,476, a \$275,385 decrease from 2008-09, and will feature cuts in temporary personnel costs, operating expenses and equipment expenditures.

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

### **Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases**

The following contracts and purchases were approved via consent agenda procedure: network maintenance services from Delta Network Services for \$362,032; college-wide software license package from Studica for \$29,995; an internet service connection from Merit Networks for \$111,920 per year; purchase of a Dell Equal Logic Storage Array from VR6 systems for \$80,034; network equipment from Delta Network Services for \$284,238.

A contract for printing the schedule of classes and the college catalog was awarded to the lowest Michigan bidder, Edwards Brothers of Ann Arbor, for \$200,247.

### **Unfinished Business**

The selection of a Higher Learning Commission Action Plan consultant was deferred until the February meeting.

The matter of joining the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the selection of an OCC representative was tabled pending the receipt of further information.

The change in Board Policy 1.4.6 (Legal Counsel) was tabled.

### **New Business**

Trustee Thomas Sullivan was appointed OCC Board Representative to the OCC Foundation Board.

A motion to institute language for study sessions at agenda reviews passed.

A motion for first reading of the board policy changes provided by consultant George Potter (with the exception of credit card policies, which have already been dealt with) passed.

### **Reports**

Trustee Pamala Davis indicated that the chancellor's evaluation should be included in next month's agenda.

Trustee Scott noted she has received a holiday card from Beijing University with a special English-language insert. Ms. Scott also noted that with the departure of former Trustee Phil Abraham another trustee needs to be appointed to the audit committee.

OCCFA President Mary Ston welcomed the new board members and extended an offer for more frequent communication with the faculty. AFSCME President Kathleen Cham echoed Ms. Ston's sentiments on behalf of her bargaining unit.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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