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Board Digest

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Public Comments

Former OCC nursing student Mark Fellows gave a presentation on sexual harassment in higher education. Board Chair Shirley Bryant assured Mr. Fellows that the college views these concerns seriously. Wayne State University doctoral student Namrata Murthy noted that one of her class assignments was to monitor a public board meeting. Her efforts to gain information on the Schoolcraft College and Lawrence Technological University boards were unsuccessful, but she found OCC board information easily accessible.

OCC Culinary Studies Institute Department Chair Chef Kevin Enright introduced the members of the OCC Ice Carving Team and its coach, Chef Doug Ganhs. Mr. Enright provided a slide show covering notable recent CSI activities including a gold medal won in the February American Culinary Federation "Mystery Basket Competition", first places in the January Holland, Michigan Ice Carving Competition, the Watervliet, Michigan Ice Carving Competition, the Frankenmuth Ice Carving Competition and the Plymouth Ice Carving Competition. Chef Enright also described the CSI's seasonal Wassail Feast and annual Great Lakes-Great Wine Tasting event.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer announced the continuation of OCC's partnership with the Detroit Medical Centers to conduct an accelerated nurse training program. Sixty-four nurses will graduate from the first group this August; the next intake is scheduled for May.

OCC College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee provided an overview of the steps undertaken to respond to the 2008 Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Report. In addition to criticism of board practices Ms. McGee noted, the HLC also found that the college needs to work on assessment of student learning. The college has undertaken a number of strategies, including joining the HLC's Student Learning Academy in partnership with several other schools, thereby obviating the need for an HLC focus visit.

Stephen Scofes, chairman/CEO of the college's Lansing lobbyists, introduced the members of his team and provided an update of state legislative activities. Among its other accomplishments, the firm has secured a venue for the OCC legislative reception on June 3, continues to monitor all Appropriations and Capital Outlay Committee meetings, and is working with CREST Director Deborah Bayer to expand use of the facility.

Chief Information Officer Andrew Hillberry introduced his new administrative assistant Margaret Warack; Chief Human Resources Officer Catherine Rush introduced new human resources specialist Vanessa Belcher.

Highland Lakes pre-nursing student and PTK member Gregory Robertson provided a summary of recent Student Life-related events around the college, including a PTK service project to provide school supplies to needy children.

College Resources

The management staff appointment of research analyst Eileen Brennan (AH-M-TEC) was approved as were the full-time maintenance appointments of building custodians Scott Hayes and Jeffrey Gandy (both OR).

The board passed the annual resolution to levy taxes for the general operation of the college, as well as the annual resolution for collection of the college's taxes by the district's cities and townships.

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The following contracts were approved via consent agenda procedure: replacement of walkways, installation of site lighting and concrete sidewalk replacements, Auburn Hills Campus - \$1,249,300; asphalt paving, replacement of concrete curbs and gutters, Highland Lakes Campus - \$1,228,400; construction of vestibule entrances for the exterior doors, Royal Oak Campus - \$1,534,200.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following contracts and purchases were approved via consent agenda procedure: purchase of a skid car system for the Oakland Police Academy from SkidCar Systems, Inc. for \$57,325; rental of the Palace of Auburn Hills for the 2009 commencement for \$50,000; waste removal/recycling services from the low bidder, Capital Waste, Inc. of Detroit for \$45,576; moving services at the Highland Lakes Campus from the low bidder, Allied Office Interiors of Ann Arbor, for \$38,400; an amendment to the existing Highland Lakes moving contract with Palmer Moving and Storage of Warren for an additional \$8,702; a staff perceptions survey conducted by Educational Enhancements of Rochester for \$36,550; training and facilitation services on behalf of Michigan Works! from Boundary Systems LTD at a rate of \$1,350 per day through June 30; training and facilitation services on behalf of Michigan Works! for \$60,000 through June 30; five John Deere utility vehicles from the low bidder, Weingartz of Utica, at cost of \$18,024 per vehicle; janitorial supplies from Industrial Cleaning Supply for \$250,000 through December.

Unfinished Business

Leon LaBrecque and Brad Reynolds of LJPR, LLC spoke on the importance of the college adopting an investment policy and provided a sample statement. The board moved a first reading to adopt the policy provided by LJPR.

New Business

The board approved the renaming of the Guest House to the "Doris Mosher Foundation House."

Consultant Eric Craymer outlined a timetable for a work plan to resolve philosophical differences among board members, and to institute policy governance over the next few months. A motion to adopt the plan was passed.

A motion to change Board Policy 2.2.2 ("Employment Practices") was lodged.

A trustee expense report for \$165.36, which was filed after the required 30-day period, was approved.

A motion to establish an ad hoc committee to review and report back on board travel expense procedures was approved. Chair Bryant appointed Trustees Scott, Sullivan and Kuhn to the committee.

Comments

Trustee Anne Scott noted the well-attended memorial for late Trustee Lila Johnson, which was held at the Royal Oak Campus on March 14. Ms. Scott praised the newly-issued Student Life Handbook and also noted that many community colleges are leery about possible strings attached to forthcoming federal stimulus monies.

Trustee Pamala Davis remarked that an advocacy arrangement should be developed for instances of student sexual harassment.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor contract issues.

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