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**Regular Meeting
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Public Comments

Kevin Chandler, a doctoral student in educational leadership at Oakland University and assistant director of off-campus programs for Wayne State University, stated that he wanted to introduce himself to the board and publicly thank President Gordon May for serving as his mentor.

Faculty Association President Nick Valenti noted that with the retirement of 36 faculty members – 12 percent of the OCC faculty – the college faces an unprecedented staffing situation this fall. Mr. Valenti stated that OCCFA is working with the administration and hopes to have an agreement that will address the problem soon.

Student Presentation

Professor Tahir Khan of the Auburn Hills Campus Engineering and Technological Sciences faculty provided an overview of the college's computer-aided design/engineering, vehicle design and tool and die design programs, as well as the CAD competition held annually for the past 17 years on campus for high school students.

Chancellor's Report

In his millage update, Chancellor Tim Meyer announced that everything is going forward according to plan. The Supporters of OCC (SOCC) advocacy group has commissioned a public opinion poll on the millage renewal and is now compiling the findings, which are to be cast as messages in support of the renewal. SOCC will provide regular updates to OCC employees via email.

Chief Human Resources Officer Catherine Rush provided an overview of the recently-implemented Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Program and its impact on OCC.

Of the college's 886 full-time employees, 275, or 31 percent qualified for the program; 89, or 10 percent of faculty and staff applied for retirement on or before September 1. The breakdown is 34 faculty members (12 percent of the total), 11 administrators/managers (5 percent), 2 operating engineers (20 percent), 32 classified personnel (12 percent), 7 maintenance personnel (7 percent) and three public safety officers (16 percent).

The retirements will have profound effects on the college, Ms. Rush noted. On the positive side is the possibility of reducing staffing by 20 positions without layoffs, and realizing savings through lower cost replacement of retired personnel. On the negative side is the loss of skills, experience and institutional memory.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley introduced new public safety officer Kenneth Hbert; President Steve Reif introduced new Royal Oak BIS/CIS paraprofessional Brian Mullen.

Academic and Student Affairs

College Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee noted that the senate holds its last meeting of the academic year this week. She also asked that the board consider two matters: the staffing concerns that OCCFA President Nick Valenti expressed at the beginning of tonight's meeting, and the possibility of incorporating college feedback into the chancellor evaluation.

Ms. McGee also provided an update on the progress of the Student Learning Academy. Feedback from the Higher Learning Commission Mentor of the Student Assessment Plan is very positive, and he characterized OCC's effort "one of the best-organized projects I have reviewed."

College Resources

The faculty appointments of Cheryl Aretha (biology, HL); Jeremy Mertz (mathematics, AH); and Wendy Kuhn (biology, OR) were approved, as was the temporary appointment of Dave Nosanchuk (mathematics, HL).

The non-exempt management staff appointment of Jahquan Hawkins, student development coordinator (OR) was also approved.

The following imminent retirees received farewell gifts and congratulations from the board: Vivian Anderson, faculty (AH), Jim Boussom, media services technician (OR), William Cisco, faculty (AH), Barbara Einhardt, counselor (HL), Vicki Kroll, faculty (HL), Mary Anne Nagler, faculty (RO), Richard Nagler, librarian (SF), Cathy Raffle, childcare coordinator (OR), Gladys Rockind, faculty (AH) and Randy Ston, faculty (AH).

Consent Agenda – Maintenance Projects

The following maintenance project was approved via consent agenda procedure: installation of handrails, floor covering, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, for \$63,700.

A proposal for asphalt pavement repair and seal coating of parking lots 1-12, and partial replacements of East, South, and West Circle Drives, and the East Entrance Drive at the Auburn Hills Campus was approved for \$1,737,300.

A proposal for asphalt pavement repair and seal coating of parking lots 1-9, and partial replacements of Oakland Drive, Quakertown Circle and Farmington Circle at the Orchard Ridge Campus was approved for \$660,300.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following contracts and purchases were approved via consent agenda procedure: purchase of ammunition and related supplies for the Oakland Police Academy from the low bidder, Michigan Police Equipment of Charlotte for \$90,407; a contract with the low bidder KONE, Inc. of Livonia to provide all college elevator maintenance services at an annual rate of \$80,864 for three years; a video content management system from Multicast Media Technologies, Inc. for \$163,750; an affiliation agreement to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the Exercise Technology Program with the City of Auburn Hills Department of Senior Services; an affiliation agreement to provide on-site learning experiences for students in the Health Care Administration Program with Fox Run of Novi, Michigan.

A contract to purchase the Amatrol Training System for new Alternative Energy Program at the Auburn Hills Campus from Applied Technology Systems was approved for \$111,680.

A contract to purchase bulk road salt from the low bidder, Morton Salt was approved for \$78,734.

Unfinished Business

The 2010-2011 Board of Trustees Meeting and Conference Schedule was approved. There will be no regular board meeting in July, 2010.

New Business

A motion that the college contact community college expert George Potter to assist the board in creating a chancellor evaluation tool was passed.

Trustee Anne Scott was reelected OCC representative to the Michigan Community College Association, and Secretary Pamala Davis alternate. Both appointments are for one year.

Comments

Vice Chair Anna Zimmerman noted that she recently attended a University of Michigan Board meeting and was impressed with the efficient way it was conducted. She noted that U of M board papers are highly detailed, and will share a copy with the OCC board.

Ms. Zimmerman announced that she has spoken at several rotary and chamber of commerce meetings, and thanked the campus presidents for their assistance. She will also be interviewed tomorrow on Farmington Cable TV for a program to be aired at a later date.

Trustee Anne Scott noted that many of the smaller community colleges are involved in the effort to pass a law in the state legislature permitting community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees. Ms. Scott also noted that the 19th Annual OCC “Golf for Scholarships” outing will take place on August 20 at Pine Knob.

Trustee Sandra Ritter asked that a date be set for an explanation to the board of the chancellor’s contract by legal counsel.

Chair Shirley Bryant announced that Craig Roshak has been appointed to a two-year term as chair of the Board Audit Committee; Beth Wielgat has been selected to serve the one-year balance of Tom Timko’s term, Sharon Spilkin has been appointed to a two-year term, and Trustee Anne Scott will be replaced by Trustee Tom Kuhn as board representative.

OCCFA President Nick Valenti thanked the board for allowing him to speak at the beginning of the meeting and suggested that the airing of labor comments at the outset might be useful, since they could affect the course of subsequent discussion.

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