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Public Comments

Auburn Hills ESL faculty member Robert Bruhn urged the trustees to make OCC a smoke-free institution and distributed articles on the harmful effects of smoking.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tim Meyer reviewed legislative trends across the nation that could impact OCC. To cite some examples: the Wisconsin Legislature is considering the separation of the University of Wisconsin from the rest of the university system; legislation has also been passed in Wisconsin to limit collective bargaining by state employees, although a judicial injunction to halt the move has been issued. In Michigan, HB4152 freezes the wages and benefits of public employees during collective bargaining, while SB7 requires them to cover 20 percent of their health insurance. In Indiana there is a move for the state to set tuition rates, while the Idaho House has passed legislation to permit the carrying of concealed guns in college classrooms. The chancellor stated that he will continue to inform the board of these trends, which could define our future.

President Patricia Dolly presented an overview of the Auburn Hills Campus, noting that it is located in the heart of the New Economy, and that eight of the ten Emerging Sectors designated by County Executive L. Brooks Patterson are housed at Auburn Hills.

Dr. Dolly also described some of the distinctive features of her campus including a wide range of technology programs, the Oakland Police Academy, the Oakland Fire Training Institute, the Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (CREST) facility and a series of initiatives that introduce high school students to college-level work.

Vice Chancellor Richard Holcomb introduced new employee Marilyn Smale, enrollment services secretary.

Academic and Student Affairs

Orchard Ridge Campus student and president of the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Ksenia Malkin presented "A Slice of Student Life," a sketch of recent Student Life events at various campuses.

College Resources

Continuing contracts were approved for faculty members John Mousty (AH); Christina Genei (HL); Gina Mandas (HL); Preetha Ravikumar (HL); Valerie Emanoil (HL); Kathryn Allen (OR); Robert Long (OR); Rasheedah Wright (OR); Cheryl Neely (RO/SF); and Elise Roman (RO/SF).

The board passed the annual resolutions for the general operation of the college and the collection of taxes by the district's cities and townships.

Maintenance Projects

The board passed a motion to assign property easements to Detroit Edison for a solar panel project at the Highland Lakes Campus.

Authorization was granted to the college's construction manager, the Auch Company, to enter into a construction contract for exterior sealing and glazing replacements in Building J, Orchard Ridge, for \$374,700.

Authorization was granted to the Auch Company to enter into a construction project for the replacement of deteriorated brick lintels at Orchard Ridge for \$102,500.

Authorization was granted to the Auch Company to enter into a construction contract for pavement replacement of the first floor of the North Parking Structure at the Royal Oak Campus for \$296,100.

Authorization was granted to the Auch Company to enter into a construction contract for the conversion of a shower facility into a science lab/multipurpose classroom in Building D, Royal Oak, for \$543,800.

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

Consent Agenda – Contracts and Purchases

The following items were approved via Consent Calendar: an affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for onsite learning experiences for dental hygiene students; an affiliation agreement with Medilodge of Southfield for onsite learning experiences for health care administration students; a one-year contract for Help Desk services from Presidium Learning Inc. for \$97,200; desktop computer equipment, peripherals, servers and laptop equipment from EDS for \$1,600,770 annually through April, 2014.

Unfinished Business

The second reading of a revision to Board Policy 1.4.2 – “Regular Meetings – Postings of Notices,” was approved.

A motion to approve equity adjustments to the current compensation of cabinet officers was approved.

New Business

A motion to authorize the board chair and/or the vice chair to meet with the chancellor, as required by contract, to indicate the intention of the board to continue his employment was passed.

The board requested Board Treasurer Thomas Sullivan to report on the progress of the Board Audit Committee following the committee's meetings.

Comments

In company with Chancellor Meyer, Board Secretary Pam Davis attended the MCCA meeting at Monroe Community College this past weekend. She will present a report next month.

Board Treasurer Thomas Sullivan noted that the OCC Foundation's annual “Golf for Scholarships” outing is scheduled for August 19, and that the Board Audit Committee next meets on May 3.

Trustee Shirley Bryant noted that the annual OCC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon will take place March 24. Ms. Bryant also complimented the OCC Sustainability Committee on the introduction of biodegradable water bottles at the college and also indicated her support for a college-wide smoking ban.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications 248.341.2122.