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Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Meyer announced OCC is again ranked the safest of all Michigan institutions of higher education based on analysis of the severity and frequency of crimes per 1,000 students – a testament to the great work of our Department of Public Safety. OCC scored 97.94 on a safety rating scale of 100. The runner-up was Delta College at 97.10, while neighboring OU scored 95.

The chancellor noted he attended the Achieving the Dream annual meeting in Dallas on February 28-March 2, and had the pleasure of introducing OCC student MiVida Burrus as keynote speaker. Dr. Meyer invited Ms. Burrus to speak to the board. Ms. Burrus stated that with 1,600 people in attendance she was “honored to have the opportunity to shine for the college.” She thanked President Pat Dolly and Chancellor Meyer for their support and noted that the Gates Foundation has invited her to speak elsewhere.

Vice Chancellor Richard Holcomb provided an overview of fall (benchmark) enrollment trends at OCC since 2002, including headcount (which has increased by 23 percent), student credit hours (which have increased by 33%), full-time vs. part-time enrollments, and the most popular programs.

Academic and Student Affairs

OCC Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry reported on three projects the senate engaged: (1) a report, undertaken at Dr. Meyer's request, to define the profile of students most likely to succeed, (2) a checklist provided to the chancellor on the classroom learning environment and (3) work on the College Academic Master Plan, which arose from five major college-wide meetings and involved 250 employees.

Student Representative to the Board Elynn Parks, a member of the Highland Lakes chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, presented an overview of the latest student activities at the campuses, including a diversity fair at Highland Lakes, women's awareness events at Royal Oak/Southfield, a talent show at Orchard Ridge, and a poverty simulation experience at Auburn Hills.

Chancellor Meyer presented the third part in his series of presentations on Developmental Education. Among the topics he covered were: the characteristics of OCC's 2011 fall student population; math and English placement policies; comparisons of ACT-recommended and OCC cut scores; Developmental English and math placements; an overview of the four-year progress of Developmental English and math cohorts; interpretation of the data; and current OCC initiatives in these fields.

Resources

Recommendations for continuing contracts were approved for the following faculty members: Kenneth VanSparrentak, social science, AH; Kaitlen Guzzi, science, HL; Julie Gunkelman, mathematics, OR; Ramy El-Shaer, science, SF.

The following staff appointments were announced: Cynthia Roman, dean, nursing and health professions (HL/SF); Amber Willits, secretary, Student Financial Resources and Scholarships (AH); MiVida Burrus, secretary, health professions (AH); Andrew Miller, custodian (AH); Donna Martin, secretary, Institutional Research (AH); Josephine Hogue, custodian (OR); Debra McGuire, custodian (OR); LaJerrica Jefferson, custodian (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.

Plante Moran was appointed as the college's auditing firm for the coming year.

Contracts and Purchases

A motion to replace transformer, switchgear and electrical panels in Buildings J, K and L at the Orchard Ridge Campus was approved for \$1,464,500.

A motion to issue Requests for Proposals for facilities assessments of all college buildings was approved. The monthly report on the progress of millage-funded building renovations was presented.

Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases

The following items were approved via consent agenda procedure: an affiliation agreement with Somerset Family Practice of Troy for the training of medical assisting students; an affiliation agreement with Integrated Health Associates of Ypsilanti for the training of diagnostic medical sonography students; an affiliation agreement with University Physicians Group of Detroit for the training of diagnostic medical sonography students; purchase of an Adobe Education Enterprise License Agreement, through March 31, 2015, for \$464,050; advertising space in Crain's Detroit Business for \$108,358; culinary equipment for the Culinary Studies Institute from the low bidder, Gold Star of Oak Park, for \$61,516; and a SimMan manikin for the Nursing program from the low bidder, Firehouse Medical, Inc. of Anaheim, California for \$51,995.

Unfinished Business

The revised "Smoking in College Facilities" Board Policy and Procedure, 2.2.4(c) was passed on second reading with language added banning chewing tobacco and snuff.

New Business

The board approved the College Brain Trust agreement.

The board approved use of external negotiators for upcoming bargaining sessions.

The board authorized an annual tuition hike of seven percent for in-district students, and eleven percent for nonresident and out-of-state/foreign students, for each of the next five years.

Comments

Trustee Anna Zimmerman, who attended the ACCT National Legislative Seminar in Washington DC February 12-15, stated the event was well organized and noted the excellent handouts presented by Lansing Community College.

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