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Regular Meeting June 18, 2013

Public Comments

A total of 16 faculty and staff members, students and community representatives expressed their views on a variety of topics including faculty positions, the Academic Support Centers, the Peer Literacy Program, assessment, the Ceramics Programs, personal concerns involving financial aid, Arts, Beats & Eats, and the Nursing Program.

Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Tim Meyer announced 130 OCC students took part in the national American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Competition. Among 197 schools, OCC took second place at the national level and scored above the 90th percentile. Participating OCC students Edgar Hu and Sandeep Siva placed second and fourth, respectively, in the Midwest.

Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley introduced new Financial Analyst Cherie Nolff, and Associate Vice Chancellor Cathey Maze introduced the new Dean of Mathematics and Science, Dr. Tim Sherwood.

Academic and Student Affairs

Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry covered the four key elements of Shared Governance.

Chancellor Tim Meyer made a presentation on "Completion, an Institutional Priority." Statewide, OCC ranks fourth highest in the number of degrees conferred, but third-lowest (11%) in degree completion among community colleges. Fifty-eight percent of the degrees OCC confers come from four of the eighty-seven programs the college offers: liberal arts, general studies, nursing and business administration, while ninety percent come from the top twenty-seven. The top 10 programs graduate the most students, leading to the question, how much effort should the college devote to transfer programs, vocational programs and developmental education? It is also important, the Chancellor noted, to understand the factors influencing completion, such as internal policies and procedures. Rather than a diploma, he added, many students do not want a degree, but the skills obtained in a particular field of study and the ability to pass certification examinations. Furthermore, some of our programs are misaligned with community needs due to changes in technology.

The following staff appointments were presented to the Board: Shelly Stoll, part-time parts and tool crib attendant (AH), Erica Jones, faculty secretary (RO), and Christina Santos, part-time faculty secretary (RO).

The full-time temporary appointments of ceramics faculty members Gail Piepenburg (OR) and Alan Paulson (RO/SF), as well as the full-time ESL appointment of Monica Oery (RO/SF) were approved by the board. New tuition rates for 2013-14 were approved. The final 2013-14 General Fund Budget was also approved.

Contracts and Purchases

A \$98,559 contract for the purchase of ammunition and related supplies for the Oakland Police Academy with Michigan Public Equipment was approved.

A contract for the purchase of Help Desk services from Blackboard for \$55,920 annually through June 30, 2016 was approved.

Unfinished Business

The 18-month 2013-14 Board of Trustees Meeting and Conference Schedule was approved. July and December meetings will be held as needed, and the Board will meet next month on July 16.

Trustee Shirley Bryant was elected OCC's Michigan Community College Association representative for 2013-14. Secretary Pamala Davis was elected alternate.

Chair Dan Kelly indicated the board is prepared to permit the use of the Royal Oak Campus Parking Structure for Arts, Beats & Eats parking. Agreement for the structure's use will depend on the achievement of a satisfactory agreement with the City of Royal Oak.

The board will await word from the City as to the disposal of certain property in which the college is interested.

Comments

Trustee Shirley Bryant noted the earlier public comments had shed light on the passion the speakers felt regarding the Ceramics, ASC and Nursing programs, and pointed to the ways the ceramics program can operate economically. Secretary Pamala Davis complimented the OCC math department on the fine showing our students made in the AMATYC competition.

OCC Faculty Association President Mary Ann McGee distributed copies of the American Association of University Professors document "Best Practices on Faculty Communication with Governing Boards."

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