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## Regular Meeting March 18, 2014

### Public Comment

Six community members commented on the College's tuition rate for new out-of-state students. (*Note—a taskforce is being formed to review the current international tuition policy.*) One person requested a larger meeting room given the number of attendees. Three OCCFA members requested information from the Board and were asked to submit their questions in writing.

### Chancellor's Report

- Chancellor Meyer discussed the acquisition of the former Ramada Inn and North Park office properties in Southfield, purchased well below market rates. These acquisitions coupled with the demolition of HL Highland Hall seemed to generate a rumor Highland Lakes Campus was closing and the nursing programs would be moved to SF. The Chancellor dispelled this rumor stating the demolition of Highland Hall was under consideration for many years, and the property in Southfield, also discussed for years, was acquired to prevent the campus from being landlocked.
- Dr. Meyer informed the Board on the [student success](#) definition progress and encouraged the College community to continue to provide input.
- George Boggs, CBT Project Leader for OCC, provided an update to the Board. The [presentation](#) included several recommendations including
  - Return scheduling authority to academic deans
  - Convert some standing committees to task forces
  - Focus Senate on academic and professional matters
  - Prepare a rolling three-year operating budget for the current year and two plus years
- Dr. Cathey Maze reported Henry Tanaka, Dean of AH Campus Affairs and Interim Dean, Art, Design and Humanities, met with the RO ceramics students about their concerns related to the program. As a result, the students have a greater understanding of the future of the program.

### Academic and Student Affairs

- Academic Senate Chair Shawn Dry updated the Board on recent work of Senate, which included the student success definition and their interest in the Michigan Transfer Agreement.
- RO/SF President Steve Reif introduced the new student campus representative, Blanca Fox, who gave an overview of the Student LIFE activities held in February and early March as well as upcoming events across the College.
- A presentation on the transferability of College courses, given by Curriculum Analyst Kelly Perez-Vergara and Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Cathey Maze, was given. The report highlighted transfer is an institutional priority; there are systems in place to support transfer; and analysis of transfer reveals strengths and areas for improvement.

### College Resources

- The Board recognized retiree Ray Ryerson, Facility Technician at RO, for his 34 years of service.
- The monthly personnel monitoring report was provided to the Board and the March [faculty recommendations](#) were approved.

- Under Business and Finance, the Board approved the General Fund Millage rate for 2014-15 Fiscal Year at a maximum annual rate of 1.5844 mills. Interim CFO Chuck Thomas noted the continuing decline in student credit hours and property tax rates will result in additional strain on the College's 2014-15 budget. Other factors impacting next year's budget include a possible increase in home values (which will not immediately increase tax revenues) and a possible Headlee rollback of the millage.
- Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Rich Kolcz informed the Board his team is preparing a strategic plan for facilities to be presented to the Board in the near future.
- The following contracts were also approved by the Board:
  - Rotary Brand Vehicle SmartLifts for the AH Automotive Lab
  - Palace Space Rental for the 2014 Commencement
  - eCommerce System for Financial Services

#### **Unfinished Business**

- The Board approved, on second reading, the revision of Board Policy 0.0.6 Safe Work Environment.
- The Trustees deferred designation of a college-wide law firm until the next Board meeting.

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Community Comments**

- Trustee Ritter referred a community member who would like to work on the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Sharon Miller, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs. She also asked for the list of cable public access stations the Board DVDs are sent to each month.
- Trustee Bryant was pleased to see more attendance at Board meetings. She asked why administrators and Affirmative Action officers are not included in some search committees. It was explained this was prohibited by the faculty contract in their searches. Trustee Bryant also asked about the College's involvement in Community College Day in Lansing.
- Trustee Davis requested a financial report from the Foundation.
- Trustee Kuhn asked for additional information on the Michigan Transfer Agreement.
- OCCFA President Mary Ann McGee commented about including fine arts in the discussion of the ceramics program, direct equivalency of transfer courses and administrators providing input on final faculty candidates.
- Kelly Taylor, Vice President of AFSCME Local 2042, thanked Dr. Meyer for arranging for George Boggs to give their Executive Committee a presentation on the CBT reports.

***For further information on this session, contact College Communications 248.341.2020.***