

**BOARD DIGEST** 

Phone (248) 341-2000 Fax (248) 341-2105

# Regular Meeting September 16, 2014

#### Welcome

- Chair Dan Kelly introduced George Butler with Dickinson Wright, PLLC, the College's legal counsel.
- Dr. Cynthia Roman, HL President, introduced Shannon Woody, the Board's new student representative. Shannon attends Highland Lakes and is pursuing an Associate's Degree in Science.

#### **Public Comment**

None

### **Academic Senate Report**

Senate Chair Shawn Dry reported on their fall work, which includes:

- Continuing work on the HLC quality improvement project recommendation for the Academy for Student Persistence and Completion,
- Finalizing program plans/course sequencing models, and
- Working with Cabinet to determine faculty's role in participatory governance.

# **Labor Organizations and Associations**

None

# **Chancellor's Report**

- Dr. Meyer reported on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of CREST. More than 90% of emergency responders in Oakland County participated in training exercises at CREST.
- Dr. Meyer shared the Foundation's "Golf for Scholarships" outing raised nearly \$45,000, the most successful outing ever.
- The College kicked off its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The 18-month celebration includes a series of events and branding activities to highlight the importance of OCC to the community.
- In addressing the decline in enrollment, Dr. Meyer explained the factors impacting the drop, including
  decreasing unemployment and smaller K-12 population. As a result, the College has returned to pre-recession
  enrollment levels. The Chancellor thanked OCC employees for their remarkable efforts in accommodating the
  social needs of the community during the high levels of enrollment.
- Dr. Cathey Maze reported on Educational Master Plan (EMP) Distance Learning Objective #12. She provided an
  overview of the HLC approval process and the current status of OCC's application, which will be submitted in
  October.
- The Chancellor introduced <u>Peter Provenzano</u>, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, who joined the College September 2. Interim Chuck Thomas will remain to assist with Mr. Provenzano's transition to OCC.
- Dr. Tim Sherwood welcomed Cindy Carbone as the new Academic Dean of English and Communications. Ms.
   Carbone joined OCC in August from Central Ohio Technical College where she was Dean of Arts and Sciences.
- Dr. Sherwood introduced the new Academic Dean of Social Sciences and Human Services, Kevin Bratton, who
  also joined OCC in August. Previously, Dr. Bratton was Dean of Arts and General Education at Southeastern
  Community College in Whiteville, NC.
- Dr. Jacqueline Shadko introduced new faculty member Dennis Quist who will be teaching chemistry at the OR Campus.

#### **Academic and Student Affairs**

- Student representative Shannon Woody shared the Student LIFE Mission Statement with the Board and also discussed College-wide activities in September:
  - Welcome Week activities
  - Resource Fairs highlighting services and resources available to students, such as student clubs and community organizations
  - o Celebration of Patriot Week

Additionally, she reported on the "50FEST" event at the AH Campus and the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Project launched at the OR Campus.

• Dr. Tim Sherwood discussed "Student Learning Roles and Responsibilities," providing its <u>history</u>, examples and the need to revise them in relation to the College-wide academic structure.

# **College Resources**

- The monthly personnel monitoring report was provided to the Board and the September faculty recommendations were approved.
- The Board recognized the following retirees for their years of service to OCC:
  - o Harry Hildebrandt, Auto Servicing Program, AH Campus, 35 years
  - o Pat Nowaczynski, College Readiness, Counseling, AH Campus, 30 years
  - o Sadie Woodard, math faculty, SF Campus, 26 years
  - o Julie Granthen, business faculty, AH Campus, 30 years
- The Board approved the purchase of Tasers from Michigan Taser Distributing.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

# **New Business**

- The Board approved the State of Michigan Appropriation Local Strategic Value Resolution.
- Vice Chair Tom Sullivan and Trustee Shirley Bryant were approved as delegates to the ACCT Leadership Congress to be held in Chicago, October 22-25, 2014.
- Due to scheduled absences, the Board voted to cancel the October meeting, with the understanding any pressing issues could be addressed in a special meeting.

# **Board Member Reports and Comments**

- Vice Chair Sullivan congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their service.
- Trustee Bryant commented she was extremely impressed with the success of the Foundation golf outing.

For further information on this session, contact College Communications (248) 341-2020.