

Auburn Hills Campus Community Assembly
Thursday, March 17, 2016 – 3:15pm-4:15pm, F120
Minutes

Campus Dean Lori Przymusinski facilitated the meeting with 16 faculty and staff in attendance.

Announcements/Updates

1. Safety Concerns (Open Forum)

OCC Public Safety Lieutenant Patrick Baldwin addressed concerns raised last month at the February 18 Community Assembly about the need for more timely notification of health and safety issues such as a recent threat made by a student in a classroom and an irritating odor in F. Building. In explaining Public Safety response to such incidents, he made the following points:

- Public Safety investigates and assesses every threat and follows established protocols for determining when notices must be published. The department abides by the law but makes judgment calls based on experience and investigation outcomes.
- We investigate all reported incidents, question all parties—going to their homes if required—and take additional steps as deemed necessary.
- We engage the Behavioral Assessment Review Team (BART) process to investigate behavior that conflicts with the Student Code of Conduct and respond accordingly.
- In compliance with the Timely Notice provision of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the Public Safety Department is required to give notice of possible threats to the community. Notices are posted on the OCC Public Safety College website under Safety Alert.
- We are required by what is commonly referred to as the Clery Law to publish information regarding certain serious crimes. These are listed on the OCC Public Safety College web site under Crime log. The crime log is updated every 48 hours.
- We exercise judgment in determining what to publish and whether to alert the public of incidents that are not mandated by law.
- We err on the side of caution, but we do not overpublish because too many negative consequences result from reporting low level incidents, and doing so has been shown to cause fear and paranoia and ultimately creates a less safe environment.
- All crime reports are published in the Crime Log.
- We deter criminal behavior by providing a constant visible armed uniformed presence.

- We maintain a high level of training for all of our officers.
- We have active shooter training for all officers and offer active shooter presentations for our campuses.
- In recent years we have spent a good deal of money on lighting and training to further enhance public safety.
- Most of the issues we encounter are relatively minor.
- In the case of health concerns such as chemical spills, irritating odors and heating issues, the emphasis is on fixing the problem rather than on communicating to the community. These matters are overseen by personnel in the offices of Environmental Health and Safety and Operations and Maintenance.

2. Campus Conversations – (Employee Meetings with the President)

Lori reminded everyone of the next session Thursday, March 24, 10:00 am–11:30 am and urged them to call the President’s Office to sign up.

3. Honors Convocation

The Auburn Hills Campus event is scheduled for the Thursday before commencement—May 19, 6:30 pm in F123.

4. Commencement will be Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

5. Student Life - J. Lizardi mentioned a long list of recent and upcoming events, which included: an appearance by Michigan Radio commentator and newspaper columnist Jack Lessenberry - drew a large College and community crowd; the 3/16 Poverty Simulation (65 student participants and 22 volunteer students, faculty and staff); Lunch with the President - provided the president with good feedback from 36 students and club leaders; 3/18 PTK Induction; 3/23 Spectrum Day of Silence Shoot – posting photographs on Facebook of OCC faculty, staff and students in support of the LGBTQ community.

For dates, times and details for these and many other events, check OCC bulletin board flyers or the Student Life web page on InfoMart.

Community Comments/Concerns

Gideons International – Will be distributing Bibles on campus April 13 and April 19, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. L. Przymusinski will ask J. Ragle to let them know that some at the campus would be more comfortable with their being here if they would use a less forceful approach in distributing their Bibles than they have in the past.

Student Ambassadors – L. Przymusinski has a need for student ambassadors to replace those who have graduated and left the college. Please refer interested students to her.

College Transfer Day – March 30, 1:00-4:00 pm at AH in F Building P. May asked everyone to encourage students to attend.

Student Veterans of America – This student organization needs members and officers. Please refer any interested veterans to P. May.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2016, 3:15 pm-4:15 pm, AH:F120

Submitted by Betty Green