

# District Office Community Assembly

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## Meeting Notes December 3, 2013

### Announcements

- In response to a question about viewing the OCC Board of Trustees meetings, it was stated that the Board meetings are broadcast on a schedule posted on Infomart under Committees and Minutes/Board of Trustees/Meeting Schedule
  - Troy and W. Bloomfield have a live-stream on the web

### Presentation

- **Recycling at OCC: Presentation by Michael Schmidt**
  - The Sustainability Committee is making presentations at all campuses; the PowerPoint will be available on Infomart as well
  - Current contractor doing our recycling is cost neutral
  - Because of hazards, glass is not recycled at OCC. Other hazardous items (batteries, motor oil etc.) have been regulated for decades and need to be recycled through SOCCRA or other companies
  - No company will look through general trash for recyclable items. If not put into a bin for recycling, trash will go to landfill
- **DO Celebrations – Committee report back**
  - The community assembly attendees who volunteered to form an ad hoc committee to look at this issue made two recommendations to DO Leadership
    - Celebrations at DO should take place in the Dining/Break Room
      - DO Leadership suggested this be changed to “Behind Closed Doors”
      - An email will be sent out communicating this—and notice is in these minutes
    - The notion of an “All District Office” potluck for the holidays was discussed
      - Instead of that Admin recommended that those wishing to have a holiday gathering go to the Cookie Exchange at Foundation House on December 10
    - Discussion regarding this at the Community Assembly followed indicating that many staff members disagreed and would still like to have a potluck

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- It was suggested a potluck be incorporated into poinsettia drawing the Wednesday before the break. Kelly Taylor, Kim Combs, Pam Ryals and Sue Bourbeau agreed to coordinate these activities
- DO Leadership will discuss whether they can provide a meat dish
- December 18 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm was the date and time suggested
- In addition, there was support to incorporate a charitable donation into DO's holiday activities
  - Suggestions included a "Giving Tree" or "Adopt a Family"
  - Many believed it may be late to organize these activities for this year, perhaps canned food drive could be done
  - Kelly Taylor and Kim Combs will handle both activities
  - Leann will check charitable agencies—possibly Forgotten Harvest

## Open Discussion

As Facilitators, Bob Montgomery and Cathey Maze asked for a discussion regarding Student Success and the Chancellor's recent presentation with Nancy Showers at Royal Oak. A large number of those present at this Community Assembly had attended the live presentation. The video of that presentation will be on Infomart.

**Proposed Definition:** "Student success is the efficient and effective advancement of students from enrollment to academic achievement ultimately resulting in certificate/degree completion, transfer and/or employment."

- Elements of success must be measurable
- Many students do not fall into measurable classifications, i.e., students taking a single class, those taking classes for general improvement or for a job/promotion, enrichment (culinary classes in wine; grantwriting; golf)
- The question was raised if "from enrollment" might exclude measurement of progress from pre-enrollment activities, for example, determining if students are college ready, or working their way through financial aid requirements.
- It was also noted that at community colleges, if a student enrolls in a developmental education level and proceeds to college graduate, that is a lot of learning/progress occurring.