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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

FROM: Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.
President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **August 25, 2008, Board Meeting**

DATE: August 20, 2008

Student/Alumni Representative on the Board of Trustees

It has been our **practice** to **welcome** our new **student/alumni representative** to the **Board of Trustees** at the annual **reorganization meeting** in **November**. However, **legislation** was **approved** in **August 2007** that states that the **term** of the **student/alumni representative** **begins** in **July** following graduation of his/her class.

Ms. Nicole Zavattieri was recently **selected** by the **Student Life Committee** as the **student/alumni representative** during **2008-2009**. To be in **compliance** with the **statute**, **Ms. Zavattieri** will attend **Monday's meeting**, at which time she will be **sworn in**. Since **Ms. April Wennlund's** one-year term as the **student/alumni representative** will not **end** until **November**, having taken her **oath of office** in **November 2007**, **both** **Ms. Wennlund** and **Ms. Zavattieri** will **attend** the **August** and **September** Board meetings this year.

Middle States Periodic Review Report

As you know, the College must submit its **five-year Periodic Review Report (PRR)** to the **Middle States Commission on Higher Education** by **June 1, 2009**.

The **PRR Steering Committee** was **established** last fall, and **subcommittees** were identified for **each** of the **six chapters** of the report. The subcommittees submitted their **initial reports** to **Ms. Janet Hubbs**, **Assistant to the President for Institutional Quality** and **Chair of the Steering Committee**, who is in the process of **compiling** the **first draft** of the PRR. **Chapters one** and **four** still require additional **statistical data** and another **review** by their respective **subcommittees**. The **drafts** of **chapters two, three, five, and six** are **complete** and have been **edited** by **Dr. Katja Hawlitschka**, **Associate Professor of English and Literature**, and **Ms. Connie Bello**, **Executive Assistant to the President**.



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Ms. Hubbs anticipates **distributing** the completed first **draft report** to the **Steering Committee** for its **review** by the beginning of **September**. The **work** of the **Steering Committee** is **on schedule** with the established **timetable** to ensure the report's **completion** and **submission** to the **Commission** prior to June 1, 2009.

apropos, A National Journal of Scholarship

The College plans to **publish** a **national journal of scholarship**, entitled *apropos*, giving special **prominence** to the work of **community college faculty** and **our own faculty**. It is anticipated that **one issue** will be **published annually** during the **spring semesters**. I have asked Ms. **Janet Hubbs** to act as **editor** for the journal's **first edition** until a **faculty editor** is **engaged** on an **annual basis**.

I am delighted to share with you the **esteemed members** of the **advisory board** for this publication, all of whom have **agreed to serve**:

- ◆ **Dr. Malcolm Brodwick, The University of Texas Medical Branch, and Guest Speaker at our Spring 2008 Semester Colloquium**
- ◆ **Dr. Robert Cirasa, Kean University**
- ◆ **Professor Stephen Dunn, 2001 Pulitzer Prize Poetry Winner, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey**
- ◆ **Dr. Martin Novelli, OCC**
- ◆ **Dr. George Rable, The University of Alabama**
- ◆ **Dr. Barbara Walvoord, University of Notre Dame**
- ◆ **Dr. Iris Weisman, Antioch University McGregor**
- ◆ **Dr. Frank Wetta, OCC/Kean University**
- ◆ **Dr. Xiao Ming Yang, OCC**

In addition, the **editorial board** for the journal has been established, and its **members** are:

- ◆ **Dr. Dan Baker, Professor of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Media**
- ◆ **Dr. Sandra Brown, Professor of English and Literature**
- ◆ **Ms. Mary Burke, Associate Professor of Computer Studies**
- ◆ **Mr. Marc LaBella, Associate Professor of Science**
- ◆ **Dr. Al Longo, Assistant Professor of Social Science, Education, and Public Service**
- ◆ **Dr. Jim McGinty, Executive Vice President**
- ◆ **Mr. George Perabo, Dean of English and Literature**
- ◆ **Ms. Carolyn Showalter, Dean of Mathematics**
- ◆ **Mr. Richard Strada, Dean of Social Science, Education, and Public Service**



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After the editorial board meets to discuss **preliminary considerations** and **protocols**, a **call for articles** will be made, with a **December 1st deadline**. The **target date** for the **first issue** of the journal is **January 30, 2009**.

OCC Theatre Company

The **OCC Theatre Company** has received **five nominations** by the **New Jersey Association of Community Theatres (NJACT)** for the **2008 Perry Awards**. NJACT is **dedicated** to **recognizing achievements** by artists of **all disciplines** involved in the **performance** and **production** of **community theatre** in New Jersey.

Those nominated include:

- ◆ **Mr. Neil Prince**, Interlochen, for **Outstanding Scenic Design for a Play**, *The Real Inspector Hound*
- ◆ **Mr. Rich Kaz**, Point Pleasant, for **Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play**, *Bang Bang You're Dead*
- ◆ **Ms. Sammantha McClaughlin**, Avon, for **Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play**, *Molly Sweeney*
- ◆ **Mr. David Spangler**, Freehold, for **Outstanding Featured Actor in a Play**, *Molly Sweeney*
- ◆ **Ms. Natalie Lynn Markevich**, Toms River, for **Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play**, *The Real Inspector Hound*

It is quite an **honor** to be **nominated** for a **Perry Award** considering the **many community theatres** throughout the **State**, and especially for these **artists** to be **recognized**, all of whom **volunteer** to be a part of the **OCC Theatre Company**. And, certainly, **Professor Arthur Waldman**, long-time **Director of the Theatre Company**, is **commended** as **director** of **all** of these **plays**.

The **awards** will be **presented** at a ceremony on **Sunday, September 21st**, in **Edison**.

OCC Athletic Program

The special academic issue of *JUCO Review*, the **official publication** of the **National Junior College Athletic Association**, highlighted the **OCC athletic program** and its **players**:

- ◆ OCC was **ranked 17th**, tied with Richland College in Dallas, Texas, in the **2007-2008 Non-Scholarship Division** by the **National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators** for its **overall athletic performance** among community colleges.
- ◆ The **National Junior College Athletic Association** recognized **individual athletes** for their **academic achievements**:



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◆ Distinguished Academic All-American

- ◆ Ms. Olga Brylevskaya, Women's Tennis, with a 3.85 grade point average

◆ Academic All-American

- ◆ Ms. Jennifer Doeren, Women's Swimming, with a grade point average of 3.78
- ◆ Mr. Justin Lammer, Men's Soccer, with a grade point average of 3.76
- ◆ Mr. Mike Somers, Swimming, with a grade point average of 3.73
- ◆ Ms. Michele Vicens, Women's Soccer, with a 3.73 grade point average
- ◆ Ms. Caitlyn Lawrence, Women's Tennis, with a grade point average of 3.67
- ◆ Ms. Krystal Cofone, Women's Basketball/Volleyball, with a grade point average of 3.62
- ◆ Mr. Scott Defibaugh, Golf, with a 3.60 grade point average

◆ Spring Academic Teams of the Year

- ◆ Women's Basketball, combined team grade point average of 3.12
- ◆ Men's Tennis, combined team grade point average of 3.06
- ◆ Women's Tennis, combined team grade point average of 3.45
- ◆ Men's Swimming, combined team grade point average of 3.27
- ◆ Women's Swimming, combined team grade point average of 3.44

In addition, a **photo** of the **OCC Swimming team** was **prominently displayed** on the **back cover** of the **publication**. **Congratulations** are extended to our **student athletes**, to the **coaches**, and to **Ms. Ilene Cohen**, Director of Athletics.

Board of Trustees Retreat

Please mark your calendars for the next **Board of Trustees Retreat**, which is scheduled for **Friday, September 12th**, at **12:00 noon** in the **Technology Building Conference Room**. Please let me know if you have **specific issues** you would like to **discuss** at the **retreat**.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ The **Fall 2008 Semester Colloquium** on **Thursday, August 28th**, in the **Fine Arts Theatre**. The morning will **begin** with a **continental breakfast** and **meet and greet** at **8:00 a.m.**, with my **State of the College Address** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** The **theme** of the **Colloquium** is ***Writing Within the Disciplines: The Impact on Learning***.



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- ◆ The **OCC Foundation Gala - Saturday, September 6th**, at **6 p.m.** on the **campus mall**. This year's honoree is **OceanFirst Foundation** in recognition of its **outstanding commitment** to the **OCC Foundation** and the **Ocean County community**.
- ◆ The **Arts and Community Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Monday, September 22nd**, following the Board meeting on the **campus mall**.
- ◆ The **Sambol/Citta Gardens Dedication Ceremony - Wednesday, September 24th**, at **9:30 a.m.** on the **campus mall**.
- ◆ The **Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame – Saturday, October 4th**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Health and Physical Education Center**.