

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **June 28, 2004, Board Meeting**

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OCC Governance

Following the Board's **adoption of the new College Senate** at its meeting on June 1st, I sent a memo collegewide asking for **volunteers** to serve on the committee to **develop** the **College Senate bylaws**. The **Bylaw Committee** currently has **43 members**, representing all of the college constituencies, with **Dr. Jim McGinty** serving as **Chair**. We will continue to welcome new members who may not be available at this time.

The **first meeting** of the Bylaw Committee was held on **Thursday, June 17th**. It is anticipated that **meetings** will take place **weekly** until our **summer sessions** are over in **August**; work will then **resume** when faculty return to the campus in **September**. In the meantime, **electronic communication** will be used extensively so members who are not available to attend meetings can **participate at a distance**.

The committee will conclude its work and forward its **proposed bylaws to the President** for review and approval, allowing sufficient time to make a **recommendation to the trustees** not later than its **November 2004 meeting**.

NJ STARS Program

The **NJ STARS (Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship)** is a **new initiative** in the state budget package for FY 2005 that will be **signed into law** by the Governor in

the **next few weeks**. Available for the **first time** this year, NJ STARS will provide **tuition and fees** for up to **five semesters** at a **community college** to students who **graduate in the top 20 percent** of their class.

The **New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)** **determines eligibility** for the NJ STARS Program. Using the names of eligible students provided by HESAA, I personally signed and mailed **1,070 letters** last week to **inform** them of the program and **encourage their participation**.

I have invited **Dr. Dan Duffy** and his staff to give you a **brief overview** of the **NJ STARS Program** at Monday's meeting.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The last meeting of the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** this fiscal year was held on **Monday, June 21st**, at the Breakers Hotel in Spring Lake. This special meeting **celebrated** the many **successes** of the Council this year as well as **honored Trustee Ambassadors** and the **2004 Community College Spirit Award** recipients.

Some of the more **recent progress** made by the Council includes:

- ❖ The bill to **increase the Chapter 12 capital construction program** for community colleges by **\$200 million** has passed the Assembly and the Senate Budget Committees. It has been forwarded to the Governor for his approval.
- ❖ Over **5,000 part-time community college students** received the new **Part-Time Tuition Aid Grants (TAG)** in the **fall 2003 semester**, with **another 5,000** receiving them in the **spring 2004 semester**. As part of the **FY 2005 State budget**, **Governor McGreevey** has proposed a **20 percent increase** in the part-time TAG program, to **\$4.2 million**.
- ❖ Governor McGreevey enacted the **Community College Compact** in November 2003, which pledges the appointment of **community college representatives** to key **state workforce development agencies and organizations**. The Compact fully **deploys community colleges** in support of the **state's workforce development programs**, and it creates a **permanent partnership** between **community colleges and state government** by requiring the Council to prepare an **annual report** to the Governor with recommendations on how to **strengthen the Compact** in future years. Already, the Compact has led to a number of **new statewide partnerships and programs**.
- ❖ At its June meeting, the community college presidents approved the **12th Grade Initiative** for **high school seniors** seeking to take **college courses**. Students will be **dual enrolled**, at both the **college** and the **high school**, and they will take college courses at the community college campus and/or at the high school.

- ❖ The community college presidents also approved a **statewide program** for awarding **college credits for apprenticeship training**. The purpose of this new program is to provide opportunities for workers to apply the **knowledge and skills** learned in **certified apprenticeship training** programs as **credits to college degrees**. This initiative was **in response** to a request from the **New Jersey Department of Labor and labor unions**.
- ❖ Nearly **400** new and aspiring **teachers** who participated in the first-ever **New Jersey Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey** class met for the **Capstone Conference** on June 4th and 5th. **New Jersey Commissioner of Education Dr. William Librera** gave the **keynote address**. Community colleges are now enrolling **new students** for the **second class** of this very successful **statewide program**.
- ❖ The **New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission** is working with the **New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development** to develop a program that **introduces** New Jersey **companies** to the **international business environment**. In addition, the program would prepare businesses to participate in **state-sponsored trade missions** to specific countries.

Ocean County College Foundation Gala

The **Ocean County College Foundation Gala** will be held on campus on Saturday evening, **August 21st**, at **6 p.m.** This year's Gala is honoring **Mr. Joseph Citta, Mr. William Hiering, and Mr. Richard Sambol**, three **long-time, respected members** of the Ocean County College **Board of Trustees and Foundation** who have **dedicated themselves** to the college and have been instrumental in ensuring its success. **Mr. Frank Dupignac** is serving as the **Chair of the Gala**, which this year is celebrating **OCC's 40th anniversary**.

I **encourage your participation** at the Gala. It is always a wonderful affair, and all **proceeds** will fund **student scholarships**.

Phi Theta Kappa

OCC's **Tau Iota Chapter** participated in Phi Theta Kappa's **community service** initiative, **Project Graduation, Feed a Body, Feed a Mind**. The purpose of this program was to provide community colleges an avenue through which to **give back** to the **community**. The impact of this program has been profound, with **120,935 canned food items** and **104,001 books** collected **internationally**. This project, **fighting** against **hunger** and **illiteracy**, is an extremely worthwhile effort. OCC's participation was accomplished under the **leadership** of **Ms. Maureen Conlon**, past President of the Tau Iota Chapter.

A **certificate in recognition** of OCC's contributions through the Tau Iota Chapter has been received from the **Phi Theta Kappa Society**, which I will present to **Dr. William Rickert**, Phi Theta Kappa advisor, at Monday's meeting.

OCC Athletics

Two OCC **softball team members** have been named to the **National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-American teams** this spring. **Ms. Jessica Bradley** was named to the **NFCA Division III All-American First Team**, and **Ms. Julianne Price** was selected for the **NFCA Division III All-American Second Team**.

Director of Athletics **Ilene Cohen** will attend the August Board meeting with Ms. Bradley and Ms. Price to introduce them and to present their awards to them.

OCC Sailing Program

Over 300 sailing supporters enjoyed a wonderful evening at the **2nd Annual Barnegat Bay Ball** on Saturday, June 12th in Island Heights. The Ball was sponsored by **Barnegat Bay Charities, Inc.**, a Bay Head based charity that mobilizes Barnegat Bay's sailing community to benefit the Bay. The Ball raised approximately **\$50,000** to support the **OCC Sailing Program**.

At the Ball, an announcement was made regarding the **establishment** of the **Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame**. The **Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Gala** is scheduled to take place on Saturday, **September 25th**, on the college mall. A **cocktail reception** at 7 p.m. will be followed by a **ceremony** in the Fine Arts Theatre at which the Hall of Fame **honorees will be inducted**. More specific information regarding this Gala will be shared with you at the August Board meeting.

The **initial inductees**, selected by three members of the OCC Sailing Advisory Committee from **over 100 nominations**, will be:

Clifford Campbell, winner of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association championships in the sneakbox, E-Scow, and Penguin. He was E-Scow eastern champion several times, won the Mallory Cup, was third in the 5.5-meter Olympics trials, served as a U.S. sailing judge, and won the BVI Rolex Regatta.

Dr. Britton Chance, who won the Gold Medal in the 1952 Olympics in the 5.5 meter, was the 5.5 meter world champ in 1951, competed in many Olympic trials, and won BBYRA's Stanga Cup in 1928 and a number of other BBYRA events.

Runyon Colie Jr., BBYRA champion in the Penguin and E-Scow, was national and eastern E-Scow Champion, second in the 1965 5.5 meter Olympic trials, a U.S. sailing judge and longtime member of the Van Duyne Clinic.

Gary Jobson, tactician in 1977 America's Cup aboard the Courageous skippered by Ted Turner, BBYRA champ in the Penguin class several times, Collegiate All-American, TV sailing commentator on ESPN and elsewhere.

Jan Chance O'Malley, who was named Woman Yachtsman of the Year in 1969, 1970, and 1977, World Women's Sailing champion in 1977, and BBYRA champion eight times in sneakboxes, M-Scows and 470's.

Posthumous recognition will be given to:

David Beaton, founder of David Beaton and Sons boat builders in the early 1920s, which built Comets, Lightnings, Penguins, sneakboxes, and duck boats.

Commodore Edward Crabbe, president of the Cruising Club of America and a top blue water sailor.

Morton Johnson, founder of Morton Johnson and Company of Bay Head and Point Pleasant, a boat building company that built most of the A-Cat fleet as well as hundreds of other boats.

Samuel Merrick, chairman of the Olympic Sailing Committee from 1980 to 1988, captained the most successful Olympic team ever in 1984 and won several BBYRA titles.

Samuel Perrine, who built hundreds of 15-foot sneakboxes and other boats at his boatyard in Barnegat, many of them still under sail today.

Hazleton Seaman, who invented the sneakbox in West Creek in 1836.

Carl Van Duynes, a national champion and Olympic gold medalist in the Finn Class in 1968, served on the U.S. Olympic Sailing Committee from 1979 to 1982, wrote a column on yachting and won several BBYRA championships in the sneakbox and the Finn.

Center for Sailing and Maritime Arts and Sciences

It was announced at the Barnegat Bay Ball that **Mr. Joseph Citta** has made a very **generous donation** to support a **center for sailing and marine sciences** in memory of his son. The Center will be the focal point for **marine and estuarine science classroom instruction**, house a satellite office of the **Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program**, and provide a home base for the **OCC Sailing Program**.

I respectfully request that this center be officially named the **J. Phillip Citta Center for Sailing and Maritime Arts and Sciences**.