

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **February 27, 2006, Board Meeting**

DATE: February 22, 2006

Ocean County College Board of School Estimate

On **Wednesday, February 15, 2006**, Ocean County College **Board of School Estimate** members **Freeholders James Lacey, John Kelly, and Gerry Little** and Board members **Mr. Van Thulin and Mr. Jerry Dasti** met to consider the College's **FY 2007 budget request**. Also in attendance with me at the meeting were **Mrs. Eva Smithers**, Secretary of the Board, **Ms. Sara Winchester, Dr. Richard Parrish, and Ms. Connie Bello**.

Once again, the **County of Ocean** has demonstrated its **strong support** for the College by **increasing its funding** in FY 2007 by **5% over last year**, contributing **\$13,460,460** of the proposed **\$47,855,351 total operating budget**. The Freeholders were **extremely complimentary** of the College and specifically **commended the new partnership** with **Kean University**, which will benefit all the residents of Ocean County, and the **NJ STARS Program**, which has been expanded to include four years of college leading to a bachelor's degree.

Phi Theta Kappa Award

I am extremely pleased to inform you that **I have been selected** to receive a **2006 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction** from **Phi Theta Kappa**. OCC's **Tau Iota Chapter** nominated me for this award, one that is given to **outstanding community college executive officers** who have provided **extensive support** and a **variety of resources to promote their PTK chapters**. This award is **very special to me** in that it was our **Phi Theta Kappa students** who believed I was **worthy of consideration**.

The award will be presented on **Friday, April 21, 2006**, at **Phi Theta Kappa's 88th Annual International Convention** in **Seattle, Washington**. A **recognition luncheon** is scheduled which will include **Convention Keynote Speaker Madeleine Albright**, **former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations** and **former U.S. Secretary of State**. **President of our Tau Iota Chapter, Mr. Michael Mayo**, will **join me** at this convention. Approximately **3,600 Phi Theta Kappa members, college faculty, and college presidents** from throughout the nation will be in attendance at the convention.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

Dr. Larry Nespoli, President of the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges**, will **join us** at our meeting on **Monday**. On behalf of the Council's other **eighteen community colleges**, he will present to the Board of Trustees a **commemorative plaque in tribute** to

Mr. William T. Hiering. In addition, he will provide an **update** on the **Council's activities**.

I want to remind you of the Council's **educational seminar, "Reflections of a Community College President Upon Retirement,"** that is scheduled for **Monday night** after the Board meeting from **5 to 6 p.m.** at **Forsgate Country Club** in **Monroe Township**. **Dr. Phyllis Della Vecchia, President of Camden County College** since **1993**, will **retire** this month, and she has graciously agreed to **share insights and observations** as a community college leader, especially **focusing** on the **respective roles** of the **President** and the **Board of Trustees** in leading our colleges.

Division of Economic and Workforce Development

The **Division of Economic and Workforce Development** addresses diverse community **educational, training, and enrichment opportunities**. We are pleased to highlight **three programs** that reach out to **address needs** not served by traditional college programs:

- ◆ The **Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) Department** offers a comprehensive array of **medical and allied health programs** leading to immediate and well-paid employment. In Ocean County, the **healthcare industry** is projected to have the **greatest employment growth** through 2012. Under the **direction** of **Ms. Kathy Caro**, these allied health programs have placed highly skilled employees in area healthcare facilities.
- ◆ The college's **Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL)**, under the **direction** of **Ms. Joanne Padrone**, provides quality programs for **adults 55 and over** to enhance their **intellectual, physical, and personal well-being**. Almost **35% of county residents** are **55+**, so this is a **mutually beneficial partnership** between the college and community.
- ◆ Finally, the **Center for Business Education and Training** develops **training solutions** for local businesses to **improve productivity, reduce costs, and strengthen their competitiveness**. Customized training **coordinator Ms. Kathy Baranowski** will present some examples of the college's response to the needs of local businesses.

International Education – "World of the Maya"

Ms. Christine Kitchin, Assistant Professor of Social Science, will present a brief summary of the **OCC "World of the Maya" Study Abroad Seminar** which she led to the **Yucatan Peninsula** of Mexico from **January 6 to 17, 2006**, in conjunction with OCC's **International Education Program**. **Thirteen students and community members** participated in this **twelve-day travel seminar**, part of a three-credit OCC **anthropology course**.

In this **hands-on learning** experience that combined **anthropological, archaeological, and ecological perspectives**, the group studied Maya life ways past and present, including change and continuity in **art and architecture, religion, social organization, and daily customs**. They explored the **archaeological ruins** of eight ancient **Maya cities**, the **caves and cenotes** used for **sacred ceremonies**, a number of **modern Maya villages**, and several **Spanish colonial towns**. The OCC students were **especially grateful** to receive support from the **OCC Foundation** in the form of **\$300 scholarships**, which helped to defray the costs of the trip.

Ocean County College Athletics

The Ocean County College **women's soccer team** compiled a record of **11-3** and **won** both the **Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC)** and the **National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX Championship**. **Maggie Chussler** was named to the **National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America team**.

Nicole Laureigh was named to the **NJCAA All-America team**. She was also named to the **NJCAA All-Region** and **GSAC All-Conference teams**. In **NJCAA Region XIX**, Nicole was named the **Number One Top Player for 2005 Division II Women's Soccer**.

In addition, **Veronica Dilzer** and **Elizabeth Root** were both named to the **GSAC All-Conference** and **NJCAA All-Region teams**.

The **men's soccer team** also did well this season. **Tadas Simmios** and **Brandon Benoit** were both named to the **GSAC All-Conference** and **NJCAA All-Region teams**. **Sean McGinley** was named to the **GSAC All-Conference team**.

The coaching staff of **Karen Trump, Terry Byrnes, and A.J. Trump** was named **Coaching Staff of the Year 2005** in both the **GSAC** and **NJCAA Region XIX** for the accomplishments of their teams.

Twenty-six OCC student-athletes have been named to **All-Academic Teams** for **2005-2006**. To qualify for the **Academic All-Region Teams**, a student-athlete must have a **grade point average of 3.25** or better. A **grade point average of 3.0 or better** is required in order to qualify for the **Academic All-Conference Team**.

◆ ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM - REGION XIX - National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)

- ◆ **Men's Basketball:** Kevin Lutz and Kevin Waldron
- ◆ **Women's Basketball:** Lynne Padavano
- ◆ **Men's Soccer:** Tim LaBarre and Mario Granados
- ◆ **Women's Soccer:** Kristen Abbatemarco, Kim Dilzer, Veronica Dilzer, Nicole Laureigh, Rebecca Seward, Lindsay Stiles, Katie Sossville, and Melody Walsh
- ◆ **Swimming:** Brian Fischer, Mike Suozzo, Courtney Nycz, and Ashley Stewart

◆ **ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM - Garden State Athletic Conference**

- ◆ **Men's Basketball:** Eric Centeno and Ricky Hussey
- ◆ **Women's Basketball:** Andria Arajuo
- ◆ **Women's Soccer:** Shana Cronin and Michelle Fletcher
- ◆ **Swimming:** Katherine Borrero, Tom "Bill" Donnellan, Erin Phalon, and Megan Samuel

Teen Arts Festival

The **29th Annual Ocean County Teen Arts Festival** will be hosted by Ocean County College in **March and April**. From **March 6th to 22nd**, the **Visual Arts Exhibit**, presented by **Ocean County** public and private **high school art classes**, will be on display in the **Fine Arts Center Gallery**. On **Wednesday, March 15th**, a **Visual Arts and Creative Writing Reception** will be held to honor those students whose work has been "**Critiqued for Excellence**" and who will **represent Ocean County** at the **State Festival** held at **The College of New Jersey** in May.

Due to the **increase** in the number of **participating high schools**, a **two-day festival** will be held on **Tuesday, March 21st**, and **Wednesday, March 22nd**. From **March 27th to April 21st**, the Fine Arts Gallery will exhibit the **State of New Jersey Teen Arts Festival Final Participants from Ocean County**.

The Festival provides a **showcase** for young artists' **visual, performing, and literary achievements** and **identifies, promotes, and nurtures** the **artistic talents** of teenagers. **Ms. Bobbi Krantz, Director of the Fine Arts Center**, who has served as the **Ocean County Teen Arts Coordinator** for many years, continues to do an **outstanding job** in the **planning and execution** of this **important activity**. I encourage you to visit the Gallery during the exhibit.

Women's History Month

The **month of March** is designated annually as **Women's History Month**. This year's theme is "**Women as Builders of Communities and Dreams.**" Over **twenty activities**, some in coordination with the **Ocean County Library**, have been developed to honor the **impact of women** to our county and our country.

It is **respectfully requested** that the trustees **adopt a resolution** to **proclaim March** as **Women's History Month** at Ocean County College and, further, to **encourage participation** by the college community in planned activities.

**OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees**

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, March is designated as Women’s History Month and the national theme for the 2006 celebration is Women as Builders of Communities and Dreams; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County College wishes to celebrate the contributions of Women to America’s development as leaders, writers, educators, politicians, artists, administrators, and informed citizens; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administrators of Ocean County College have joined together to develop and present over twenty original activities honoring the impact of women on our county and our country; and

WHEREAS, a number of presentations, some coordinated with activities sponsored by the Ocean County Library, will include visiting scholars from the New Jersey Project and state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the month of March 2006 be proclaimed as Women’s History Month at Ocean County College to celebrate the accomplishments of women in the past and to encourage the future endeavors of young women in all spheres of our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the college community and the public are invited to participate in and enjoy the presentations that will be offered here at Ocean County College for Women’s History Month.

Eva. J. Smithers
Secretary

Adopted: February 27, 2006