



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **November 7, 2011, Board Meeting**

DATE: November 2, 2011

Academic Affairs Reorganization

Reorganization of Academic Affairs has resulted in **four new Schools**, each currently under the responsibility of an **Acting Dean**, who is supported by a **technology-oriented assistant**:

- ◆ **Language and the Arts – Dr. Robert Kleinschmidt, Dean**
- ◆ **Mathematics, Science, and Technology – Dr. Yehia Elmogahzy, Dean**
- ◆ **Social Sciences and Human Services – Eileen Schilling, Dean**
- ◆ **Nursing – Dr. Colleen Manzetti, Dean**

This **reorganization** has **reduced** the overall cost of **administrative supervision** within **Academic Affairs** by **eliminating four Assistant Dean positions**.

Our **E-Learning Program** has been **expanded** under **Executive Director Pat Fenn** to provide **world-class support** for our **students**. We envision utilizing online processes for **admissions, advising, and degree audits**. Individual **e-learning faculty members** are now **supervised, trained, and evaluated** by **Dr. Maysa Hayward, Dean of E-Learning and Adjunct Faculty**.

Lee Kobus is being re-assigned as **Executive Director of Instructional Technology** and will be responsible for integrating **on-campus classroom technology** with our E-Learning Program. This state-of-the-art **technological expansion** will include our modernizing our **testing environment**. **Computer hardware and software** will be acquired to achieve **on-line course testing, course-level outcomes assessment, and program evaluation**. This plan involves programs that are supported by **Perkins Grant funding**, which will be used to purchase necessary **software and hardware**.



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Financial Aid

The unduplicated annual **total College enrollment** during **2010-2011** was **15,585 students**. During the year, OCC's **Financial Aid Office** served **10,541 families**, or **68 percent** of our **students**, with some type of **financial aid**. For **every three students** attending OCC, **two** were **assisted** by the **Financial Aid Office** with **federal and state grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships**. This is a **remarkable achievement**, one that is accomplished with **efficiency, effectiveness, and respect** for our **students**.

OCC has been awarded a federal **College Access Challenge Grant** for the last **three years**. The **purpose** of this grant **program** is to **foster partnerships** among **federal, state, and local governments** and **philanthropic organizations** aimed at **increasing the number** of **low-income students** who are **prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education**. To that end, **members of the OCC Financial Aid staff** have made themselves available on many **Saturdays** to **meet informally** with **students** and their **families** to **encourage college attendance**.

For the last **three years**, OCC has hosted **College Goal Sunday**, a **national initiative** that provides much needed **assistance** to **low income** and **first generation students** in **completing the FAFSA form**. **Information** on available **financial aid resources** is also **distributed**. Over **737 participants** have been **helped** to move through the financial aid **application process**. The **Challenge Grant for College Goal Sunday** is in the process of being **renewed**, and the **College** will again **host the event** on **February 26, 2012**.

Additionally, many **workshops** are offered by **Financial Aid** both **on and off campus**, some of which include **Open Houses** for the **EOF Program, Adults Back @ College, Displaced Homemakers, NJ STARS, veterans, and high school students**.

Dr. Norma Betz, Director of Financial Aid, **praises her staff** for their **diligence** in assisting **every student** to achieve their **educational goals** by removing **financial roadblocks**. She is very **proud** of the **work** they do and the **support** they provide to **Ocean County College's students**. Likewise, **Dr. Betz** is **commended** for her **leadership** in achieving the **success** of the **Financial Aid Office**.

Ocean County College Athletics Program

Ilene Cohen, Director of Athletics, will be at **Monday's Board meeting** to share with you **highlights** of the **Ocean County College Fall Athletics Program**.

- ◆ With a **17-1-1 record**, the **Women's Soccer team** won the **Garden State Athletic Conference**, won the **National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX Tournament**, and is playing in the **National Championship** this week, from **November 2nd to 6th**, at **Tompkins Courtland**



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Community College, Dryden, New York. AJ Trump, Assistant Athletic Director, is the Coach of the Women's Soccer team, and Caitlin Toomey is the Assistant Coach.

- ◆ **The Men's Soccer team finished the season with a record of 10-5-1 in Division III of Region XIX, while playing on the Ocean County Stadium's new turf.**
- ◆ **The Men's and Women's Cross Country teams will be competing in the National Meet at Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, Massachusetts, on Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th. Both the men's and women's teams won the 2011 Division III Region XIX Championships at Thompson Park in Lincroft New Jersey, on October 22nd. This is the Vikings third consecutive Region XIX title in Women's Cross Country. Ed Baynes is the Cross Country coach.**
- ◆ **The Women's Tennis team won three national championships and finished in fourth place overall as a team in a field of 10 teams at the 2011 Division III National Tennis Tournament. The tournament was played at the Billy Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, New York, the home of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships. The coach of the Women's Tennis team is Stan Friedman.**

Many of OCC's athletes were honored for their outstanding athletic and academic performances. In addition, the Garden State Athletic Conference named three OCC coaches as Coach of the Year:

- ◆ **Ed Baynes, Cross Country**
- ◆ **Stan Friedman, Women's Tennis**
- ◆ **AJ Trump, Women's Soccer**

Ocean County College Athletic Hall of Fame

On Wednesday, November 16th, the Ocean County College Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony and Dinner will be held in the OCC Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. The Athletic Hall of Fame honors distinguished OCC alumni-athletes, former coaches, and others whose achievements have had a significant impact on OCC's athletic program.

OCC alumni-athlete nominees must have been two-year participants (eligibility begins the seventh year after departure), made a significant impact in the sport, and maintained a 2.0 or higher grade point average. OCC coach nominees must have been outstanding coaches for three or more years; be retired as a coach for at least one year; hold state, regional, or national achievements; and have been an employee in good standing while coaching.



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The **2011 Hall of Fame inductees** are:

- ◆ **Alumni-Athletes**
 - ◆ **Lynda Friggle, Soccer, 1994-1995**
 - ◆ **Rene Martinez, Softball, Swimming, 1991-1993**
- ◆ **Coaches**
 - ◆ **Len Anen, Basketball, 1989-2001**
 - ◆ **Peggy Matthews, Soccer, 1994-1998**

The **Master of Ceremonies** will be **Kevin Williams, Vice President of Quality Control at WOBM AM/FM and Director of the Shore Sports Network.**

Please **join us** on **November 16th** in honoring this year's inductees.

Tutoring Resources

As part of the **Academic Affairs reorganization**, all **professional tutoring services** are now **managed** in one area by **Dr. Christine Kephart, Director of the Writing Center and Tutoring Resources.** Although the **Math Center** has been in **existence** for **many years**, the **restructuring** has placed **more emphasis** on assisting students with **mathematics.**

As a result, the **Math Center** has seen **increased usage** by **students** in all **math subjects**, but also by students in **other subjects** to **emphasize** the **broad nature** of **math usage.** The **Math Center** has **developed** and run **Pass-the-Class workshops** through the federal **Student Support Services grant** for **students** in **developmental math courses** and has offered other **workshops** throughout the **semester** for **developmental math students.**

Dr. Kephart will attend **Monday's meeting** with **Megan Contreras-Campana, Mathematics Tutor,** and **Ashley Millet, Mathematics peer tutor,** to talk about the **recent accomplishments** of the **Math Center** and its **usage** by **students.**



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Senior Citizens Art Exhibit

Ocean County College hosted the 35th Annual Senior Citizens Art Exhibit for Ocean County residents in our Arts and Community Center during the month of June. The show attracted 121 senior artists who exhibited their work in both the professional and non-professional categories. The Awards Presentation and Reception were held on June 30th, where 55 ribbons were presented.

Ocean County's first prize winners were then entitled to participate in the New Jersey Senior Citizens Art Exhibit at Meadow Lakes in East Windsor where each county sends its winners. This was an exciting year for Ocean with 15 entries, 7 winners, and Non-Professional Best in Show, *Always a Lady*, by Lidia Brodetsky. It is very interesting to note that Ms. Brodetsky began painting by taking art classes at OCC.

Ms. Brodetsky has been invited to attend Monday's meeting so we can recognize her success at both the Ocean County and the State Senior Citizens Art Exhibit.

Ocean County College Civility Team

In spring 2006, a Process Improvement Team was established to focus on Campus Civility. Since then, the Civility Team has sponsored several campus-wide opportunities and events to promote interaction among faculty and staff.

Efforts have been ongoing to engender trust, respect, and courtesy on campus. To date, the Civility Team has directed its activities toward college personnel; however, the mission of the team is now being expanded to integrate and involve OCC students.

With that in mind, the Civility Team, led by Dave Wolfe, Senior Assistant to the President, sponsored a webinar on October 19th entitled, "Civility on Campus: Promoting Respect and Tolerance Across Campus," and there were more than 30 participants. The webinar discussed the establishment of a student civility project on campus, with ideas, funding possibilities, and program planning being presented. Research is currently underway to identify other resources for future similar presentations for both College personnel and students.

The College is committed to a positive environment on campus, one in which everyone is treated fairly, ethically, and with civility. The work of the Civility Team will continue to strengthen that commitment.



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Veterans Day Ceremony

The Ocean County College Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on **Friday, November 11th**, at **12:00 noon** at the **Ocean County College Veterans Memorial** on the **campus mall**. Our **guest speaker** will be **Colonel John Wood, 87th Air Base Wing Commander** at **Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst**.

As **Commander**, **Colonel Wood** provides **installation support** to more than **80 mission partners** at the **Department of Defense's** only **tri-service joint base**. He is also responsible for providing **mission-ready expeditionary airmen** and **sailors** to **combatant commanders** in support of **joint and combined operations**.

Prior to assuming his current position, **Colonel Wood** served as **Commander** of the **437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina**. He is a **command pilot** with more than **4,000 flying hours**. He has been awarded the **Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and Aerial Achievement Medal**.

A **reception** will be held in the **Library Tower Room** immediately **following** the ceremony. I hope you will be able to **join us** for this **very important event**.

Lend Me a Tenor

Ocean County College and the Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Performing Arts Academy have **partnered** to present the comedy **Lend Me a Tenor** by **Ken Ludwig**. This **unique partnership** pairs **students** from **both institutions** in a **creative theatrical project**, which will be performed in the **Arts and Community Center**.

Performances are **Friday, November 11th**; **Saturday, November 12th**; **Thursday, November 17th**; **Friday, November 18th**; and **Saturday, November 19th**. There will be a **free performance** for **middle school** and **high school students** on **November 17th**.

Several individuals have been involved in the **support** of this **presentation**:

- ◆ **Bobbi Krantz, Director of the Arts and Community Center – Box office sales**
- ◆ **Carol Kaunitz, Director of Auxiliary Services – Use of the Arts and Community Center**
- ◆ **Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations – Marketing of the show**
- ◆ **RoseAnn D'Urso, Manager of Promotional Programming – Press release, radio and television commercials**
- ◆ **Ralph Bertini, TV Production Director – Filming of the television commercial**



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Conference Presentation

On **October 2, 2011**, **Dr. Jim Brown, Associate Professor of Science, Marc LaBella, Associate Professor of Science, and Jeff Harmon, Associate Director of E-Learning**, presented “**Ten Tips to Teaching Science Totally Online**” at the **Second Annual STEMtech 2011 Conference**. The conference was held in **Indianapolis, Indiana**, and was **sponsored** by the **League for Innovation in the Community College**. The **presentation** featured the **innovation** taking place in the **online science program** at **Ocean County College** and was delivered to a “**standing room only**” ballroom.

The **League for Innovation in the Community College** assists **educators** in **exploring** the **strategic use** of **information technology** to better serve their **students**, their **campuses**, and their **communities**.

Board of Trustees Retreats

The following **dates** for the **2012 Board of Trustees Retreats** will be recommended for approval at Monday's reorganization meeting:

- ◆ **Friday, March 9, 2012**
- ◆ **Friday, June 8, 2012**
- ◆ **Friday, September 14, 2012**
- ◆ **Friday, December 14, 2012**

All **Retreats** will **begin** at **12:00 noon** and will be held in the **Technology Building Conference Room**.

The **last Retreat** of **this year** is scheduled for **Friday, December 9th**, at **12:00 noon** in the **Technology Building Conference Room**. The **regular public Board meeting** is on **Monday, December 5th**.