

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

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

DATE: March 22, 2006

April Board of Trustees Meeting

Please note that we are scheduling the **April meeting** of the Board of Trustees on **Wednesday, April 26th** because of conflicts in my schedule. If you are unable to be with us on April 26th, please let me know.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence

I am delighted to inform you that the **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State**, has **confirmed funding** for the OCC proposal for a **Scholar-in-Residence** under the **2006-2007 Fulbright Program** and that the Fulbright Scholarship Board has approved the proposal.

Dr. Abou-Youssef will be visiting OCC for **nine months**, from **September 1, 2006**. An **Associate Professor** in the **College of Mass Communications** at **Cairo University**, she is a dynamic and respected **teacher, researcher, and scholar** in the field of **communication studies** at **Cairo University**.

Dr. Abou-Youssef will serve as a **guest lecturer** in several academic courses related to her areas of **expertise**, such as **Arabic literature** and **world literature**, **women in journalism**, the nature of **press freedom** in different parts of the world, and the ways that **gender, class, and ethnic issues** affect other societies.

Dr. Inas Abou-Youssef earned a **Ph.D.** from **Cairo University** with a **dissertation** involving **East-West cultural relations**. We are honored that she will be visiting OCC as a Scholar-in-Residence.

Articulation Agreement

Ocean County College and the **United States Sports Academy (USSA)**, Daphne, **Alabama**, have entered into an **articulation agreement** for qualified OCC students to pursue a **Bachelor of**

Science degree in **Sport Coaching and Sport Management**. USSA is a **special mission institution** of higher learning accredited by the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**. **Mr. Michael Klecan, Instructor of Health and Human Performance and Part-time Athletic Trainer**, is working with USSA to provide **local internship opportunities** with organizations such as the **Ocean County YMCA** and the **Lakewood Blue Claws**.

Council of County Colleges Trustee Seminar

The next **trustee educational seminar** presented by the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** is scheduled for **Monday, April 17th**, at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. The subject of the seminar will very likely become the **State's Budget crisis** and responses by various County Colleges and by other segments. **Trustee participation** will be very much **appreciated**.

Board of Trustees Retreat

Please note that the next **Board of Trustees Retreat** is scheduled for **Friday, May 12th**. Plans for the retreat have not yet been finalized. I would be pleased to **receive input** from you on **areas of interest** or **concern** for discussion at the retreat. We will keep you updated on the specifics of the retreat.

OCC Foundation Annual Golf Outing

The **OCC Foundation 5th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on **Monday, May 1st**, at the **Sea Oaks Golf Club** in **Little Egg Harbor**. In the even of **rain**, the event will take place on **Tuesday, May 9th**. The outing begins with **registration and lunch** at **11:00 a.m.**, with a **shotgun start** at **12:30 p.m.** The **Awards and Dinner Reception** is scheduled between **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Almost **\$220,000** has been **raised** in the first four golf outings and the Foundation hopes to raise an **additional \$60,000** this year. The **proceeds** from the outing will once again **support** the **athletic scholarship program**.

If you are available, please **join us**. If you do not golf, we would be pleased to see you at the **Awards and Dinner Reception**.

Middle States Activities

Dr. Judith Icklan, Executive Vice President, is currently participating in a **Middle States Team visit** to **Harcum College** in **Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania**. The visit began on **March 26th** and will conclude **March 29th**. She will be participating in the evaluation of two areas: **Leadership, Governance, and Administration**; and **Student Affairs and Activities**.

Dr. Dan Duffy, Provost, is also preparing for a **Middle States Team visit** to **Butler County**

Community College in Butler, Pennsylvania from April 2nd to April 5th. His areas of evaluation include **Student Admissions** and **Student Support Services**.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

The **Ocean County College Center for Peace, Genocide, and Holocaust Studies** will hold a **lecture** and **candle lighting ceremony** in recognition of **Holocaust Remembrance Day** on **Monday, April 24th**, from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Fine Arts Center**. The event is free and open to the public.

Ms. Judith H. Sherman, Monroe Township, will lecture on **Resistance in a Choice-Less Universe**. Ms. Sherman is the **author** of the book *Say the Name: A Survivor's Tale in Prose and Poetry*, which recounts her **experiences as a child** during the **Holocaust**.

Following the lecture, a **candle lighting ceremony** with **Holocaust survivors** will be led by **Rabbi Lee Paskind, Congregation Ahavat Shalom, Lakewood**. The second half of the program will include a presentation by **Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, OCC Adjunct Assistant Professor English**, entitled **Bearing Witness: the Music of the Children of Terezin**. The program will feature **musical recordings** based on **poems written by children** imprisoned at **Terezin concentration campus** in Czechoslovakia.

Holocaust Remembrance Day concludes with **Dr. Marilyn Kralik, OCC Professor of Fine Arts** presenting a **Reflection on the Display of Flags**. Flags of different colors representing the **eleven million victims** who perished in the Holocaust will be displayed on a field adjacent to the OCC College Center.

It is **respectfully requested** that the Board of Trustees **adopt a resolution** in recognition of the **importance** of **Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust** with the hope that all will aggressively strive to **overcome and resist prejudice** and **inhumanity** through **education, vigilance, and resistance**.

Phi Theta Kappa

Two OCC students, **Eric Weinberg and Donald Burke**, have been named by the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** to the **2006 New Jersey All-State Academic Team** and are being recognized for their **outstanding academic achievements** and **exceptional service** to their communities as members of **Phi Theta Kappa**.

The students have been invited to be **guests of honor**, with **35 other exceptional students** from throughout the state, at a **special program** on **Thursday, May 4th**, at the **Lafayette Yard Marriott Hotel** in Trenton. **Representatives** from the **Governor's Office** and the **State Legislature** will attend the program and join in honoring the students' accomplishments.

It is noted that **last year**, our own **Amy Farina** was one of two students from OCC selected for the **All-State Academic Team**.

Deaf Awareness Day

Deaf Awareness Day will take place on **Sunday, April 2nd**, and from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Fine Arts Theatre. Deaf Awareness Day provides many **opportunities** for deaf individuals to **participate** in **fun activities** throughout the day. There will be **entertainment** at **11:00 a.m.** and **2:00 p.m.**

That evening, the **OCC Interpreter Training Program Sign Club** will host its **ASL Rock and Roll Fundraiser** show at **7:00 p.m.** in the Theatre. Free desserts and beverages will be served during intermission. This is an **outstanding presentation** of **song and dance** performed with great enthusiasm by students of the Interpreter Training Program. The Theatre is always filled with family and friends who have a wonderful time.

OCC Athletics

Ms. Ilene Cohen, OCC's Athletics Director for the past **four years**, currently has **298 career wins**. By Monday's Board meeting, I **may be able to share** with you the exciting news that Ms. Cohen has attained **300 wins**, a very **significant milestone** in her career.