



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.

Attached for your review is a copy of the Academic Affairs Table of Organization.

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 Cortland 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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