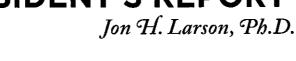
PRESIDENT'S REPORT



TO:

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Members, OCC Board of Trustees

FROM:

Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.

President

SUBJECT:

Items of Interest for the July 27, 2009, Board Meeting

DATE:

July 22, 2009

John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall

A dedication ceremony for the John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall will be held immediately following the August 24th Board of Trustees meeting. The dedication program will include remarks by Mr. Bartlett, local dignitaries, trustees, and me. Refreshments and a brief tour of this impressive building will be provided to ceremony attendees.

New Jersey State Budget

Governor Corzine signed the FY 2010 State budget on June 29th. At \$29 billion, it is nearly \$4 billion below the FY 2009 budget, a 12 percent cut. Although the budgets of most all other departments and agencies were cut, community colleges were fortunate to receive:

- ♦ Level operating aid
- ♦ Full funding of Chapter 12 capital program (9 percent increase)
- ♦ Full funding of the NJ STARS program (21 percent increase)
- ♦ Full funding of Tuition Aid Grants for part-time community college students (11 percent increase)

The community college sector is very appreciative of the Governor's support in FY 2010. However, the sector also recognizes that the State's long-term financial picture is not at all encouraging, and it is evident that community colleges will be

facing the same budget cuts and restrictions in FY 2011 experienced by State institutions and other agencies this year. In order to continue our academic excellence and service to students in the coming years, we need to plan strategically, consider innovative ways to fulfill our mission, and reduce our expenditures.

Energy Reduction Project

The Energy Reduction Project is a combination of energy conservation measures and lighting control improvements. Our buildings will become smart by sensing the presence of people in rooms. As individuals enter or leave a room, lights will turn on or off automatically, fans will adjust their speed as necessary, and air conditioning or heating power will be regulated as appropriate based on the heating or cooling load demand. These energy conservation measures will assure a comfortable environment when the rooms are occupied and reduce energy when the rooms are empty.

In addition to realizing true energy savings, older unreliable equipment will be replaced. The Library, Administration Building, Health Sciences Building, Health and Physical Education Center, College Center, and W. Kable Russell Building are all being retrofitted with this new equipment. 'Green' lighting upgrades are also being implemented throughout the campus.

This project is budgeted at \$2.65 million. The College will receive \$20,000 in rebates, and it is anticipated that our annual energy savings will be \$285,000 initially, and more as energy costs increase in the years ahead.

Mr. Ken Olsen, Director of Facilities Engineering and Operations, will provide additional information at Monday's meeting as well as answer any questions you may have.

Ocean County College Athletics Program

The Ocean County College Athletics Program was named by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletics Administrators (NATYCAA) as ninth best program in the country in its 2008-2009 Non-Scholarship Division Top 10 Cup winners. The NATYCAA Cup program, which was established in 2004, recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition.

Now in its 23rd year, NATYCAA is the professional organization of two-year college athletics administrators. Membership is open to all two-year institutions throughout the country.

To be recognized nationally for our athletics program is an outstanding achievement for the College, and it is with great pleasure that I extend congratulations to Ms. Ilene Cohen, Director of Athletics, Mr. AJ Trump, Assistant Director Athletics, our many coaches, and especially our student-athletes. This recognition could not have been

achieved without the tremendous effort and hard work of all involved with the Athletics Program.

Community College Week

Community College Week, a biweekly publication providing news stories, feature articles, and guest opinion columns dedicated to community, technical, and junior college issues, recognized Ocean County College in its June 15th edition as part of its analysis of Top 100 associate degree, one-year certificate, and two-year certificate producers.

The current analysis pertains to degrees and certificates awarded during the 2007-2008 academic year. The data was collected by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set (IPEDS) completion survey. The Top 100 listings include institutions that have awarded the largest number of associate degrees and certificates. The analysis includes community colleges, less than two-year institutions, and four-year colleges and universities and is limited to institutions accredited by either a regional or specialized accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Ocean County College was ranked 21st in the number of Criminal Justice associate degrees awarded in 2007-2008 (111) and 26th in the number of degrees awarded in the Security and Protective Services category (112).

It is noteworthy that this year's Top 100 list shows that the top spot in overall associate degree production now belongs to the online campus of the University of Phoenix. This only reinforces Ocean County College's efforts to continually increase the number of distance learning courses to meet student demand.

Phi Beta Lambda

The mission of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is to advance the academic and professional knowledge of its members through State and National conferences and combine their education and life experiences to become actively involved in Ocean County College and the community. This past year, PBL recruited 116 new student members who work with the chapter's 14 professional members.

In the last four years, PBL's emphasis has been placed on aid to the community. Many nonprofit organizations, such as Providence House, Oceans of Love, the Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Ocean and Monmouth County Food Banks, Relay for Life, and the Ocean County College Harvest Party have benefited through monetary and tangible goods donations as well as from numerous hours of volunteer work.

The Phi Beta Lambda National Conference was held in Anaheim, California, in June. Several students attended the conference for the second time and received awards:

- ♦ Rudy Leustek, 4th in the Nation in Client Services and 13th in Impromptu Speaking
- ♦ Frank Gorman, OCC PLB President and State Membership Director, recognized in Who's Who in New Jersey
- ♦ Carmen Shepherd, placed as an Outstanding Officer
- ♦ Rondel Lewis accepted OCC's PBL awards for Most Professional Memberships for the Eastern Region and Gold Seal Chapter Award of the Nation

It should be noted that PBL students may only travel to one national conference utilizing Student Life funding while at OCC, so the second year students mentioned above paid their own travel expenses.

Students who attended the conference for the first time were Nicole Galanos, who placed 14th in the Nation for Public Speaking, Ray Brophy, Christie Nann, Travis Cheney, Nicole Scerbo, and Josh Hahn.

The winners of these highly competitive and prestigious awards were selected from among PBL's membership of 250,000 students and advisers and represent some of the best and brightest of today's youth.

The success of OCC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter is due to the dedication and commitment of many whose efforts on behalf of our students are deeply appreciated:

- ♦ Ms. Katherine Dillon, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Advisor and Phi Beta Lambda Executive Board
- ♦ Ms. Jennifer Fazio, Director of Student Life, who serves as Student Advisor mentor
- ♦ Ms. Wendy Giarratana, Administrative Assistant, who won the Outstanding Professional of the Year award representing New Jersey
- ♦ Ms. Barbara Napolitano, Associate Professor of Business Studies
- ♦ Mr. Francis Polk, Provost of Off-Campus Programs
- ♦ Ms. Virginia Reilly, Professor of Business Studies