



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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**TO:** Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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

**SUBJECT:** Items of Interest for the **August 24, 2017, Board Meeting**

**DATE:** August 21, 2017

## Fall 2017 Colloquium

The **Fall 2017 Colloquium** will begin at **8:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, August 31, 2017**, with a **continental breakfast**, followed by my **State-of-the-College address** at **9:00 a.m.** The **Colloquium theme** is “**A New Era of Innovation at Ocean County College.**”

**Five workshops** will run concurrently from **10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and again from **11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, all of which will be held in **Bartlett Hall**. They include:

- I. The Performing Arts Academy/Early College High School** presented by **Ms. Karin Gargone, Ms. Heidi Sheridan, and Mr. Mark Wilson**
- II. Collaborations with K-12 School Districts** presented by **Dr. Angel Camilo, Mr. Tom Gialanella, Dr. Henry Jackson, and Mr. Anthony Trump**
- III. The Ocean Way: Focus on Faculty** presented by **Mr. Jason Ghibesi, Mr. Jack Kelnhofer, and Ms. Jan Kirsten**
- IV. New Degree Programs** presented by **Dr. Rosann Bar, Mr. Paul Chalakani, Dr. Lisa DiBisceglie, Mr. Paul Silberquit, and Ms. Tracy Walsh**
- V. Managing Title IX in the Classroom** presented by **Ms. Eileen Buckle, Dr. Toni Clay, Ms. Ilene Cohen, Ms. Tracey Donaldson, and Dr. Kate Pandolpho**

An **Adjunct Faculty Evening Colloquium** will be held in **Bartlett Hall** at **5:30 p.m.**, beginning with **refreshments** and followed by **my address**, and **mini-presentations** on **Classroom Management** and **New Degree Programs**.

Please join us in the **Grunin Center Theatre** on **Thursday, August 31, at 9 a.m.**



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## Ocean County College Military History Institute

The **OCC Military History Institute** now has a **formal presence** on **campus**, having **opened** the last week in **May** in the **Library**. **Former History Associate Professor Richard Trimble** developed the **Institute** and is now its **Director**. He built a **collection** of **books and artifacts** during his tenure at the College; in **2015**, he **donated** his **book collection** to the **Library** to establish the **Military History Collection**.

**Mr. Trimble** will attend **Thursday's Board meeting** to share with the **trustees** the **activities** being **planned** and the ways in which the **Military History Institute** is **coordinating** with the **OCC Veterans Club** and **History Club**.

## Academic Affairs

**Academic Affairs** has been working toward developing **partnerships** with **William Paterson University** and **Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health**. **William Paterson University** is interested in offering **degree completion programs** on the **OCC campus** in a variety of **disciplines**, including a **B.S. degree in Exercise Science**, **B.A. degree in Media Studies/Media Production**, **B.A. degree in Broadcast Journalism**, **B.A. degree in Theater and Comedy**, and **B.S. degree in Health Studies**.

**Follow-up conversations** have taken place with **representatives** from **Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health** to further discuss its **operation** of a **Wellness Center** that will be **located** in the new **Health Sciences Building**. The **conversations** are **quite positive**, and there is **great interest** in **partnering** with **Ocean County College** in this endeavor. **Additional information** will be **forthcoming** in the **next month**.

## ➤ School of Arts and Humanities

- **Dr. Beth Willets-Brierley**, Associate Professor in Communications/Theatre, taught a **musical theatre summer camp** for **Continuing Education and Professional Education**, at which the **students** performed a **showcase**.
- **Applied Music Facilitator Brian Gilmore** held a **student recital** on **Wednesday, August 16, 2017**, for the **music students**. It featured a **combination** of **children** (**Daniel DeJuana** and **Danielle Lee**), **OCC graduates**, and **students**.
- **Ms. Diana McEntee**, who **graduated** from **OCC** this **spring**, performed **solo piano works** by **Beethoven** and **Rachmaninoff**. She also performed **music** by **Brahms** for **piano** with **four hands** with **2016 OCC graduate Benjamin Burnham** as well as **music** for **two pianos** by **Rachmaninoff** with **Mr. Gilmore**.



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- **Adjunct Faculty Member Lucian Rinando's college flute students, Judy Tabit, Hilda Howlett, and Chris Kustka, all non-traditional, non-degree students, performed a variety of works for flute and piano by composers, such as Telemann, Debussy, Pergolesi, and living composers Shao Ying Low and Gary Shocker. The show also featured some flute trios.**
- **Dr. Jennifer Dellner, Professor of English/Literature, attended the Digital Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Victoria, BC, and completed two courses, Feminist Digital Humanities: Theoretical, Social, and Material Engagements; and Digital Public Humanities. She also attended the annual Electronic Literature Organization conference at the University Fernando Pessoa in Porto, Portugal, where she presented a paper, "You Can't Go Back: Representations of the Forgotten." Meanwhile, she completed, with co-authors Ms. Tami Carmichael and Mr. Rick Szostak, a short article, "Report from the Field: Interdisciplinary General Education," based on the workshop they presented at the Association of American Colleges and Universities conference in February. The article will be published in the 2017 volume of Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies.**
- **School of Business and Social Sciences**
  - **Ocean County College will be hosting a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Gateway Building. The ceremony has been coordinated by Mr. Jason Ghibesi, College Lecturer II of Political Science and History; Ms. Lynn Kenneally, Professor of Social Sciences; Mr. Ed Kissling, Professor of Business Studies; and Mr. Steve Gerding, Assistant Dean for the School of Business and Social Sciences. Ocean County victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks will be remembered at the event, which is open to the public.**
  - **Dr. Rosann Bar, Dean of Business and Social Sciences, and Dr. Maureen Reustle, former Dean of the Center for Student Success, traveled with 18 students to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland for a course taught by Professor Reustle on the "History and Culture of Ireland." Students toured such famous places as Trinity College, Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Gaol, and the UNESCO sites of Newgrange/Knowth and the Giant's Causeway. They visited the International Peace Wall and toured the murals of Northern Ireland in their extensive study of "The Troubles."**
  - **Library**

The **Library** staff is looking forward to **welcoming Ms. Quinn Morris-Pearson** as a **new College Lecturer II**. Ms. Morris-Pearson will be the **Library's STEM/Outreach Liaison**. She



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will be working closely with **Ms. Caitlyn Cook, Reference Services Librarian**, to learn the **nuances** of being the **STEM Liaison** at the College, a role that **Ms. Cook** has performed with **great skill, enthusiasm, and creativity**. **Ms. Cook** will be shifting her focus more to working with the **College Archives materials**, the **Government Documents Collection**, and taking on the **Law and Business Law Liaison** responsibilities.

Behind the scenes, **Library staff** have enjoyed performing their **summer projects** to help **organize** and **present** the **Library resources** to **patrons** in the **most accessible ways**. The **collection** has been **shifted** to provide a **more logical path** through the **stacks**, and the **Government Documents Collection** and the **Legal Collection** were **swapped** to give the **Government Documents Collection** room to **grow**. The **Legal Collection** resources are now largely **available online** through the **Library's Ocean Connect** tab.

## ➤ School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- **OCC hosted the annual New York/New Jersey Computer Science Chairs meeting** that was organized by **Dr. Gerald Cohen, College Lecturer II in Computer Science**. The **annual summer meetings** have been **spearheaded** by **Dr. James Geller, Computer Science Professor and Associate Dean for Research at NJIT**. In addition to **Dr. Larson's welcome**, **presentations** were made by:
  - **Ms. Deidre Richardson, New Jersey Department of Education - Practical Ideas for Advancing K-12 Computer Science**
  - **Mr. James Priestley III, Microsoft - Cloud Computing in Education**
  - **Assistant Professor of Science Eric Antonelli and Science College Lecturer II Angel Camillo - Using QR Codes and Chatbots in the Classroom.**
- **Five officers from OCC's Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa attended the 2017 International Honors Institute in Chicago, Illinois, from June 5 to 10, 2017.** The **following week**, they attended the **Middle States Region Honors Institute** held in **Allentown, Pennsylvania**. The **officers** are **continuing this momentum** with **weekly Thursday afternoon meetings** to **plan the upcoming year's events**. **Advisors to Phi Theta Kappa** are **Dr. William Rickert, Professor of Mathematics; Ms. Carolyn Showalter, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Dr. Jennifer Dellner; and Mr. David Rickert, Adjunct Faculty Member of Mathematics.**
- **Led by Dr. Henry Jackson, Executive Director of Academic Success, the College Readiness Now III program has tested 830 eleventh and twelfth grade high school students; of those,**





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**417 students** have **applied** to **OCC**, and there are currently **112 students** **registered** as **freshmen** for the **Fall 2017 semester**.

The **College Academy Program** with **Lacey Township High School** is **moving ahead**, with **31 students** **enrolled** for the **Fall 2017 semester**.

The **College** has submitted a **College Readiness Now IV proposal** and is **awaiting approval** from the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Center for Student Success**.

**Dr. Jackson** met with **district leaders** from **Toms River Schools** and **Point Pleasant Beach Schools** to discuss crafting a **College Academy** for each district to begin a **Liberal Arts degree** in the **Fall 2018 semester**. **Additional meetings** have taken place with **Brick Township Schools** and **Pinelands Regional Schools** to discuss **increasing** their **OCC-embedded course offerings** beginning in **Spring 2018**.

## ➤ School of Nursing

- **Nursing students** will **return** to **campus** the week of **August 28, 2017**, to **practice skills** in **preparation** for the **Fall 2017 semester**. **All returning students** are **required** to **demonstrate competency** in skills **prior to entering clinical agencies**.
- **Nursing faculty** completed **training** for **implementation** of **Accudemia**, a **scheduling system** that will be **utilized** within the **Skills Labs**. This system will allow faculty to **schedule remediation** for **students** requiring **additional support** in demonstrating **clinical skills competently**. Faculty can also **track** the amount of **time** students spend **practicing clinical skills** in the lab. The amount of **time** students spend **perfecting** their **clinical skills** is associated with **educational success**, as **theoretical knowledge** is **applied** to the **practice of nursing**.
- **New Nursing student orientation** will be held on **August 30, 2017**, and **106 students** are scheduled to **attend**. During the orientation program, students are **introduced** to the **program's faculty, policies, procedures, electronic textbooks, and strategies** to **enhance learning**. The **Student Nurse Organization** also **meets** with the **students** and provides a **luncheon** to **welcome** them to the **School of Nursing**.
- An **orientation program** for **four new clinical instructors** is scheduled for **September 5, 2017**. The **orientation program** provides information on program **policies and procedures, clinical agencies, teaching strategies** within the **clinical area**, and **student evaluation methods** and **documentation**.



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- A meeting for **all clinical instructors** is scheduled for **September 5, 2017**. Information presented during this meeting focuses on **faculty assignments, simulation and skills lab initiatives**, and a discussion of **policies and procedures**. The **faculty** also **meet** with **clinical instructors** to discuss **semester plans and schedules**. This semester there are **34 clinical rotations** with **32 instructors** assisting faculty within various clinical agencies.
- **Two Holistic Health and Wellness courses** are scheduled **this semester**, **Environmental Harmony** and **Principles of Energy Movement**.
- **OCC** continues to actively **partner** with **Rutgers University** to provide **students** with the opportunity to **complete** the **Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Psychosocial Rehabilitation** programs.

## Student Affairs

### ➤ Registration and Records

In its effort to move toward a **paperless office**, **Registration and Records** has **implemented** a **new process** for **document intake and handling** through **Perceptive Content**. All documents, emails, and faxes are **imaged** and **processed** within the **Perceptive Content** system, rather than being **passed** from **desk to desk**. Once imaged, all **documents** are **sorted** and **prepared** for **shredding**; after **State-approved holding requirements** are met, the **documents** are **destroyed**.

This new process **increases accuracy** of **records**, **decreases processing time**, **reduces the risk** of **lost documents**, **ensures records** are **disposed of** in a **timely manner**, and **promotes** a **sustainable environment**, all of which bring **greater technological advancement** to the office.

### ➤ Counseling and Student Development Services

- **Ms. Eileen Burdge, Community Services Specialist**, passed the **National Counselor Examination**, which is **required** to be a **Licensed Associate Counselor** in New Jersey.
- **Counseling and Student Development Services** is **co-sponsoring training** on **grief and grieving** with the **Ocean County Department of Human Services** and the **Ocean County Traumatic Loss Coalition**, which will be held on **Friday, September 22, 2017**.
- **September** is **Suicide Awareness Month**. On **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**, an **exhibit** will be held in the **Larson Student Center**, **"In Their Shoes,"** a **powerful visual display** of **269 pairs of shoes** representing the **individuals, ages 10 through 24**, who **ended their lives** from **2013–2015**



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in New Jersey. Additionally, awareness and prevention seminars will be held on **Wednesday, September 27**, and **Thursday, September 28, 2017**.

## ➤ Student Services Operations

**Ms. Sheenah Hartigan, Director of Student Services Operations**, presented at the **NJ RUG Conference** held at **Monmouth University** on **Thursday, July 27, 2017**. The presentation, **“Generation Z: How Ocean is Using Technology to Connect with our Students through the One-Stop Model,”** was extremely well received by those in attendance.

## Finance and Administration

**Ms. Sara Winchester, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration**, and **Mr. Donald Norris, President of Strategic Initiatives**, presented at the **National Association of College and University Business Officers Annual Meeting**, which took place from **July 30 to August 1, 2017**, in **Minneapolis, Minnesota**. The presentation focused on **reinventing the higher education business model** and applying a **business model innovation tool** to **strengthen enrollment and financial sustainability**. Along with the presentation, an article, **“New Models in the Making,”** featuring **Ocean County College**, appeared in the **July/August** edition of **Business Officer Magazine**.

## ➤ Continuing and Professional Education

- **Continuing and Professional Education** held an **Open House** on **Saturday, August 19, 2017**, from **9 a.m. to 12 noon**. The **Open House** was announced in the **Fall 2017 brochure**, highlighted in many **social media outlets**, and emailed to **potential participants**.

Over **45 people** attended the **morning seminar**. The **Allied Health courses and programs** were highlighted, especially the fact that the **Continuing and Professional Education Office** assists in **job placement** following the **completion** of the **programs**. As a **result** of the **Open House**, **15 registrations** were **processed**, adding **new revenue** to the **College**.

**Additional information sessions** are **planned** in the **future**, beginning in **September 2017**.

## ➤ Customized Training/Workforce Development

- **Civil Service Commission Correctional testing** was **completed** on **August 5, 2017**. This **testing** brings **revenue** to the **College** and provides **exposure** for **CPE programs**.
- The **first class** of **ESL Basic training** of **SS White Dental employees** graduated on **August 11, 2017**, and **Class 2 ESL Intermediate training** will soon begin. This will represent the



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**first time back-to-back trainings** have been **completed**. The **popularity** of the **program** required a **Class 3 of ESL Basic training**.

- **Urgent Care Now** completed its **first course** in **Customer Service**, which is being provided to **all company employees**. The **plan** is to **expand** this **training** to other **Urgent Care facilities** and **physician offices**.
- **Technology and Business Careers**
  - The **2017 Advanced Placement summer program** was recently **completed**. Over **100 students** and **instructors** attended **ten Advanced Placement Test Training sessions**. **Students** came from **across the United States** and from **other countries**, including **Mexico** and **Italy**.
  - **Allied Health**

**Fall registration** for **CPE's health programs** has **begun**. The **partnership** with **Prestige Medical** to offer **Certified Nursing Assistant programs** has been **initiated**. Additionally, a **partnership** has been **established** with the **New Jersey Talent Development Center for Health Careers**, housed at **Rutgers**, for a **class** that will be **funded** by a **grant**.

- **Camps/Youth/Community Programs**

**Sensitivity Super Powers (SSP) Autism program** postcards were **mailed** to over **2,000 businesses**; the **program** was also **marketed** on **television** and the **OCC website**. **Coordination** is continuing with the **SSP Lead Teacher** on **special guests**, **specialized trips**, and **adaptive parenting classes**. **SSP** is an **enrichment-based program** for **high functioning Autistic children** created to **align sensory sensitive kids** with their **"super powers"** and become the **heroes** of their own **stories**.

- **Human Resources**

- **Leadership Academy Update**

- Members of **Leadership Academy Cohort #2** will **present** their **project** to the **President's Leadership Team** at its **August 29, 2017, meeting**.
- **Panel interviewers** have selected their **candidate recommendations** for **Cohort #3** of the **Leadership Academy**, which will be presented for **review** and **final approval** by the **President's Leadership Team**. The **panel** consisted of **Mr. Hatem Akl, CIO**; **Ms. Connie**





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**Bello, Assistant to the President; Dr. Toni Clay, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Lisa DiBisceglie, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; and Ms. Jan Kirsten, Executive Director of College Relations. Selections will be finalized and announced at the Fall Colloquium. A two-day kick-off event, facilitated by Mr. John DiNapoli of Spencer-Ryan LLC, is scheduled for October 26 and 27, 2017.**

## ➤ **Training and Development**

The **Ocean Way customer service program** was offered on **August 14 and 15, 2017**, to approximately **40 employees**. This was the **third group** of employees to be **trained** on the **new program** that was **developed** by the **first cohort** of the **Leadership Academy**.

## ➤ **College Relations**

**Ms. Jan Kirsten and Ms. Heather Barberi, Executive Director of the Foundation, worked collaboratively on a new recruitment video showcasing the College. Produced collaboratively by the College and the Foundation, this video targets affordability, quality, campus life, and community involvement. The production will be used for grassroots initiatives in enrollment, fundraising, and awareness as OCC representatives are out and about in the county. The video will be presented at the Board meeting.**

## ➤ **TV Studio**

**New and exciting commercials have been filmed related to Continuing and Professional Education programs. They will air on Ocean TV 20 and, as the new school year begins, they will be shared with local high school stations.**

The **Ocean County Prosecutor and OCC** are working on the **next** in the series of **“Did You Know,”** the **Prosecutor’s program** to address the **opioid epidemic in Ocean County**. In addition, **OCC** has been asked to **participate** in a **joint project** to produce a **training video** for the **Manchester Police Department**. The **video** tells the **heartbreaking story** from a **mother’s point of view** on **addiction** and the **death** of her son.

## ➤ **Security**

In accordance with **New Jersey Public Law 2015, Chapter 220, and College Policy #2332, Reporting of On-Campus Criminal and Fire Events**, attached is the **monthly statistics report of crimes, fires, and other emergencies on campus** for the reporting period **July 19, 2017, through August 16, 2017**.



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## e-Learning and Learning Enterprises

### ➤ Domestic U. S. Partnerships

#### ➤ **Hudson County Community College**

The **Hudson County Community College** partnership is progressing nicely. The **e-Learning team** is currently working on **exporting numerous courses to Hudson**; the **project is 50% completed**. In addition, the **online instructor training for faculty is in progress** and will be completed by **August 28, 2017**. **Ms. Melissa Bova, e-Learning Instructional Designer**, and **Ms. Rachel Doss, Interim Associate Director of e-Learning**, will be **traveling to Hudson County Community College on August 30, 2017**, to conduct an **on-site training session** for the faculty.

#### ➤ **Kaiser Permanente Ben Hudnall Memorial Trust**

**Ms. Kathleen Mohr, Supervisor of e-Learning, Advising**, and **Mr. Fahad Khan, Director of Domestic Online Business**, reported that the **Kaiser Permanente Ben Hudnall Memorial Trust Leadership Team** has expressed **interest in degree completion programs** for their employees. **Ms. Jeannette Maass, from Ben Hudnall**, is reviewing **OCC degrees** to determine the **best fit** for their staff. **Spring 2018** was given as a **general timeline** to begin **offering degrees**.

**Dr. Joseph Konopka, Senior Aide to the President**, and **Ms. Mohr** will provide an **update on Thursday** and share with you the **new brochure** produced for the **Ben Hudnall partnership**.

### ➤ International Partnerships

#### ➤ **Egypt**

Several representatives from **Ain Shams University** visited **Ocean County College** from **August 9 to 17, 2017**:

- **Dr. Abd El Wahab Ezzat, President of Ain Shams University**
- **Dr. Hussein Eissa, Former President of Ain Shams University and Egyptian Parliament Member**
- **Dr. Rasha Ihab, Egyptian Coordinator of the Kean/Ocean Ain Shams Program**



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The **purpose** of the **visit** was to **discuss new and revised collaborative programs**. **Several initiatives** were **proposed** by the **Ain Shams visitors**:

- **Refinements** to the **existing Ocean/Kean/Ain Shams business program**
- **Two newly requested IT programs** with **Kean and NJIT**
  - **Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence**
  - **Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Digital Media**
- **A plan** for an **extension** of **OCC in Cairo, the Community University**
- **The Private Universities** initiative for **Egypt**
- **A partnership** with **Festo Didactic** to offer **technical education and training** in the field of **mechatronics**
- **The College Academy program** where **students** earn **associate degrees** along with their **high school diplomas**
- **An extension** of the **Network for School Success program** to **Egypt**

**On August 10 and 11, 2017, I traveled** with to **Washington, D.C.,** with **Dr. Ezzat; Dr. Ihab; Dr. Eissa; Dr. Konopka; Dr. Maysa Hayward, Dean of Instructional Outreach; and Mr. Salim Hussien, Director of International Partnerships.** We met with **Mr. Oliver John** from the **Egyptian Desk of the U.S. Department of State; Dr. Tarek Shawqi, Egyptian Minister of Higher Education; and Dr. Mohamed Hamda, Egyptian Cultural Attaché.** **OCC's efforts in Egypt** were presented at the meetings and **advice and collaboration** were **sought for moving forward.** **On August 11, 2017, we met** with the **New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education, Rochelle Hendricks,** to **inform her of OCC's current plans.**

**On August 14, 2017, the ASU team** traveled to **Festo Didactic** in **Eatontown** with **Mr. Akl; Dr. Angel Camilo, Lecturer II in Biology; and Mr. Paul Silberquit, Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.** They were **greeted by Festo Didactic's CEO from Germany,** **toured the facility, and visited the mechatronics lab.**

**On August 15, 2017, the ASU and OCC teams** traveled to **Kean University** to meet with **President Dawood Farahi** and **sign an articulation agreement for three business programs.** The **teams** also traveled to **NJIT and William Patterson University** to discuss **new programs and partnerships with Egypt.**



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## ➤ Dominican Republic

On August 16, 2017, Dr. Konopka, Dr. Hayward, and Mr. Hussien met with Mr. Jaime Vargas, representative from the Instituto Tecnico Superior Comunitario (ITSC). The team discussed the articulation agreement for dual degree programs in Hospitality Management between OCC and ITSC. Students will start the program by studying English as a Second Language in September 2018.

Mr. Vargas will follow up with the Universidad Católica Santo Domingo to determine if it is still interested in establishing a dual degree program in Marketing. Mr. Vargas shared with us a proposal for the Cyber Park Call Center, which could serve as a valuable resource for recruiting Hispanic students to OCC.