

OCC ponders quitting college association

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Concern over the Michigan Community College Association's legislative power has its largest member wondering whether to stay in the group.

Oakland Community College (OCC) trustees recently discussed pulling out of the statewide organization. Of Michigan's 29 community colleges, 25 belong to the MCCA. Not members are Lansing Community College, Macomb Community College and Wayne County Community College.

OCC President Robert F. Roelofs, who is on the association's executive committee, raised the issue with board members. He suggested evaluating the \$13,000 yearly membership on the basis of time and dollar investment and the association's structure.

"It is necessary, I believe, to periodically evaluate what we're getting out of the organization," explained the president.

Roelofs said he believes MCCA intrudes upon individual institutions. But he is particularly concerned about its role in influencing legislation which has an impact on community colleges.

As examples of what he considers the MCCA's failures, he cited the loss of a financing formula based on enrollment and legislation on downtown development and exempting recreation property from taxes.

"More importantly, I don't believe the organization has been at all effective in influencing legislation for com-

munity colleges," said Roelofs, who was instrumental in bringing OCC back into the association after it had avoided the group for years.

The OCC president also told the board MCCA is geared toward smaller colleges. Oakland has 15,000 full-time equivalent students.

"There is an unshakable conviction throughout the state that we (OCC) are the rich kids and shouldn't have problems or concerns or get any attention," he said.

Sandra Ritter, board vice-chairperson who is also active with the community college association, added her discontent. The Waterford resident said she and Roelofs have been discussing their concerns for a while.

"We know unless a community college group starts influencing legislation, nothing is going to be done. We have to tell our own story," explained Ritter, adding she would like to "hang on, but my first responsibility is here."

"If we can't serve the community first we're not doing the job we're given responsibility to do. We're just serving community colleges," she said.

Trustee Edward H. Pappas urged fellow board members to consider the matter carefully before dropping out of the organization. The Farmington Hills lawyer asked for a formal report outlining concerns about the association.

"I believe first in working from within. What have we done to make them more effective?" he asked.

Culinary open house at OCC

Oakland Community College hospitality department will present its fourth annual Culinary Arts Open House 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Orchard Ridge Campus, 1406 at Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Designed to provide information about the hospitality department and careers in the field, the open house will feature food service demonstrations, cake decorating, tableside cooking,

vegetable carvings and napkin folding will be among demonstrations presented by students.

Advanced culinary arts students will participate in a culinary arts salon and competition. Judges for the salon will include some of the Detroit area's top chefs.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

"I'd like to see us work from within. As well as an obligation to the community, we have an obligation to other community colleges. I see dropping out as a last resort."

Suzanne Reynolds, board chairperson, also expressed concern over small community colleges which don't have OCC's resources.

"We're the big guys in the state and doing well. But what about those Upper Peninsula schools which need help?" asked the West Bloomfield resident.

"I feel like we're taking our marbles and going home."

THOMAS BERNTHAL, director of governmental relations, for MCCA, said members discuss pulling out of the organization from time to time. But usually, they end up staying.

Wayne County Community College was a member of the 17-year-old group for just a short time. Macomb and Lansing withdrew in the fall 1978.

Bernthal said the diversity of the membership — ranging from OCC's

15,000 full-time equivalent students to West Shore Community College, near Ludington with 1,153 last fall — makes some "tension" unavoidable.

He said traditionally small college districts feel larger ones get more — and vice versa — community colleges are incredibly different because each represents its own community, which is unique," Bernthal explained. And he contends colleges can get impatient over pending legislation that affects them.

"If you get into controversial legislation, you can't always solve it in a short time," Bernthal said.

"Is the association addressing concerns? The answer is yes. But are we going to solve all the problems overnight? The answer is no."

But the director is hopeful OCC will stay with the organization.

"We've had discussions like this before, and the colleges usually stay. We need them and they're very important to us," he said.

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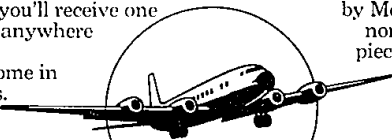
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