

OCC's Reynolds says 'tacky' Kelley was wrong

By Tim Richard
staff writer

The shoe doesn't fit, so Suzanne Reynolds won't wear it.

The chairman of the Oakland Community College board said Attorney General Frank Kelley had his facts wrong when he wrote an opinion saying there was a conflict of interest between that elected, unpaid post and her low-paid job as executive director of the private OCC Foundation.

"Tacky," she called Kelley and his staff after last week's board meeting. She complained they failed to call her to check the facts about the foundation and her jobs.

REYNOLDS made the same complaint about state Sen. Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, who asked Kelley for the opinion, and about a weekly Oakland County paper which Nichols had clipped and sent to the attorney general's office.

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ticket in last year's election to a second six-year term on the OCC board, said she would write Kelley a letter setting him straight on the facts. Meanwhile:

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vent had a report. I don't feel qualified."

Her discomfort was further evidence of the growing rift between the two trustees, who split earlier this year when the board decided against renewing the contract of President Robert F. Roelofs.

COLLEGE ATTORNEY B. Gerald Bartush of Bloomfield Hills said Kelley's duty is "to issue opinions on matters of law when requested by certain individuals." He said the opinion "is just that."

Bartush said Kelley's office "has no investigative powers. He bases his opinion on the facts as presented. It has no binding effect on anyone... They have no enforcement power per se. They're not in the enforcement business."

The college attorney broke down Kelley's opinion into three segments:

- Incompatibility of offices — the post of college trustee is elective public, and the foundation job private.

They are not incompatible.

- Conflict of interest — this could rise if there were a contract between the two parties. Kelley found no conflict.

- "The attorney general said no member of the board may receive

compensation (other than mileage). If different set of facts had been submitted, he would have come to a different opinion.

"I talked to the man who wrote the opinion (for Kelley). He asked that Mrs. Reynolds write to him and present additional facts."

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Mark Lewis is the new retail advertising manager for the Wayne County staff. Lewis, 33, of Plymouth has been with the papers since 1977, first as billing and customer service supervisor and later as classified advertising manager.

A graduate of Garden City West High School, Lewis attended Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan, studying business and management. He is a member of Adcrafters of Detroit and the Michigan Press Association.

Jack Padley is the new classified advertising manager. A nine-year veteran of Observer & Eccentric, Padley previously had been an outside classified advertising representative.

Raised in Brighton, where he is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Padley, 35, earned a bachelor of arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University.

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