

OCC board picks Texas educator as chancellor

By Pat Murphy
staff writer

The first woman chancellor at Oakland Community College is no stranger to the campus — at least in spirit.

Fatay J. Fulton, named chief executive officer of OCC Thursday, has written a textbook that is used as reference, according to college publicist George A. Cartsonis.

The book, "Procedures for the Office Professional," is one of five written by Fulton who has a doctorate in college teaching from North Texas State University where she also earned a bachelor's and a master's degrees in business education.

Fulton will likely move into the area in late February and assume her duties March 1. She replaces R. Stephen Nicholson who resigned in May to become vice chancellor of Higher Colleges of Technology of the United Arab Emirates in the Persian Gulf.

"I'm really looking forward to the new challenge," Fulton said Friday in a telephone interview from her office at Brookhaven College where she is president. The school is located in Farmers Branch, a suburb of Dallas, Texas.

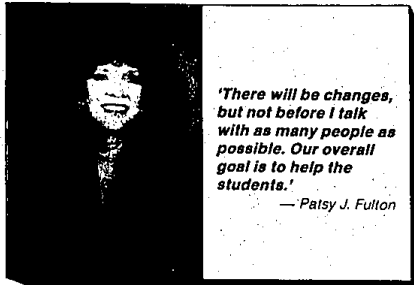
FULTON, 56, visited OCC when she was one of six finalists invited to tour the school's five campuses. "I liked what I saw, and I'm anxious to talk with the faculty and staff."

She intends to quickly establish contact with the community's business and economic leaders, Fulton said. "One of my strengths is pulling together many segments to formulate a view of where we want to go."

Asked if she anticipates any immediate changes, Fulton said, "There will be changes, but not before I talk with as many people as possible. Our overall goal is to help the students."

Fulton, who is unmarried, said she enjoys walking — "I do about four miles a day, five times a week."

"But I'm anxious to try cross country skiing... I hear you do a lot



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of that," she said. Fulton described herself as "a native Texan. But I can work with anybody."

She has a three-year contract with a starting salary of \$114,327, the same paid to Nicholson. It goes to \$120,000 in July 1991.

THE OCC Board of Trustees voted

unanimously in favor of Fulton, with chairman Sandra Ritter describing her as "very qualified."

Fulton was selected over the other finalist, Thomas Ten Hoeve, president of Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Ill.

Ten Hoeve was also "highly qualified," according to David Hackett, a trustee from Rochester.

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