

OCC president search expands, 2 positions open

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Now Oakland Community College is looking for two campus presidents.

Preston Pulliams is leaving Dec. 31 as president of the Highland Lakes Campus to become president of Orange County Community College in upstate New York.

Pulliams didn't attend the Nov. 18 OCC board meeting because he was meeting with the Orange board. His resignation at OCC is subject to final appointment at Orange.

OCC spokesman George Cartsonis said that Orange, a one-campus college with about 7,000 students, is roughly the same size as an OCC campus. The difference is that, at Orange, Pulliams would be the chief executive, in charge of budget and development, and reporting to a board, not a central CEO.

Pulliams, 50, has been at OCC since September of 1993, when he was hired in from the Com-

munity College of Philadelphia. He has an associate in science degree from Muskegon Community College, a bachelor's in social science from Michigan State University, a master's in counseling and personnel from Western Michigan University, an Ed.D. in education administration and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

There was no board discussion of the news.

The OCC board gave routine approval to Chancellor Richard Thompson's choice for interim president - Ann C. Craigmile, dean of academic and student services at Highland Lakes. She has degrees in business education from Michigan State and Wayne State. She will be paid at the rate of \$87,748 per year.

Craigmile, 54, started as a part-time business information systems teacher in 1971. She was named interim dean in October 1995 and permanent dean in March.

Highland Lakes, set on 160

acres in the rolling hills of Commerce Township, houses OCC's allied health programs as well as transfer programs in liberal arts, business and engineering, and aviation technology.

OCC also is advertising nationally for a president for the Auburn Hills Campus, a post that has been vacant for more than a year.

The board in September rejected Thompson's nominee, saying the candidate lacked background in dealing with business, a necessity on a campus that houses OCC's computer-aided engineering programs.

Interim president there is Barbara Einhardt, also dean of academic and student services.

Law firm picked

The board, on a 4-2 vote, selected Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone as its all-around

legal counsel after interviewing four firms on Oct. 26.

Supporting the choice were board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield, Anne Scott of Royal Oak, Jeanne Towar of Royal Oak and Janice Simmons of Rochester Hills.

Opposed were Pamela Davis of Sterling Heights and Carol Crew of Waterford. They were concerned because another firm, Dickinson Wright, has been handling collective bargaining with a Teamsters union local representing about 100 deans and managerial staff.

The board resolved that problem by voting 6-0 to retain Dickinson Wright for the Teamsters negotiations. Missing the meeting was trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford.

Trustees decided to hire one all-purpose legal counsel after a 1995 snafu in which then-Chan-

cellor Patsy Calkins used the college's firm in fighting the college. This time the OCC board made sure the law firm knew to whom it was reporting.

"You're the elected representatives," said Bill Danhof, one of the Miller Canfield representatives, during the Oct. 28 interview.



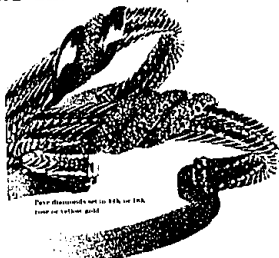
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