



**OCC Student Life Committee
Report to College Senate
December 9, 2004**

In Fall 2004, the OCC Student Life Committee accomplished the following tasks:

- 1) Presented “Service Learning 101”, a workshop for OCC and Macomb Community College faculty and staff. The workshop was designed to provide an introduction to Service Learning, activities designed to provide course credit to students for community engagement activities. Feedback was very positive, and a follow-up workshop is being planned.
- 2) Assembled the second year of the “OCC Speakers Series.” So far, the Auburn Hills campus has hosted Michelle Garb and her presentation on eating disorders, *Fat Brain, Skinny Body*, and the Highland Lakes campus has presented Mary Lightfine, *Nurse Without Borders*. In the Winter semester, the Royal Oak campus will host Preacher Moss, *The End of Racism*.
- 3) A set of common tools has been assembled shared for measuring student out-of-the-classroom learning and development at Student Life events. Each campus is working to continually measure and document event goals, outcomes assessments, and “what we’ve learned” from our activities. The information gathered is to be used in our planning and budgeting processes.
- 4) An OCC Student LIFE Calendar of Events was created for the Fall 2004 semester, and another is on its way for Winter 2005. Additionally, a college-wide “Emailer” is being developed to further promote Student LIFE activities, and the OCC Student Life Web site is in the process of being redesigned to improve its appearance and functionality for students, faculty and staff.
- 5) Through the Student Development Fundable Proposals process, the following site-based projects have been funded:
 - a. “OCC and EMU’s Performance Studies Festival”, a performance studies/oral interpretation festival that allows students to attend workshops, see group performances, watch critiques of performances and learn to critique others. Will include other area colleges. Carole Bennett, project coordinator.
 - b. “Peter Cook: International Deaf Performing Artist”, a performance coordinated by the College-wide Deaf Friendship Club. Peter Cook is an internationally known deaf performing artist. Told in American Sign Language, his original stories incorporate pantomime, acting, movement, humorous and poignant facial expressions that showcase his versatility in an innovative style that will be appreciated by deaf and hearing audiences alike. Mr. Cook may also provide a workshop for our students and staff. Renee Henson, project coordinator.

- c. "Rouge Factory Tour", a tour of the Ford Rouge Factory through the Henry Ford Museum for up to 75 students at the Royal Oak campus. Tom Hendricks, project coordinator.
- d. "Conversation, Culture and Coffee", an initiative at the Royal Oak and Southfield campuses that provides students an opportunity to meet people from diverse cultures, develop friendships and learn about the experiences of students from around the world. Also provides an opportunity for ESL students to practice and improve their speaking and listening skills in an informal setting. Arden Sargeant and Lori Linden, project coordinators.
- e. "Children's Literature Workshop and Story Hours", a project created by the Auburn Hills Campus Library and English Department to assemble a one-day Children's Literature Workshop covering the history of children's literature and illustration, a "how to" on selecting good children's literature, a "how to" on reading aloud, and other breakout sessions. Will feature prominent national/local children's literature authors/illustrators and engage other colleges in the state. Dana Keyse and Beatrice Catherino, project coordinators.
- f. "Junior Octagon Optimists International." Created in 1988, Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) has quickly become one of the largest and most active youth service organizations in the world. In Michigan, there are nearly 30 JOOI clubs consisting of high school, middle school, and even some elementary school students. The 2005 Michigan JOOI conference will be sponsored by the OCC Optimist Club at Auburn Hills. Steve Ogg, project coordinator.
- g. "Highland Lakes Campus Orientation", a special orientation program for HL students and their families, coordinated by the HL Counseling Department. Helene Koenig, project coordinator.

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