

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 6, 2015 ~ MINUTES

A working retreat of the Board of Trustees was held at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Call to Order – Chair Rich Rowe called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and directed the record to show the meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the policies of the Board of Trustees.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Mary Beth Hammond, Ronald McMaster, Edwin Nagle, Rich Rowe, Diana Talmage and Thomas Uhler. Trustee Hejeebu arrived at 9:00 a.m. (7).

Chair Rowe adjusted the agenda for the order of the reports from the vice presidents. He commented that the purpose of the special meeting was for reports from the vice presidents and from President Bower, to be followed with consideration of an executive session and for recommendations of the President.

Report of Vice President/CFO/Treasurer – Dave Cannon, Vice President/CFO/Treasurer, recapped his time since his start date in July, which included the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan; improvements of the monthly budget report; implementation of the Auditor of State financial accounting recommendations; developing financial projections; and, establishing guidelines for financial management and identifying priorities for a five-year budget.

Report of Vice President of Academic Affairs – Steve Robinson, Vice President, Academic Affairs, provided an update of the Academic Affairs’ priorities moving toward a culture of student completion, which included progress toward academic pathways with the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University and Toledo Public Schools District; the “Building Internal Relationships” action project team of the Academic Quality Improvement Program; bolstering completion resources for faculty and staff including the team participating in the Higher Learning Commission Persistence and Completion Academy; and, an update on the Higher Learning Commission expectations regarding faculty qualifications, effective September 1, 2017.

Report of Vice President of Enrollment Management, Student Services and Marketing – Betsy Johnson, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Services, provided a report on the Student Services Division priorities; an overview of Fall Semester 2015 enrollment; developing athletic and academic sponsorships; information on services to veterans, new student outreach and communication initiatives; a summary of financial aid disbursements and the cohort default rate; degree completion initiatives; athletics and a new marketing campaign.

Report of the President – President Mike Bower provided an update from the Ohio Association of Community Colleges on the Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education, which this topic will also be a focus of the state-wide trustees conference on November 5, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Rowe announced an executive session for discussion of permissible topics of collective bargaining matters and for personnel matters to consider the employment and the compensation of public employees; and specifically, the President in accordance with the terms a of the employment agreement for the annual performance review and the annual compensation review. Mr. Nagle made a motion to adjourn to executive session as specified. Dr. McMaster seconded the motion, and the Chair called for a roll call vote. Roll Call: Mary Beth Hammond, yea; Srinivas Hejeebu, yea; Ronald McMaster, yea; Edwin Nagle, yea; Rich Rowe, yea; Diana Talmage, yea; and, Thomas Uhler, yea (7).

Upon return from executive session, roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mary Beth Hammond, Srinivas Hejeebu, Ronald McMaster, Edwin Nagle, Rich Rowe, Diana Talmage and Thomas Uhler (7).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Plan in Compliance with House Bill 64 Section 369.600:

RESOLUTION 2015-10-06-01

WHEREAS, the 131st Ohio General Assembly adopted House Bill 64, the main operating budget FY 2016-FY 2017, which includes Section 369.600 that requires, “The board of trustees of each state institution of higher education shall develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the student cost of earning a degree by five per cent;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the recommendation of the President to adopt the plan in compliance with House Bill 64 Section 369.600 for Owens Community College, be approved by the Board of Trustees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than October 15, 2015.

Mr. Uhler made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Ms. Talmage. Mr. Cannon commented on working with the Ohio Association of Community Colleges on the template and the draft form of the plan. Following a voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Memorandum of Understanding – Owens Faculty Association Voluntary Cash Separation Program 2015:

RESOLUTION 2015-10-06-02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED with the intent to improve financial efficiency that the recommendation of the President to adopt the memorandum of understanding between Owens Community College and the Owens Faculty Association for the establishment and the provisions of a voluntary cash separation program for eligible bargaining unit employees who volunteer to participate, be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. McMaster made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Nagle. Following a voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Statements and Comments by Members of the Board of Trustees – Chair Rowe thanked the College administration for their reports.

Adjournment – As there was no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Rowe declared the working retreat adjourned.