

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 11, 2012

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the President's Office conference room, Administration Hall on the Owens Community College Toledo-area Campus.

Call to Order – Trustee Rich Rowe called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., and directed the record to show that the Finance Committee meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 3358, and the policies of the Board of Trustees.

Roll Call – Roll Call was taken and the following committee members were present: Allan Libbe and Rich Rowe (2).

Attendees – The following trustees and administrators were in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Trustees Edwin Nagle and Diana Talmage. President Mike Bower and administrators and guests: John Satkowski, Renay Scott, Pat Jezak, Laurie Sabin, Pam Beck, Connie Schaffer, Scott Massari, Marty Stroud, Gail Swartz, David Matheny and Joe Inman.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting were previously received, and Mr. Rowe declared that the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Financing Options for Information Technologies Enterprise Storage Area Network (SAN) – Mr. Satkowski reviewed the background of the improvements to Information Technology Services that have progressed over the past four years including the major state-funded capital renovations to the facilities and the College's \$2 million investment to upgrade the network infrastructure and replacement of end-of-life equipment. These improvements were recommended through the University of Cincinnati's assessment report of the College's network infrastructure, August 2009. Mr. Satkowski commented that three options were reviewed by Business Affairs, and the selected option being recommended is with Hewlett Packard.

Dr. Connie Schaffer, Associate Vice President, Technology/Chief Information Officer, distributed an executive summary of the Enterprise SAN Storage and explained that it serves as the data storage repository for the majority of the College's systems, including its mission critical systems. She explained that the College's storage capacity was installed eight years ago, and the storage capacity received an upgrade four years ago. The eight-year old SAN has reached the end of its life cycle and is no longer supported; it needs to be replaced and the information has been transferred to the four-year SAN. The current overall SAN storage repository has reached 90 percent capacity. Dr. Schaffer and Marty Stroud, Deputy, Chief Information Officer, commented that the eight-year old SAN would be retired, the four-year old SAN would continue to be used and provide a test environment and about 10 to 30 percent of the data will be transferred to a new SAN box(es). Dr. Schaffer explained that the proposed Hewlett Packard 3PAR solution is current solid state disks (SSD) technology; it is not "cutting-edge" technology. It will position the College for the next seven to nine years, dependent upon demand. She said that the SSD will provide power, performance and storage that is green technology.

Dr. Schaffer reviewed the proposed financials, and noted that she is still negotiating with the vendor. The lease terms are five years, zero percent interest, with locked-in five-year maintenance support at no escalating cost. The lead time to order is six weeks.

A question was asked if the College will need to make this type of investment every 7 to 10 years, to which Dr. Schaffer responded in the positive due to the nature of technology and obsolescence; however, she did note that the proposed model is scalable, flexible and agile. Mr. Satkowski commented that the

model will provide disaster recovery capability as the agreement proposes to lease two units. Dr. Schaffer confirmed that the SAN storage would be a “hot site” for business continuity. (Secretary’s note: PC Magazine’s definition of hot site is a disaster recovery facility that mirrors the organization’s production database in real time. Operational recovery can be provided within minutes of a disaster.) President Bower commented on his past higher education experience with flooding at a college campus and the need for dual capability. Dr. Schaffer commented that the College is also covered by cyber insurance and equipment insurance.

Mr. Rowe asked how the lease would be financed, and Mr. Satkowski responded by the College’s general operational funds and that the lease will be factored into the adjustment of the FY 2013 budget.

Mr. Libbe made a motion that upon conclusion of negotiation with the vendor that a lease recommendation be presented to the Board of Trustees at the November 7 regular meeting. Mr. Rowe seconded the motion. The motion was adopted following a voice vote.

Other – Mr. Rowe commented on an unconfirmed report of a company from India and the Findlay-based Cooper Tire and Rubber Company.

Adjournment – As there was no further business to discuss, Trustee Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST

Patricia M. Jezak

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved 11-09-12