

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL MEETING (WORKING RETREAT) OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 13, 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 8:10 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 (6).

Purpose of the Meeting – The purpose of the special meeting is a working retreat with reports from College administration, the President and an executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to the President’s employment contract, the employment of public employee(s); pending or imminent litigation; collective bargaining; and, for a status report for sale of property.

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Nagle reported the Finance Committee met on March 12, 2015. He commented that the Controller provided sample reports for the implementation of the Financial Standards Policy. The Finance Committee will continue to work on identifying financial metrics. A proposal to increase tuition was reviewed and a recommendation will be presented later in today’s meeting. He provided for the Board’s reference the statutory requirements of a fiscal recovery plan; and, he shared the administration’s draft recovery taskforce matrix, which he commented on identifying trustee liaisons for each sub-taskforce to ensure communication and accountability.

Report of Vice President of Enrollment Management, Student Services and Marketing – Betsy Johnson, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Services, provided a progress report, which included veteran survey results, college credit plus implementation, cohort default rates, completion plan, strategic enrollment management plan, projections and strategies to meet the needs of students and the communities the College serves.

Report of Vice President of Academic Affairs – Steve Robinson, Vice President, Academic Affairs, presented on Academic Affairs’ priorities, responsibilities and success measures, which included the focus on student learning, retention, completion; alignment of academic and workforce pathways; the development of a strong academic management team; creation of innovative and sustainable programs and partnerships; and, the promotion of a culture of civility, professionalism and mutual respect.

Afternoon Session - Following a recess for lunch, Chair Rowe called the meeting to order.

Report of the President – President Bower provided an update from the recent Ohio Association of Community Colleges’ presidents meeting and legislative day, which included legislative highlights related to the community college sector of bachelor degrees, affordability (reduction of credit hours), tobacco-free campuses, an adult diploma pilot program and Ohio College Opportunity Grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Rowe announced an executive session for discussion of personnel pursuant to the President’s employment contract and the employment of public employee(s); pending or imminent litigation; collective bargaining; and for a status report of the sale of property. Dr. McMaster made a motion to adjourn to executive session as specified. Mr. Nagle seconded the motion, and the Chair called for a roll call vote. Roll Call: Mary Beth Hammond, yea; Ronald McMaster, yea; Edwin Nagle, yea; Rich Rowe, yea; Diana Talmage, yea; and, Thomas Uhler, yea (6).

Upon return from executive session, roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mary Beth Hammond, Ronald McMaster, Edwin Nagle, Rich Rowe and Thomas Uhler (5).

Tuition Recommendation:

RESOLUTION 2015-03-13-01

WHEREAS, due to the anticipated loss of State Share of Instruction Funding, the President recommends increasing tuition in a manner that provides the College with the flexibility to implement tuition up to the maximum allowable amount for fiscal year 2016, effective for Summer Semester 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves tuition up to the maximum allowable amount for fiscal year 2016, effective for Summer Semester 2015:

- (I) A tuition increase not to exceed two percent annually, which may be up to \$156.06 per credit hour for a full-time in-state student;
- (II) A tuition surcharge at 2.5 times the in-state tuition rate for out-of-state or international students, which may be up to \$390.15 for a full-time out-of-state or international student;
- (III) The per credit hour tuition rate to be applied for every credit hour of instruction, 1 through 18 credit hours, and the authorization of the President to request the Ohio Board of Regents to approve the modification, which specifically applies the per credit hour tuition rate to credit hours 15, 16, 17 and 18;
- (IV) The authorization of the President to implement a tiered tuition model with a per credit hour tuition rate for 1 through 12 credit hours; a flat total tuition rate for 13 through 18 credit hours; and, a reduced tuition rate for 19 credit hours or more;
- (V) Should the full-time tuition rate not be increased for fiscal year 2016, the President is authorized to request the Ohio Board of Regents to approve the deferral of the tuition increase to subsequent fiscal year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to implement and to timely communicate the tuition schedule effective for Summer Semester 2015.

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

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