

OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL MEETING (WORKING RETREAT) OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 5, 2010 ~ MINUTES

A working retreat of the Board of Trustees was held at Belmont Country Club, 29601 Bates Road, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Call to Order - Chair Diana Talmage called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and directed that the record show that the 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 members were present: John Ault, David Habegger, Allan Libbe, Ronald McMaster, R J Molter, Rich Rowe, William Takacs and Diana Talmage (8).

Morning Session – President McDougle presented his priorities and goals for 2010-2011 organized within the AQIP criteria of leading and communicating, helping students learn, cultivating student retention and success, valuing people, supporting institutional operations, building collaborative relationships, educating stakeholders, understanding needs as related to economic development and striving for excellence. Ms. Talmage provided an update from the Governance Institute for Student Success (GISS), which was facilitated by the Association of Community College Trustees, in Dublin, Ohio, from September 23 to 25. Ms. Talmage’s update included a report on the board assessment survey, and President McDougle shared the College’s six-year student success rate profile that was compiled by the GISS.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Facilities and Capital Improvements:

RESOLUTION 2010-10-05-01

WHEREAS, an information technology network infrastructure assessment was conducted at the College in 2009 by an independent team from the University of Cincinnati’s network and telecommunications services, as recommended through an AQIP action project promoting continuous quality improvement to the College’s Information Technology Services (ITS); and

WHEREAS, the network and infrastructure assessment report dated August 8, 2009, documented the urgent need to replace and upgrade the College’s Cisco-wired network of hardware and software beyond the end-of-life dates and beyond/near end-of-support dates; and

WHEREAS, the ITS Chief Information Officer recommends the upgrade and replacement of antiquated hardware, software and equipment by the network’s original equipment manufacturer, Cisco Systems Incorporated, to minimize and prevent the critical risk of the College’s instructional and business operations from failing and to technologically prepare the College for the next ten years with a combined administrative and academic 10-gigabyte, backbone network utilizing global protocol capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer, President and the Board Finance Committee recommend a capital investment of \$2.2 million to replace and upgrade the College’s ITS infrastructure, which is budgeted and within the College’s ability to fund for fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Treasurer to negotiate with the original equipment manufacturer, Cisco Systems Incorporated, and to enter into a zero-percent lease contingent upon the review of legal counsel for the upgrade and replacement of the College's information technology network infrastructure.

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

Afternoon Session – Thomas Perin, Executive Director, Organizational Performance and Accountability, presented on the College's Academic Quality Improvement Program, which is the seven-year process for institutional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In October, President McDougle and Board Chair Talmage will be joining Owens administrators at the Higher Learning Commission's Strategy Forum in Chicago. Mr. Perin also presented on progress toward the College's Strategic Plan. He stated that a recommendation requesting the Board's endorsement of the three-year Strategic Plan will be forthcoming in Spring Semester 2011. Mr. Perin concluded his presentation with noting key trends from the College's environmental scan.

Natalie Jackson, In-House Legal Counsel and Assistant Attorney General, Education Section, presented on legal issues for board governance, including the role of in-house legal counsel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Talmage announced an executive session for discussion of confidential matters under attorney-client privilege with Ms. Jackson. Mr. Libbe made a motion to adjourn to executive session as specified. Mr. Habegger seconded the motion, and the Chair called for a roll call vote. Roll Call: John Ault, yea; David Habegger, yea; Allan Libbe, yea; Ronald McMaster, yea; R J Molter, yea; Rich Rowe, yea; William Takacs, yea; and Diana Talmage, yea (8).

Upon return from executive session, roll call was taken, and the following members were present: John Ault, David Habegger, Allan Libbe, Ronald McMaster, R J Molter, Rich Rowe, William Takacs and Diana Talmage (8).

Adjournment - As there was no further business or reports, Chair Talmage declared the meeting adjourned.