Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes



Oakland Community College 1/21/2025 6:15 PMEST

@ The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will immediately follow the January 21, 2025 6:00 pm Special Meeting at 2900 Featherstone Road, G240, Auburn Hills, MI.

January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

2. Attendance

Present: K. Bertolini, E. Callaghan, S. Gibson, P. Jackson, M. Lambert Absent: S. Bryant, P. Davis

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Move to approve agenda.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Susan Gibson. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1. November 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Move to approve the November, 19, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2. November 19, 2024 Closed Session #1 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Move to approve the November 19, 2024 Closed Session #1 Meeting minutes.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3. November 19, 2024 Closed Session #2 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Move to approve the November 19, 2024 Closed Session #2 Meeting minutes.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Communications

5.1. Community Comments

N. Atkinson, a counselor at OCC for over 23 years greeted the Board and group, noting registration activity for the Counseling department for Winter 2025 and shared her concerns.

5.2. Academic Report

5.2.1. Academic Senate Report

R. Andersen provided the Academic Senate report for this month. He also introduced Suzanne Labadie, chair of distance learning committee, who is English faculty at the RO campus. S. Labadie shared they are a very busy committee, dealing with many topics which take a long time and require a lot of thought. She noted several of the past and present projects they are working on.

E. Callaghan inquired how many faculty are offering the hi-flex format, and S. Labadie noted it was maybe six or ten, although it has just started and it will probably increase. E. Callaghan asked if full-time faculty could teach all their classes online, the answer was no they technically could not. E. Callaghan also asked who is collecting data on the hi-flex courses, and S. Labadie replied it was done by each instructor.

M. Lambert asked about AI and where they are with that. S. Labadie noted this falls to the Academic Technologies Group.

E. Callaghan asked B. Andersen for timeline on reinstituting emeritus status, which B. Andersen answered he thinks a timeline should be in place by the end of this academic year.

5.2.2. Provost Update

J. Berne addressed the meeting noting many stories of students during the first week of the semester, in addition to many faculty and staff stories about how they welcomed and assisted students during the first weeks of the semester.
E. Callaghan - asked about early intervention software and if it offers more than one option for recommendations and an area for details. J. Berne responded faculty can choose counseling or ASC, and note the specific issue.

5.3. Chancellor's Comments

P. Provenzano presented his comments for this meeting, noting new and retiring staff, among other current achievements, happenings, and OCC in the news.

5.4. Student Engagement Report

No report

6. Action Items

None

7. Board Comments

P. Jackson congratulated all new members and officers. She thinks it will be a spectacular new year.

E. Callaghan asked about the enrollment counts for the winter semester. J. Berne informed the group there are 15, 176 students, 10.15% increase from 2024; over 130,000 credits, 14% increase from last year; and average credits taken is 8.61, up almost 4% and is at a fifteen year high.

E. Callaghan also inquired if there was a number of how many students took fall and not winter classes. J. Berne indicated those number are not yet available.

M. Lambert noted the stories J. Berne shared made her miss teaching.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Kathleen Kelly 2025-04-16 13:32 UTC

Kathleen Bertolini 2025-04-18 14:10 UTC

Pamela Jackson 2025-04-18 14:12 UTC