



**Minutes of a Committee of the Whole Meeting
Oakton Community College Board of Trustees
January 18, 2022**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakton Community College, District 535 was held on February 15, 2022 in Room 1506 at 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m. Trustee Kotowski called the roll:

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| Ms. Martha Burns | Chair | Present |
| Ms. Marie Lynn Toussaint | Vice Chair | Present |
| Mr. Paul Kotowski | Secretary | Present |
| Dr. Gail Bush | | Present |
| Mr. Benjamin Salzberg | | Present |
| Mr. William Stafford | | Present |
| Dr. Wendy Yanow | | Present |
| Mr. Akash Patel | Student Trustee | Present |

Also present in Room 1506 were: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Dr. Ileo Lott, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Katherine Sawyer, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications; Mr. Steve Butera, Senior Manager of Media Relations; Dr. Kelly Becker, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning; Ms. Aleda Thompson, Institutional Research Administrative Assistant; Mr. Philip Cronin, Senior Media Services Technician; and Beatriz Sparks, Special Assistant to the Board.

Strategic Planning

President Smith shared that Dr. Kelly Becker has been working with focus groups, legislative leaders and superintendents, as well as campus groups to develop the next strategic plan. The next strategic plan is focused on Oakton becoming a just community.

Vision 2030 – Building Just & Thriving Communities through Education will focus on creating opportunities for economic mobility, social mobility, employment with family-sustaining wages, equitable access to health care, child care and housing, and decreasing poverty and crime rates.

Advancing Racial Justice – Oakton will aim to implement best practices to advance racial equity, and dismantle systemic racism. As the district becomes increasingly diverse, the College seeks to ensure all individuals have access, opportunity, and the support needed to succeed, as well as to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups.

Workforce Readiness, Economic Development & Community Engagement – Oakton also seeks to improve social mobility by equipping students with skills for the workplace by strengthening internship and apprenticeship programs.

Strengthening Educational Alignment – Oakton seeks to create clear pathways and reduce barriers for students from the point of entering college through achieving their educational and career goals. Intentional recruitment and outreach, relevant support for adult students, innovation in classroom and learning experience, and clarification of transfer pre-majors and career pathways.

The next steps will include campus education and feedback, organization of implementation teams, and external education and feedback. The new strategic plan will be brought for Board approval in June 2022.

Trustee Ambassador Program

During the January 18 Committee of the Whole meeting, trustees discussed outreach options for district high schools. One of the options was to provide trustees with an overview presentation they could share with district board presidents. Trustees were also provided a draft of a letter that can be sent to high school districts regarding the program and its intention.

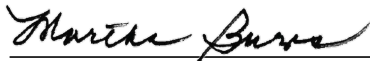
A list of questions was provided to trustees. The Board came to consensus regarding the following questions:

1. What is your district's opinion of Oakton Community College?
2. What has been your experience with Oakton?
3. What can Oakton do to improve our presence in your high school?
4. How can Oakton better communicate with your students?
5. What could Oakton do to better inform your faculty, students and counselors of its resources?
6. How do you think Oakton might better serve your district?
7. What is missing? What other programs or services do you think might encourage more of your students to attend Oakton?
8. What collaborative work, if any, has or is Oakton doing with your district?
9. Are you familiar with the dual credit program? If so, are you satisfied with the number of students participating from your high school?
10. Would you be willing to have a conversation with Oakton and the high school districts about students graduating from the high school simultaneously with a two year degree?

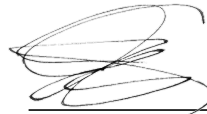
Trustees will receive a packet with information they can share with district board presidents, and they will be assigned to the high school districts.

Adjournment

Chair Burns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Student Trustee Patel made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Toussaint. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Martha Burns, Board Chair



Paul Kotowski, Board Secretary

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