

Roelofs' last budget cuts OCC Foundation

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Declining enrollment at Oakland Community College could mean some cuts.

If the school's lame duck president has his way, one of the first casualties will be a project headed by one of the college trustees who voted him out.

Outlining his proposed budget, President Robert F. Roelofs urged the board of trustees to shut down OCC Foundation.

"The fund-raising body is directed by Suzanne Reynolds, one of four trustees who refused to grant him a year's extension on his contract."

Roelofs said the community college has poured \$250,000 into OCC Foundation, but the organization has not raised funds for the school.

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Roelofs told the seven-member board. "We cannot continue to spend taxpayers' money on it."

Surprised by Roelofs' move, the trustees voted instead to continue funding the foundation until a new president comes aboard. The project will be reviewed after six months of funding. Six trustees supported the action. Reynolds, of West Bloomfield, abstained "for obvious reasons."

TRUSTEE Margaret MacTavish, of Birmingham, who also opposed Roelofs' contract extension, called Roelofs' suggestion inappropriate.

"I think this is more an emotional issue than financial issue," she said. "I prefer to put the issue to rest and address it later."

"Whether it's emotional or financial, it's been raised," said trustee Edward Pappas of Farmington Hills, one of Roelofs' three supporters. "The question was raised, and I think we ought to address it."

AFTER MONTHS of split loyalty to Roelofs, the OCC board in January voted 4 to 3 to deny his request for another year's service. A six-month extension also was refused the 66-year-old president.

Just a month before the vote, state Sen. Rudy Nichols asked the Attorney General's Office for an opinion on possible conflicts of interest by trustees Reynolds and MacTavish.



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— President Robert F. Roelofs

The senator from Waterford questioned Reynolds' sitting on the elected board while directing the OCC Foundation. While not paid for her trustee work, Reynolds earns \$650 a month for her 15 hours a week as foundation director.

Nichols also requested an opinion on whether MacTavish should be an Oakland trustee when she is a Macomb Community College administrator. MacTavish is director of human resources management at Macomb.

PRESENTING HIS budget proposal — which is 3.1 percent above last year's — Roelofs projected a 6-percent enrollment decrease.

He said community college enrollment declines when the economy picks up. "We have had in this county better economic recovery than other counties," the Southfield resident explained.

Roelofs also blamed the dip on recent "bad publicity" about problems between the board and president. "At least we stayed out of the Free Press

and News, but it certainly was in the local papers. And that's where our people come from."

As well as going into new "hot" program areas, Roelofs proposed raising tuition 12 percent of the usual \$1. He said his administration also is considering a property tax millage vote.

SAVING HE didn't "feel comfortable" bringing the issue up, Roelofs said he took the OCC Foundation out of the budget.

The president explained that \$250,000 had been channeled into the organization since its start in 1979. "I'm not proud to say I've presided over spending a quarter million on an activity which is supposed to flow to the college," he added.

"I bet it would be a success when it is a dismal failure."

TRUSTEE EARL Anderson of Madison Heights, who serves on the OCC

Foundation board, said the group has "done some good things."

"We haven't got a lot of money to dole out yet. The big problem is that we don't have a full-time director on the job five days. But we're working hard."

Trustee Reynolds, who was not expecting Roelofs' action, denied that \$250,000 has gone into the project. She said OCC has budgeted about \$18,000 for it during the past three years. Her salary is paid for by the foundation.

The foundation shares a building with Recording for the Blind, Jobs Training Partnership Act and a conference center. Rent and utilities are provided by OCC.

Reynolds said she was "just sort of surprised" by the move to shut down OCC Foundation. And the trustee hopes it wasn't aimed at her.

"I'd like to hope not," she said. "That's not my style. Besides, we all have the same goal."

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Beware of fake famine collectors

Beware of individuals claiming they're collecting donations for African famine relief on behalf of the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross gave that warning to residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties after an incident in Taylor, according to Duane E. Johnson, executive director of the southeastern Michigan chapter.

Johnson cited recent reports of a person with a canister allegedly collecting money for the Red Cross in the parking lots of businesses on Telegraph Road in Taylor.

"RED CROSS is a United Foundation/United Way agency and does not solicit funds in that manner," said Johnson. "Nor have we authorized anyone else to do so in our name."

"There have also been reports of individuals, some of them teen-agers, collecting money door to door. We don't do that either."

"If you want to help African famine victims through the Red Cross and aren't sure about the legitimacy of the person or group asking you for a donation," said Johnson, "the safest thing to do is to send your contribution earmarked 'African Famine Relief' directly to the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, P.O. Box 351, Detroit, Mich. 48232."

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Accelerated courses will be offered during the summer and summer miniters. Presummer day sessions will be April 30-June 5, and evening sessions will be April 30-June 13. Day sessions for the summer miniterm will be June 17-Aug. 1.

Most classes will meet once or twice weekly with no classes scheduled on Fridays.

All students new to U-D must be admitted prior to registration. Summer admissions and financial aid applications are available now.

Registration for term III and the presummer miniterm will be held Monday, April 29. Registration for the day summer miniterm will be held June 12-21, and registration for the evening summer miniterm will be June 12-14. All registration will take place in Callahan Hall at U-D's McNichols Campus.

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