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# Jarson puts new OCC executive team in place

Interim Chancellor Anthony Jarson persuaded the Oakland Community College board to approve his reorganization plan for top administrators despite some trustees' reluctance to make permanent changes now.

"There are so many vacant positions. Things weren't getting done," said Jarson, who came out of retirement a month ago to head the college where he was a financial officer 26 years.

By a vote of 4-2, the board approved:

- Changing Vice Chancellor James L. Warner's title from head of curriculum and professional development to head of academic and student affairs — "to more accurately reflect the role of the chief academic officer."
- In addition, Warner will supervise institutional research, a duty now overseen by the ailing Daniel A. Jaksen, vice chancellor for planning and development. Jaksen intends to return early in 1996. Jarson had no recommendation for Jaksen's replacement.
- Upgrading Dr. Edward Callaghan's title to vice chancellor for human resources and communications. He currently is executive director for human resources. "We've always had a vice president for human resources," said Jarson, using the pre-1987 title. "We have five unions. It needs to be an executive level position."
- Callaghan also was assigned supervision of the College Relations Office, a function that previously had reported directly to the chancellor.
- Promoting Clarence E. Brantley to interim chief business officer and treasurer effective Jan. 1. Brantley has been controller and will replace Helen Kibben-Polkard, who is resigning for family reasons.
- Before joining OCC in 1992, Brantley was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Highland Park Community College and vice president of finance at Taylor Engineering in Southfield. He is a Rochester Hills resident.
- Replacing Brantley with an interim controller.
- Reclassifying Cheryl Korzell as executive director of workforce development. She currently is director of resource development, a fundraising job that involves work with the OCC Foundation.
- Reclassifying Jackie Boughner as manager of risk management and contract services, a post that will involve management of fixed



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asset and vehicle inventory control.

- Eliminating the post of manager of environmental health and safety. Eugene Lapko is resigning the position effective Feb. 29.

Jarson said the shuffle will save OCC a net of \$34,000.

Voting against the changes were trustees Anne Scott of Royal Oak and Janice Simmons of Pontiac. They had been loyal to the previous chancellor, Dr. Patey Watkins, who was ousted in mid-October on a 5-2 vote.

"I think they should be acting or interim appointments," said

Scott.

"Why the rush?" asked Simmons. "The new chancellor might want his or her own people. I don't think OCC was such a shambles."

Replied Jarson: "I've been at this school 26 years. I don't consider myself a newcomer. The new chancellor might not be able to make changes for a year or year and a half."

The OCC board has begun work on the search for a new chief executive officer, but is likely to take until mid-1996 to advertise, screen and interview.

Supporting Jarson's organization plan were board chair Douglas Wakefield of Southfield, vice chair Judith Wisor of West Bloomfield, Carol L. Crew and Sandra Ritter of Waterford. Missing the meeting due to illness was Pamela Davis of Madison Heights.

The board will move its Jan. 25 meeting to Auburn Campus, site of OCC's institutional program. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. of the virtual reality lab will be followed by a 7 p.m. business meeting in the High Tech Center. Auburn Hills Campus is at 2900 Featherstone, north of M-59 and east of I-75.

Meetings, by law and custom, are open to the public.

## New dates asked for school elections

School boards would be elected on the same November date as state and U.S. representatives, under a package of bills co-sponsored by three Republican state senators. The annual June election would be cut.

And school boards would be limited to three dates a year for ballot questions: the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April, August or November.

No longer could school boards make repeated tries for a bond issue or tax increase, as the Walled Lake school district has in recent years.

School officials are expected to make a strong objection to the short list of dates. They will argue that an April election would leave them in a precarious position with a new fiscal year starting July 1.

School board members would have four-year terms.

Conduct of the elections would become the responsibility of cities and townships, not school districts. A similar concept is taking shape in a House committee.

If the bills become law, school boards would share the ballot in 1996 with the president, U.S. senator, U.S. representatives, state representatives, county commissioners, state Supreme Court justices, state Appeals Court justices, county and local judges, and township officers.

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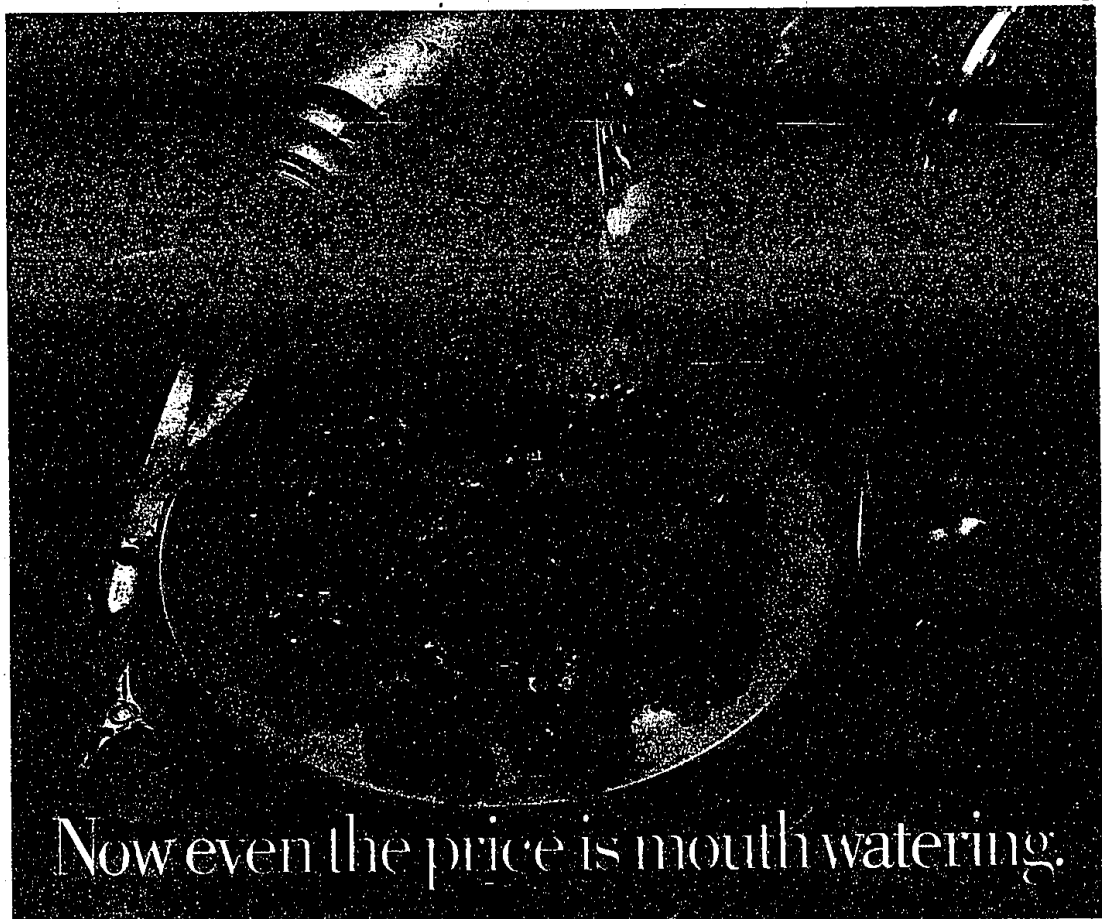
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