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Restoring campus facilities tops OCC meeting

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Battered parking lots, broken sidewalks and leaky roofs will get priority attention at Oakland Community College.

OCC's construction manager, George W. Auch Co. of Pontiac, will begin proposing packages of projects for bid as early as the board's Feb. 19 meeting.

"We can get on a fast track with some of the bidding," Interim Chancellor Anthony Janson said at the Jan. 22 meeting.

The board made restoring campus facilities its top priority last June 12 when voters approved \$25 million in new property taxes, a nearly one-third increase in the budget.

"Take 'before' and 'after' pictures, and have them dated," suggested vice chair Judith Wier of West Bloomfield, apparently with an eye on a renewal vote in 6½ years. "If we're asked by taxpayers, 'What have you done?' I want to be able to pull out the pictures."

OCC has five campuses, a district office in Bloomfield Hills and a Pontiac Center. "We can put together packages of projects," said Auch engineer Steve Baldwin, citing lighting and parking lots as needs common to several locations.

Tom Hickey, a vice president of the Auch company, said team members have studied aerial photos; taken day-long tours of every facility from Jan. 4-26; and "looked into the nooks and crannies. We're compiling lists. We'll begin now to consolidate the lists and set priorities."

In a written report, Hickey said current issues include:

■ Orchard Ridge, Farmington Hills — Drives, parking lots, site lighting, tennis courts, concrete bridge repair, pool building leaks, maintenance garage roof, concrete walk repair. (Renovations of the closed pool were started earlier.)

■ Southeast — at Royal Oak: sprinkler system, repair of stairway at parking structure, electrical power requirements. At Southfield: roofs, re-design of shipping dock, electrical power requirements.

■ Highland Lakes, Union Lake — sidewalk repair, brick pavers at entrance, re-roofing of Highland Hall, tennis courts, site lighting.

■ Auburn Hills — parking lots, traffic control and site lighting; roof leaks; roof repairs for covered walkways for A and T buildings; additional walkways; air quality issues; drainage for the athletic building and day care; brick cracks in the walls for B and D

buildings; and tennis courts.
■ Central Office, Bloomfield Hills — lobby security, remove unused mechanical equipment, convert enclosure to storage, site lighting, guest house renovation.
"We have also solicited lists from each campus of items that

may not have been previously identified as needing attention but are worthy of consideration," Hickey said. "We intend to consolidate these issues on a priority basis, assigning a dollar value and time frame for each activity."
"It has been good for us to sit

and listen."

Personnel changes

Among personnel changes submitted by Janson and approved by the board:

Daniel A. Jansen will retire March 31. He had been president

of the Orchard Ridge Campus and vice-chancellor. The Farmington Hills resident had been a major organizer and workhorse in the 195 tax campaign.

Michael Owerkerk was moved up to interim controller, effective Feb. 5, in the wake of Clarence

Brantley's temporary appointment as interim chief business officer and treasurer.

"We have major vacancies," said Janson of OCC's Business & Professional Institute. "The business is out there."

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