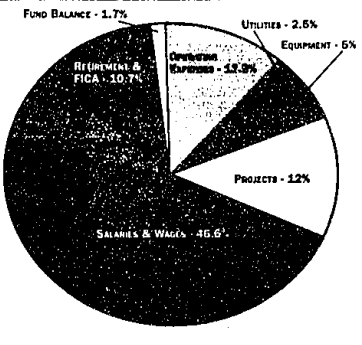


OCC budget eyes staff, programs

OCC Budget - Expenditures



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Trustee Carol Crew of Waterford put her head in her hands. Board President Dough Wakefield of Southfield cried out "Ladies!" several times during Monday's special Oakland Community College Board of Trustees meeting. But an hour and a half later, the board adopted a \$101.7 million budget that included no increase in tuition and the prospect of some reduced fees amounting to an expected \$200,000.

Most of the meeting was spent not on dollar amounts but on staff positions, a discussion that was initiated by Chancellor Richard T. Thompson. A series of heated exchanges began with Judith Wisner of West Bloomfield, who questioned whether presidents were needed for each of the five campuses or whether the college should run a "lenn" operation concentrating on programs funded by the voter-approved OCC millage.

The board never discussed policy, how it wants to operate now. That's one of our problems now," said Wisner, as the trustees made occasional veiled references to Thompson working to change operations established by predecessor Patay Calkins.

Trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford called the new budget

and supporting data "simple and straightforward. It tickled me pink to see the direction we're going. Either I got real smart or the other (people got) real smart."

"We have the umbrella. We have the (budget) benchmarks," said Ritter, referring to a series of short-term goals established by Chancellor Thompson.

But Wisner, Janice Simmons of Pontiac and Anne Scott of Royal Oak were concerned about having to approve a staffing plan without having the request for positions brought to the board.

"We don't need another layer of administration," Simmons said. "Why add to operations?" (Thompson later explained they weren't new positions.)

"Stop that. It's not nice," Ritter responded to other board members. "A person can't live here 24 hours a day. This is a team institution, not a monarchy."

Eventually, the board approved the budget unanimously, but first agreed to meet four times to discuss staffing and other policy matters. Crew told Thompson she "didn't want to tie your hands (with regard to the budget). We all know this is a living document and things change. We've been accused of micromanaging. We need to look at the overall plan. We need to give support to the college so it can function."

Crew added that she agreed staffing should be discussed with the board, but the administration could ask, explain and justify what it wanted during the process.

Ritter gave her approval, but included the notation that she had not had a chance to ask questions, despite having asked how the college would meet issues raised by the auditor general over the number of times a student could enroll for the same course, a declining graduation rate, and tuition breaks for

immediate family of staff members.

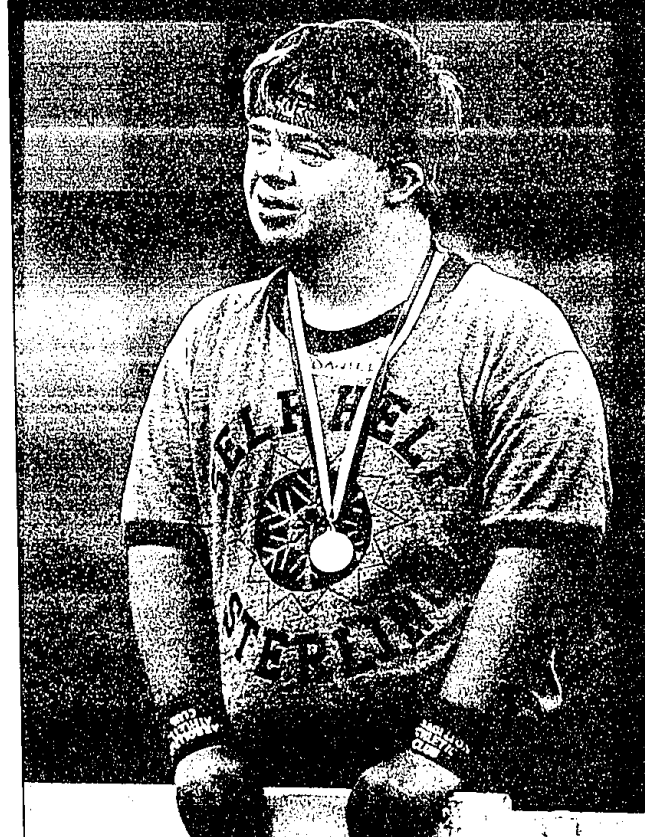
For taxpayers, the budget includes a levy of 1.6522 mills, or \$1,6522 for each \$1,000 of assessed property value, which is half the market value. Those figures include 0.8522 mill, reduced from 1 full mill by the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment and 0.8 mill approved by voters in June 1995.

The new millage shows budgeted expenditures of \$12.13 million for facility projects and \$4.075 million for equipment.

New OCC objectives

Oakland Community College Chancellor Richard Thompson told the board of trustees Monday night that he was establishing short-range goals in order to prepare for planning for the 1997-99 academic years. They are as follows:

1. Establish a clear, coherent organizational structure.
2. Set the North Central Accreditation process into full motion.
3. Implement academic and institutional outcomes assessment.
4. Prepare for the next round of strategic planning.
5. Develop the budget to cover the period for such planning.
6. Develop a college policy / approach with respect to technology.
7. Implement policy and practices to support compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
8. Continue to develop initiatives such as staff development.



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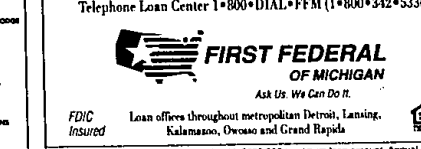
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