

**MINUTES**  
**Owensboro Community and Technical College**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 21, 2010**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Todd Anderson, Mr. Jeff Carpenter, Mr. Allen Eskridge, Mr. George Henderson, Ms. Linda Taylor, Ms. Betty Taylor, Mr. Steve Walker, and Mr. Jim Wathen

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Paul Altimier and Ms. Robin Mercer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Allen Eskridge called to order the meeting of the Owensboro Community and Technical College Board of Directors at 5:05 p.m. (CST), January 21, 2010. The meeting was held in the Administration Boardroom, Main Campus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Jeff Carpenter moved that the minutes of the November 19, 2009, OCTC Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Todd Anderson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**HANCOCK COUNTY CAMPUS UPDATE**

Hancock County has signed a lease with the owner of the retail center in Lewisport in which the campus will be located, and the owner has secured a permit from the state to do renovations, which are projected to be complete in February. The Hancock County Fiscal Court and KCTCS/OCTC are working on a lease for OCTC to use the facility at no cost other than educational services and equipment provided by the college. It is hoped that occupancy can take place around February 1. The Board of Directors expressed their appreciation to Dr. Durrence for keeping the Board informed in a timely manner.

**STUDENT FINANCIAL FACTS FOR 2010**

CFO Sarah Price provided a report (attached) to update the Board on such issues as the number of students paying tuition and fees on-line, the number of students using a payment plan, the number of students dropped for non-payment, and the number of third party contracts that pay for students. She indicated that of the number of students dropped for non-payment at the beginning of the semester, we work to reinstate as many as we can and sometimes enable up to half to be reinstated.

**ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Kevin Beardmore reported that the CPE approved enrollment report indicated that our record fall 2009 enrollment was up over 13% over fall 2008. New records were also established for the number of full-time students (2,136), credential-seeking students (3,538 compared to approximately 3,000 previously), and Discover Colleges students (2,287 compared to less than 2,000 previously). Although official numbers are not available for spring 2010 enrollment, it appears to be an increase of around 9% compared to spring 2009.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Board member Jeff Carpenter, Chair of the Search Committee, distributed copies of the OCTC Presidential Search timeline (attached) and announced that the timeline would be published on the college website. The consultant from the ACCT (Association of Community College Trustees) will meet with the Board on February 18, 2010 to discuss the Search process before meeting with the Search Committee on February 19. Chair Allen Eskridge commended Jeff Carpenter for his hard work and dedication to his role.

## **THEATER ARTS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Vice President Scott Williams provided a brief report on the innovative program that is a unique collaboration between three institutions of higher education: OCTC, Brescia University, and Kentucky Wesleyan College. The RiverPark Center is also a partner since some of the classes will be offered at their site and because the leaders (Zev Buffman and Roxi Witt) of the RiverPark Center have committed to provide opportunities for students to interact with theater professionals who come to Owensboro for performances. OCTC will provide lower level technical courses that could lead to a Certificate or could be part of an Associate degree, but students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts will take courses at Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan and will have the opportunity to choose one of those two from which to receive their degree. Dr. Durrence reported that Zev Buffman of the RiverPark Center deserved special recognition because it was his vision that led to the collaborative degree program.

## **ADVOCACY UPDATE**

Larry Miller and Bernie Hale provided an update on the Advocacy Campaign and reminded the Board that Dr. McCall would be on campus on January 25 to meet with administrators, faculty and staff, students, and community leaders. They reminded Board members that we need their attendance at the lunch time meeting in which Dr. McCall will be addressing community leaders. After reviewing the schedule of events for January 25, Larry Miller announced to the Board that the Chamber of Commerce was sponsoring a bus trip to Frankfort on February 4 for a reception with legislators sponsored by the chambers of Western Kentucky and he reminded them that the Phase II of the ATC building is a top priority of the Chamber.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Durrence introduced Pam Wassmer who will be helping in the President's Office as his assistant while Kitt Midkiff, mother of a new daughter, is on maternity leave. He emphasized the importance of the Advocacy Campaign and urged the Board members to attend the luncheon meeting on January 25. He said securing passage of funding for the ATC Phase II was important because of our growing enrollment and increasing interest in programs like Mechatronics. In his legislative update he explained that the Governor's proposal to hold higher education at the same level of funding and impose a 2% cut in year two (2011-12) would not be possible without new funding, and the Governor's proposal to get that additional funding from expanded gambling would probably not be accepted by the General Assembly. The result could be severe cuts, especially in year two. That could be devastating for KCTCS/OCTC which has experienced multiple funding cuts already, experienced double-digit enrollment growth, and has not provided employees salary increases for two years. The Advocacy Campaign is an opportunity to focus community attention on our financial needs and to secure the Phase II funding if we sign the Petition and mobilize community support. The Transfer Bill passed the House unanimously, but may not pass the Senate until later. The President advised the Board that we continue to work to secure a health clinic for students on campus and food service. Both are being pursued in cooperation with Western Kentucky University. Due to the rapid enrollment growth, the President is working with the System office to expedite one element in our facilities master plan: the construction of a Maintenance Facility. That facility would enable Maintenance & Operations to move from the Student Center building, opening up space needed for various student services. Finally, he called on the Director of Development, Linda Taylor, to update the Board on the Power of One campaign and to enlist their support for the Foundation's fundraising project, a raffle in which the prizes include a John Deere "Gator", a mower, and a battery powered version of the Gator for children. She asked the Board to pledge to sell 10 tickets each in addition to the ones they purchase. Chair Eskridge encouraged support of the Power of One. Todd Anderson encouraged support of another Foundation fundraiser, the GG Talbott Walk/Run in April.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

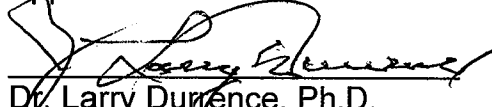
Board chair Allen Eskridge called attention of the board to the announcements and future meeting dates.

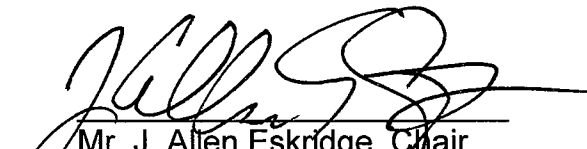
- January 25, 2010, Dr. McCall's Presentation
- February 25, 2010, KCTCS Day in Frankfort  
Bernie suggested we (the board) and others pack the bus. It's our chance to meet with Western KY delegation to explain priorities we have here in Owensboro  
Ms. Bernie Hale also requested everyone sign the petition to keep informed in Frankfort, will not receive updates if you don't sign petition.
- March 3-5, 2010, OCTC/KCTCS Showcase in Frankfort
- 2010 Board Meeting Dates for the OCTC Board of Directors will be January 21, March 18, May 20 (tentative), July 15, September 15, November 18, 2010

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Mr. Todd Anderson motioned to adjourn; Ms. Betty Taylor seconded the motion.

Approved:

  
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Dr. Larry Durrence, Ph.D.  
President (Interim)

  
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Mr. J. Allen Eskridge, Chair