

## **OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Faculty Administrator Meeting

2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2016

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Jay Kenton, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration**

##### ***Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center OMIC***

Dr. Kenton shared a brief update regarding the OMIC project, which is a fast moving initiative. Dr. Kenton was accompanied by Laura McKinney to view property in Scappoose, Oregon, 23 miles northwest of Portland. The property is ten acres, level ground, and fully fenced. There is a 33,000 ft<sup>2</sup> building (11,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of office and 22,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of high bay lab space). The competing offer dropped out and OMIC is now in the lead to buy the property for \$4.2 million. The Board approved this with the limitation that no more than \$1,750,000 of OIT's funds be used. The balance will be paid by the Oregon Business Development Department. The legislature accepted the business plan for OMIC and approved the expenditure. Property appraisal, inspection, geotechnical analysis, radon testing, and sewer and power system inventories have all been arranged for the first level of due diligence on the property purchase which is 45 days.

The board will vote on whether to proceed with the secondary level of due diligence. The secondary level consists of obtaining agreements from all academic and industry partners and the developing OMIC entity which is 75 days. The board will vote to approve or deny the request to move forward. If the board approves, OMIC will close on the project in 30 days.

Boeing has created a dozen or so similar entities around the world, but this would be the first in North America. Scappoose was selected as a site due to relatively low land prices and proximity to their manufacturing plant in Gresham. If the board approves, Oregon Tech's portion will be taken out of the sale proceeds of the Harmony Road Campus.

**Q:** What is the potential revenue for Oregon Tech?

**A:** The sum of revenue will depend. Oregon State University and Portland State University have both committed to lease 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of space in the center. That revenue should pay the carrying costs – utility costs and site manager. If this site ends up similar to the Sheffield, England site, there could be a big play in real estate. It is 10 acres, with 11 acres for sale to the east worth about \$1.3 million. If this is similar to England, we might consider purchase of the property but there is no movement towards that idea right now, but it might be a good idea in the future.

There is also potential revenue from the applied research as it relates to this project. The money will be paid to OMIC, which has a committee that Oregon Tech will participate in. That board will potentially award grants to faculty and students doing research. There may be equipment rental revenue. Portland Community College is also building near the OMIC site, so there may be a potential influx of transfer students from PCC. Industry partners may develop additional classes that charge premium tuition. Any equipment relocated to the building by other universities will be available for our students to use.

### ***Cornett Hall Renovation and New Engineering Building***

Oregon Tech received \$10.9 million in bonds for this biennium from the legislature with \$785,000 institutional matching funds for a total of \$11.7 million to build a new engineering building. Dr. Kenton brought DiMella Shaffer, the architectural firm that produced the original plan for the engineering building, back to campus. With input from faculty and staff, they determined it would be better to renovate Cornett Hall before building a new building. Dr. Kenton asked for \$40 million in state funds and \$2 million from the Oregon Tech Foundation to build the new engineering building in Klamath Falls. This request was awarded in the first tier priority with agreement from the other six institutions. The student services building, rec center and the Boivin Hall renovation were awarded second and third tier priority, respectively. The HECC is evaluating this requests.

The \$11.7 million will be used to renovate Cornett. The architects have designed a corridor under the overhang along the courtyard for circulation. Elevators will be installed for access to the upper levels. The south end of the building will extend into the courtyard to be used as an assembly area for student projects. The electrical systems will be relocated out of the courtyard and other safety systems will be upgraded. DiMella Shaffer also drafted a conceptual plan for the proposed new engineering building at approximately 67,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. \$2-3 million would be reserved from the second round of awards to finish other renovations to Cornett Hall. The architects and department chairs believe that the renovation could be phased to occur without requiring swing spaces outside of Cornett.

Oregon Tech will need to grow to warrant an award for a new engineering building. Dr. Kenton will work with the deans to come up with enrollment targets to encourage growth.

**Q:** I didn't hear anything about earthquake retrofitting. Is that a consideration?

**A:** Yes. The retrofitting should be fairly simple designs. Earthquake, fire safety, asbestos, HVAC, energy efficiency, and electrical upgrades will all be considered.

**Q:** I am happy to hear we will be renovating Cornett Hall first. Is there any thought to making the new Engineering building accommodate more than Engineering?

**A:** I am assuming that once the engineering departments consolidate into Cornett, Purvine, and the new building, space will free up around campus for other departments. The former Student Health Center is being renovated to faculty offices.

**Q:** Is a Facilities Master Plan part of the new building efforts? Is there a place these decisions are being recorded?

**A:** The board is pushing for one. I am reluctant to start one without a provost and a president and hope that we can start one soon. Our plan is somewhat outdated and does not address issues like parking, which will only get worse when the new building is built to the west of Cornett on a current parking lot.

### ***OHSU and Sky Lakes Rural Health Initiative***

The board requested a presentation regarding the OHSU and Sky Lakes Rural Health Initiative at their June meeting. Dr. Kenton recently met with Paul Stewart about Oregon Tech's role in the initiative. Oregon Tech should increase involvement with the initiative since it is based in Klamath Falls and I am pleased to report that Sophia Nathenson is involved. Oregon Tech is in the process of hiring a consultant to assist in the doctorate of physical therapy program and accreditation. The Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) and the Marriage and Family Therapy programs will utilize the new building that OHSU and Sky Lakes are building.

There is room to expand the initiative in other ways. Workforce is typically an issue in rural health, so the idea is to educate and place workers in rural areas. Paul Stewart shared that roughly 80% of graduates from these programs are staying in rural areas. Both physical and mental health should be considered for expansion, as has been demonstrated by Dr. Neupert in social sciences. Dr. Kenton expressed his interest in creating additional new programs.

**Q:** I think there is a great opportunity for a larger dental clinic to accommodate rotations for the dental students in this rural health initiative. The dean is also interested in adding a general practice residency as well. Do you agree there is also opportunity to collaborate with the community college for a dental assisting program?

**A:** I would encourage you to work with Leann Maupin to develop these ideas further. MODA is closing their campus in La Grande, so there is likely room for growth.

**Comment:** For clarification, the dental hygiene program in La Grande was Oregon Tech's and the partners were MODA and Eastern Oregon University. MODA did not close the program, but requested termination of the partnership.

**Q:** You have requested that we take greater ownership in this initiative, but that is difficult to do without additional funds. Also, the DPT program may not necessarily be the best fit for rural health care needs, but rather the one that OHSU has the greatest interest in expanding. For instance, wouldn't the physician assistant program, which is a master's degree program, be a better fit for Oregon Tech? How do we go about obtaining a leadership position in that initiative?

**A:** We need to have a vocal representative at the table for this initiative. We also need to find money to start up those important programs. As far as I know, physical therapy is one of the most sought after jobs in Oregon. There are discussions about incorporating programs like the physician assistant into the initiative as well, but they are still in the infancy stages. Oregon Tech has only just begun to get involved.

### ***Student Recreation***

Oregon Tech asked the architecture firm about a student recreation center on the Klamath Falls campus. There are very limited offerings for student recreation currently, and areas like the tennis courts and swimming pool are sitting unused. The firm came up with several options to improve the situation. The first option is to build a student services center on the south end of the college union with a small recreation center for \$3 million. That option is very similar to the existing recreation center in the gym. The second option is to build a new recreation center north

of the college union, with a basketball court, a climbing wall, and weight center for \$10 million. The third option is to build option two on the east side of the college union which is the least favorable option.

The recent survey results showed that students preferred something be done with the existing facilities. One option is to fill in the pool, add a basketball court, and expand the weight-lifting and aerobics center downstairs for \$3 million. If the students vote to accept a \$30 per term charge for recreational fees, Oregon Tech would pursue the last option, with the addition of resurfacing the tennis courts. This referendum could go before the students in the fall. This could potentially work with the Blue Zones initiative. If we decided to fix the pool it would cost approximately \$1 million, with \$80-90,000 per year in maintenance fees.

**Q:** If you are concerned about the loss of the pool, would you consider a student/staff membership fee to use the City's pool facilities instead?

**A:** That is an option that has been discussed.

**Q:** Given that the students just lost their intramural field, instead of just looking at the tennis courts, is there an option to replace some of that lost field space?

**A:** That is the first I have heard of that, but it may be a possibility. Would that require totally removing one of the tennis courts?

**Q:** I don't know. It was just a thought since the courts are closer to the residences and the students lost their field.

**A:** We should consider it and should include it in the master plan when that is developed next year. We could investigate multi-purposing that area. I have heard interest in some sand volleyball courts and similar things. Many students comment that even their high schools have better facilities, so it is something that we should seriously consider.

**Comment:** There are a few suggestions I would make to the overall proposed alternative, but I would much rather see us use existing space than build new space and leave the old to fall into disrepair. Increasing access to a basketball court has been a student request for many years.

**Q:** Are students able to use the old football field for recreation?

**A:** Yes, the field and track are generally open. Additionally, the intent is to continue offering intramural softball on the new soccer field in the spring. A disc golf course would also be a relatively inexpensive recreational offering for the campus.

### ***Soccer Field***

The project broke ground after a 10-day delay. The intent is to complete the field by mid-August. There was significant rust and deterioration in the storm drain pipe on the south end of the field. Much of the galvanized pipe in the existing storm drain system may need to be replaced across campus. Oregon Tech received money from the legislature in February to replace the storm drain under the college union and replace the high voltage line from the north end of the college union

to the stadium. Most of the electrical system is direct buried line, which has deteriorated since it was placed in 1964.

There are increased efforts to beautify the campus by removing and replacing dead trees, planting more flowers, and fertilizing, seeding, and irrigating the grass more often. These efforts are aimed at attracting more students to Oregon Tech.

**Q:** Can we include building signage and maps? We need kiosks or other signs to tell people what departments and services are in each building.

**A:** Yes. Please send me a map with some potential locations for these kiosks. That sounds like a good idea.

### ***Convocation***

Graduation in 2017 will occur on June 17, which is two days after the faculty contract date. To correct this, faculty will report two days late in the fall, which is Saturday, September 17. Convocation is scheduled for September 20. Provost Burda sent out a memo regarding this change.

### ***Provost Transition***

The Provost will be gone from now until September. The Provost Leadership Team (PLT) will be filling in through that transition. The provost search will be delayed until the president's search is finalized so the new president can hire the new provost.

**Q:** Is there a plan among the PLT to assure that that the Faculty Notice of Appointment, which comes from the provost, will not be delayed this summer?

**A:** I believe human resources is planning to send notices of appointment at the end of June. Human resources also approached me about including a description of employee benefits, in addition to salaries, on those notices. I don't believe that will be done this year, but hopefully done next year.

### ***Erin Foley, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students***

Dr. Erin Foley announced that faculty members who nominated students for the Student Awards Banquet have a complimentary ticket. Faculty who wish to attend can purchase tickets from the alumni website.

**Q:** Are the complimentary tickets for completing any student nomination or just for completing the nomination of the student winners?

**A:** Anyone that completes any student nomination will receive a complimentary dinner.

Dr. Foley reminded staff of the New Wings Program schedule for the summer – June 17, July 22, August 19, and September 22. She asked department chairs and program directors to let the admissions office know who will be advising at each session so they can schedule appointments.

**Q:** Are there events in Wilsonville campus?

A: Not at this time.

Dr. Kenton announced that Chair Graham and Vice Chair Sliwa, will provide remarks on behalf of the Oregon Tech Board of Trustees during Convocation 2017.

Meeting adjourned: 3:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the President