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'We must follow a road map'

In the 1998 OU Update, President Russi offers a 'snapshot' of what's ahead

During the 1998 Oakland University Update on February 3, OU President Gary D. Russi cited where OU has been, highlighted accomplishments and offered a "snapshot" of what's ahead. The address, called *Becoming the Model University of the 21st Century*, focused on four key areas — Learner Centered, Technology Enriched,

Growing and Partnering for Success.

"OU is healthy, is growing in stature in the region and in the nation as a top-rate academic institution and is recognized as a university on the move, and as one that is responsive to the community it serves," Russi told about 200 OU colleagues in 201 Dodge Hall. "To reach a destination, we must follow a road map. That road map continues to be the OU Strategic Plan."

Russi also highlighted the following accomplishments at OU:

- New academic programs in 21 areas, most at the graduate level, since 1995
- New facilities such as the Honors College, the Science and Engineering Building, Pioneer Court, and classroom and energy systems upgrades (which has removed \$6.4 million from OU's deferred maintenance list)
- Strategic Plan and Technology fund projects, computer lab upgrades, building wiring and Banner training
- New partnership with Henry Ford Health System

Applied Technology in Business program, with 20 corporate sponsors



- Articulation agreements with community colleges and partnerships with Public School Academies
- Record enrollment growth
- Faculty growth from 373 in 1995 to 396 in 1997

"None of the successes the university has experienced the past three years could have been possible without the commitment and hard work of dedicated faculty, staff and students," Russi said. "Oakland's hallmark will be our commitment to produce liberally educated graduates, articulate in written and spoken word, as well as literate in the language of information technology, and ready to tackle the problems of the varied workplaces and global society."

"With our Strategic Plan and Creating the Future initiative as our guides, we will reach our goal of preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society."



What's ahead

Learner centered

- Undergraduate
BA in Women's Studies
- Graduate
MA in Liberal Studies
Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences: Biological and Cellular Communications
Ph.D. in Applied/Computational Physics
Ph.D. in Education — 3 specializations (pending OU Board of Trustees approval)
NCA reaccreditation
- Classroom upgrades
- Recreation and Athletic Center
- Division I-AAA
- Student residences
- Student Services Center
- SBA/Classroom/Information Technology Institute
- Animal Care facility
- School of Health Sciences facility

Technology enriched

- Network growth (high speed academic net and administrative net)
- Administrative Computer Systems (Banner)
- ID card
- Library Automation Project (Endeavor)
- All offices/classrooms connected

Partnering for success

- Creating the Future, including 280 community leaders and university faculty and staff on nine task forces (a celebration event is planned for June 13, 1998)
- Institute for State Government
- Capital outlay requests, including a \$23-million, 90,000-square-foot School of Education and Human Services Building; a \$13.5-million renovation of Varner Hall; and a \$6.5-million renovation of Dodge Hall

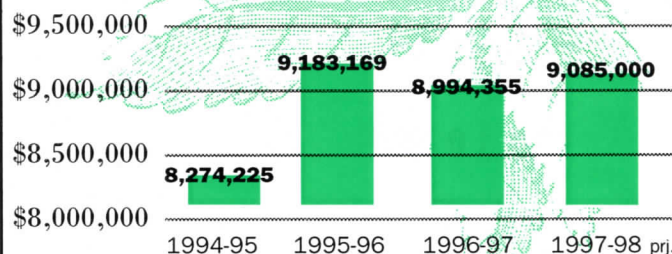
Growing

- 15,000 students by 2000
- 45 approved faculty searches (six are new tenure-track positions)
- 29 open staff positions (four are new)

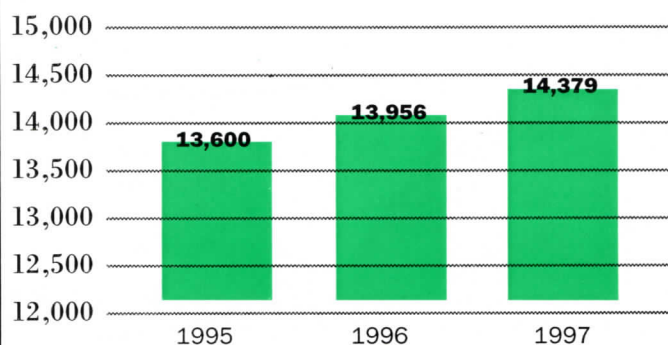
Selected accomplishments

Academic programs

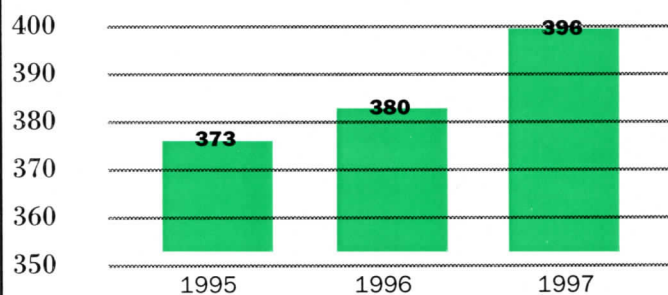
Total external funding



Student enrollment



Faculty employment



Staff employment

