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Reaction from the OU Board of Trustees

"The task forces members will represent a veritable Who's Who of Michigan opinion makers and business leaders. Their experience, expertise and innovation will serve OU well as we put this important initiative into action."

— Ann V. Nicholson

"This is a great moment in Oakland University's 40-year history. The marriage of Creating the Future with the university's strategic plan, along with the vital input of the community, will increase OU's visibility and vitality among the constituencies it serves."

— Dennis K. Pawley

"Creating the Future puts the university in a leadership position among Michigan's institutions of higher learning and will enable the university to enter the next millennium as an educational leader and trailblazer."

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Board of Trustees introduces bold new path to growth

Drawing from the Oakland University Strategic Plan 1995-2005, the OU Board of Trustees Thursday approved a bold initiative to establish the university as a comprehensive learner-centered, technology-enriched institution in the years to come.

The initiative — called Creating the Future — will focus on creating nine task forces comprised of community leaders and opinion makers. The groups will make recommendations on how best to strengthen and improve OU.

"This is the watershed moment in Oakland University's storied 40-year history," OU President Gary D. Russi says. "Creating the Future will position this great institution as the standard bearer for involving the community in the vital process of educating tomorrow's leaders. As we get set to enter a new century, we are poised on the brink of exciting new initiatives that will elevate this university to the next echelon of educational leadership."

Creating The Future Oakland University

Board of Trustees Chair Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr., says Creating the Future's focus on community partnerships gives OU a distinct advantage as an institution of higher learning.

"The involvement of community leaders, both those serving on the task forces and those advising from outside the university, will establish Oakland as an indispensable and responsive resource," he says.

Creating the Future will be based on the recommendations of the following newly-formed task forces:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Business Administration
- School of Education and Human Services
- School of Engineering and

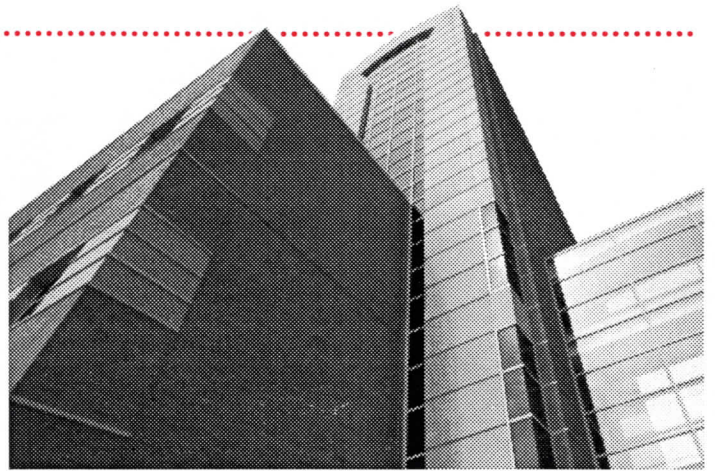
- Computer Science
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Nursing
- Information Systems, Library and Learning Resources
- Student Affairs and Campus Life
- Market Positioning and Visibility

Each task force will consist of a combination of community leaders and university officials. And each task force will present their recommendations to the Board of Trustees next spring. An event to celebrate the Creating the Future initiative will be held in June. OU's trustees will then meet to prioritize the recommendations into a final plan.

"I'm excited about Creating the Future, because it will enable us to fulfill our strategic plan of merging the university's strengths with the needs of the community," Russi said. "It's a forward-thinking plan that will focus Oakland University's resources on better preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society."

Creating the Future Timetable

Recruit task force chairs October 1997
 Recruit task force members Oct.-Nov. 1997
 Task force recommendation
 development meetings. Jan.-June 1998
 Task forces present recommendations
 to the OU Board of Trustees. June 1998
 Hold celebration event. June 1998
 OU Board of Trustees
 review recommendations Sept.-Dec. 1998



CREATING THE FUTURE MISSION STATEMENT

To fulfill the dream of truly becoming a comprehensive learner-centered, technology-enriched university and to best serve our students, Oakland University will develop task forces comprised of outstanding leaders to help the university build on the Strategic Plan and vision for the future.



Strategic Plan Implementation Indicators

