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BOT considers OC, food service proposals

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The board approved plans to renovate 4,000 square feet of the existing OC kitchen area and a 30,000-square-foot expansion of the building at its April 1 meeting. Duce Simmons Associates was selected as the design firm and is producing a schematic design, which will be available for review at the June 5 board meeting.

The proposed expansion includes a dining area/multipurpose space, a coffee shop/lounge, restroom expansion, catering space improvements, student organization and activity offices and event space, a 24-hour computer lab and lounge, and renovated and expanded kitchen and dining areas.

The board also was asked to consider a five-year contract with Chartwells food service management firm to provide residential and retail food services on campus. Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder presented the proposal, noting that initial negotiations were made with current provider, ARAMARK, but aspects of the offered program changed sufficiently to warrant opening discussions with Chartwells.

The proposed contract with Chartwells includes a provision for a capital investment of \$1.3 million, at least \$900,000 of which will be expended on the Oakland Center expansion. The remainder will be used to make cosmetic upgrades to Vandenberg Dining Hall and add a coffee shop service to the new School of Education and Human Services building. The overall financial plan would increase the residential room and board rate by 5.5 percent, or \$274. The current contract with ARAMARK expires June 30.

To read about the other items discussed at the board meeting, see the May 1 Board of Trustees meeting story.

The full meeting agenda, and most supporting materials, are available on the **Board of Trustees** Web site. All board meeting materials also are available for review in the Oakland University Board Office, 203 Wilson Hall. For more information contact Rhonda Saunders at (248) 370-3112 or saunders@oakland.edu.

SUMMARY

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