

## **OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS**

Agenda Item 6.6     Permanent Charter for Jefferson Community College

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3358.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Regents in Resolution 1995-20 did create, on September 23, 1994, on a five-year provisional basis, the Jefferson Community College District, to replace Jefferson Technical College District, to operate within the Jefferson County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3358.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Regents in Resolution 1995-68 did approve on February 17, 1995 the Official Plan of Jefferson Community College, and did attach the Plan to the provisional Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents did authorize and direct the Chancellor on February 17, 1995 to issue a provisional Charter for the operation of the College, effective through June 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Community College has expanded its mission through pre-baccalaureate associate degree programming while continuing its strong support of technical education; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Community College has demonstrated its firm commitment to providing high quality Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, assuring that students are moved assertively toward fulfillment of their educational objectives:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Chancellor is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board of Regents to issue a permanent Charter for the operation of the College.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Jefferson Community College**

#### Request for a Permanent Charter

In September, 1994, the Regents approved the creation of the Jefferson Community College District to replace the Jefferson Technical College District. A few months later in February 1995 the Board approved their Official Plan and authorized a provisional charter for the operation of Jefferson Community College. Regents approved a five-year provisional charter, rather than a permanent one, to ensure that Jefferson Community College would adhere to its pledge of a continuing commitment to strong technical education programs while simultaneously initiating high quality pre-baccalaureate or transfer degrees.

Status reports submitted to Regents' staff document Jefferson Community College's success not only in attracting students to college transfer programming but also in enhancing career/technical program offerings. Following its most recent North Central Association Comprehensive Evaluation in 1997, Jefferson Community College was granted a continuation of accreditation for a period of ten years.

Academic and Student Support. Academic and student support services have been added, including student assessment and orientation, transfer seminars, career and placement services, developmental education courses, a transfer office and on-line library and Internet services. The College has also moved to the semester system.

Articulation and Transfer. JCC has demonstrated a solid commitment to serving pre-baccalaureate students. Since converting to a comprehensive community college, JCC has formalized transfer agreements with Ohio University, Ohio State University, Franciscan University, Youngstown State University, and Franklin University, among others.

Degree Programs. Jefferson Community College has reinforced its commitment to technical programs through its strategic plan. The College has set as its goal that 70 percent of its degree programs would be technically/career oriented. Recent program additions include Early Childhood Development and Electrical Trades Technologies.

Fiscal and Human Resources. Through its strategic planning process JCC developed a methodology to identify the appropriate distribution of resources by comprehensively reviewing its program offerings and implementing a hiring plan that appropriately addresses both the general studies and technically-oriented staffing needs. JCC currently has 36 full-time faculty and is presently conducting national searches for three vacant positions.

After implementing an aggressive enrollment development plan JCC experienced a 9% headcount increase in the 1999-2000 academic year. In

addition, the unduplicated annual students enrolled for transfer increased from 369 in fiscal year 1994 to 642 in fiscal year 1999.

It is recommended that Jefferson Community College's request for permanent charter be approved.