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To: Campus Community

Subject : Campus U.S. Postal Service Mail Delivery

This letter is to inform the campus community of the United States Postal Service (USPS) service curtailment and delivery consolidation. Beginning on or around 11/14/2011, the USPS will reduce the number of campus sites it services for deliveries and pickups.

- The USPS will limit servicing to only five (5) locations at Oberlin College: the Oberlin College Mail Room (OCMR) at Wilder Hall, 101 North Professor, 39 West College, 50 West Lorain and 173 West Lorain.
- Oberlin College mail delivery to ALL locations will be consolidated to one (1) stop per location per workday (Monday through Friday).
- The Departments that meter mail will need to meter it for the day of pickup, which depending on the time of the metering could be the following work day.

As you may know the USPS continues to experience losses; actual and expected losses of \$7 to 8 billion this and last fiscal year. These losses are driven in great part by the declining use of the mail system. In 2006, USPS delivered 213 billion pieces of mail and 170.6 billion pieces in 2010. The USPS anticipates further decreases to about 168 billion pieces this year and 150 billion pieces in 2020.

The economic situation has necessitated closer scrutiny of all USPS network facilities and practices. The USPS has an obligation to pursue strategies and solutions that will mitigate the effects of the economy and electronic diversion. In examining the delivery practices for Oberlin College, it was found that local exceptions to delivery policy had crept in over the years. We have been informed the local USPS can no longer afford to maintain these additional deliveries and pickups. These are hard decisions but the USPS is trying to keep the Postal Service viable. If the USPS took no action, pressures to increase Postal rates rise. As rates go up, there is a corresponding decrease in use of the mail. Operating as efficiently as possible is an obligation the USPS owes to those who ultimately pay for their services.

Thank you,

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