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## New BOT chair, vice chair appointed

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Oakland University's Board of Trustees has a new chair and vice chair.

The board voted Sept. 11 to appoint Henry Baskin as chair and Penny Crissman as vice chair to serve in those positions for the next year.

Baskin has served on the Board of Trustees for the past six years. He was appointed to the board Aug. 14, 1996. His term expires Aug. 11, 2004. Crissman has served on the board for the past three years. She was appointed to the board Aug. 6, 1999, and was reappointed March 6, 2001. Her term expires Aug. 11, 2008.

"There is a dedication to quality, which we intend to preserve," Baskin said after thanking his fellow board members for the appointment. "We plan to stay dedicated to students and faculty."

Baskin is an attorney and principal of Henry Baskin, P.C., and "of counsel" to Clark Hill, P.L.C., in Birmingham. He serves as chair of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission and is a commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan. He serves as co-chair of the State Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee, chair of the State Bar Judiciary Committee and chairs Governor John Engler's Domestic Violence Task Force.

Baskin is the founder and member of the Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Family Law Section.

Crissman, a lifelong resident of Rochester, is the government relations director of Crittenton Hospital. She retired from the Michigan House of Representatives, where she served the 45th District from 1993-1998. Previously, she served as council member for the City of Rochester from 1985-1993 and mayor from 1989-1992. She rejoined the council in 1999. She has received a number of awards and tributes for her years of community and civic service.

Crissman and her husband, Charles, have supported Oakland University through the President's Club since 1983 and are members of the President's Council Society.

"I will be proud to serve as vice chair," Crissman said. "When I talked to the governor about my interest in serving on this board, I felt this was a fast-moving university that had much to offer and is considered a gem within the area."

Baskin replaces Ann Nicholson, who served as chair the past two years and who recently was reappointed to the board to serve for the next eight years, until Aug. 11, 2010.

In his remarks following his appointment, Baskin thanked Nicholson for all her work as chair.

"It has been my wonderful pleasure to do this job," Nicholson said.

Crissman replaces Louise Grech-Cumbo as vice chair. Grech-Cumbo's term expired Aug. 11, 2002. Dennis Pawley, an OU alumnus and former member of the Board of Trustees, recently was appointed by Governor Engler to replace Grech-Cumbo on the board.

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