

Minutes
of the
Special Meeting
of the
Oakland University
Board of Trustees
November 25, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Interim President George T. Matthews at 5:15 p. m. in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center.

Present: Vice Chairman Ken Morris, Trustees David Handleman, Patricia B. Hartmann, David B. Lewis, Alex C. Mair, and Arthur W. Saltzman

Absent: Trustees Richard H. Headlee and Marvin L. Katke

Mr. Morris stated that the special meeting was called by Mr. David B. Lewis, Chairman of the Presidential Selection Committee, to authorize a closed session in connection with the presidential search process. Mr. Morris requested that Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 8 subparagraphs (f) and (h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes a closed session commencing at 5:25 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 1980, for the following purposes:

- A. To review the specific contents of certain applications for appointment to the office of President of Oakland University, such applicants having requested that their applications remain confidential.
- B. To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under Section 13 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.243, as information of a personal nature regarding the candidates for appointment to the office of President of Oakland University, the public disclosure of

which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the applicant's privacy and the need for confidentiality of which outweighs the public's right to knowledge thereof.

Mr. Lewis moved that the resolution be approved. Mr. Saltzman seconded the motion.

Ms. Gail De George, Editor of The Oakland Sail, asked for recognition to voice her objection, for the record, to the closed meeting. She inquired as to "how and when the Board intended to let the university community know of its decision concerning a president." Ms. De George stated that the presidential selection was "vital" to the university community.

Mr. Morris replied that there are certain legal conflicts involved. One of these is an individual's right to privacy. Moreover, there is also the fundamental question of protecting an individual's right to continue to earn a livelihood. Mr. Morris believed that the law provides this entitlement and protection to the candidates. Mr. Morris assured Ms. De George that her feelings and objections would be duly noted.

Ms. De George asked if, when the final selection is made, the Board would answer questions as to the process by which its final decision was reached.

Mr. Morris answered that so long as the confidentiality of any individuals who were not the final choice was protected, he believed there would be no objection to respond to her question.

Mr. Lewis added that most, if not all, of the processes were already known since this is public information.

Mr. Handleman stated that Oakland University's Board of Trustees is uncommonly committed to the welfare of the university and to that end the members of the Board have dedicated considerable time and energy.

The question was called. Mr. Morris stated that the Open Meetings Act requires the approval by roll call vote of two-thirds of the Board members appointed and serving. Mr. Morris asked Mr. De Carlo to take the following roll call vote:

Trustee Handleman	-	"Approve"
Trustee Hartmann	-	"Approve"
Trustee Lewis	-	"Approve"
Trustee Mair	-	"Approve"
Trustee Morris	-	"Approve"
Trustee Saltzman	-	"Approve"

The motion was approved by all of the Trustees present which constituted a two-thirds majority of the members of the Board appointed and serving.

Mr. Mair moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Hartmann seconded the motion which was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present. The special meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to permit the Board to meet in the authorized closed session.

Approved,

John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Ken Morris, Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees

Date _____