

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
May 5, 1994**

Present: Chairman James A. Sharp, Jr.; Trustees Andrea L. Fischer, David T. Fischer, David Handleman, Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr., Stephan Sharf, and Howard F. Sims

Absent: Trustee Larry Chunovich

Chairman James A. Sharp, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Consent Agenda

President Sandra Packard presented the following recommendations:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 1994**
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 14, 1994**
- c. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Closed Meeting of April 14, 1994**
- d. Recommendation to Accept Gifts and Grants to Oakland University and the Oakland University Foundation for the Period of March 1 to March 31, 1994**
- e. Approval of Amendments to the Administrative-Professional Assembly Constitution**

Ms. Catherine J. Rush, President of the AP Assembly, submitted the following recommendation:

The Board of Trustees has acted to approve internal constitutions in order to obtain the input and recommendations of faculty, staff, and students on matters relating to the programs of the university, but has retained for itself the full authority to it by law; it is therefore

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding any provision of the proposed constitution the Board of Trustees reconfirms its legal authority to grant, modify, and rescind

internal constitutions when the Board determines such action to be in the interest of the institution or required to comply with its legal obligations; and,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees under the conditions set forth above authorizes the implementation of the amended constitution entitled Constitution of the Administrative-Professional Assembly. That document is enclosed with the agenda item and carries the date of March 28, 1994.

(The approved document is included with the file copy of the minutes as Exhibit A.)

Trustee Andrea L. Fischer, seconded by Trustee David T. Fischer, moved approval of the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

President's Report

President Packard presented certificates to Chairman James A. Sharp, Jr. and Trustee David Handleman from the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities as nominees for the 1994 Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship. The certificates recognize their contributions to Oakland University and the practice of voluntary citizenship and trusteeship in higher education. She stated that the university is fortunate to be the recipients of their wisdom and counsel and to know that their contributions are appreciated nationally.

The President reported that four other members of the university community were recently recognized by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities. They are faculty members Dr. Brian A. Connery, Assistant Professor of English, and Dr. Venkat N. Reddy, Director of the Eye Research Institute, and students Mr. David M. Martin and Ms. Lisa McRipley.

President Packard announced that the Ford Motor Company has funded a proposal to support the School of Engineering and Computer Science for \$750,000 over a three-year period. The fund will assist in equipping and supporting the lab, faculty projects, and graduate students in the new Science and Technology Building.

The President stated that under a plan that has been proposed by the House Higher Education Subcommittee, state funding may be based on Carnegie Foundation categorization. Based on data from 1989, 1990, and 1991, when Oakland granted an average of 8.67 doctoral degrees per year, the Foundation categorized Oakland as a Masters Comprehensive I institution. More recently, Oakland has produced sufficient doctoral degrees to be categorized as a Doctoral II institution, which would carry increased funding. Therefore, in an effort to change Oakland's category to Doctoral II, intensive lobbying was performed on behalf of the

university, and President Packard contacted Dr. Ernest Boyer, President of the Carnegie Foundation, requesting a review of the data for the Carnegie classification. Dr. Boyer has just responded:

I understand that the number of doctorate level degrees conferred more recently by Oakland University is higher than the figures we used in our study. According to our definitions, Doctoral II universities offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education with a doctorate. There were at least 10 doctoral degrees in three or more disciplines each year. Given the data from the last three academic years, Oakland University would qualify for inclusion in the Doctoral II category....

The President stated that the letter provides evidence to state legislators that Oakland University appropriately belongs in the Doctoral II category.

President Packard announced that Dr. John K. Urice, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has accepted the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at Illinois State University. She recognized his creative and dynamic leadership to the college during challenging economic times.

The President also announced the resignation of Dr. Paul E. Hartman, Director of Athletics for health reasons. She commended him for his legacy of building both excellent scholars and athletes and acknowledged the past year as the most successful athletic season in Oakland's history.

President Packard stated that during April the School of Business Administration was reaccredited and that the Accounting program has received initial accreditation both by the American Assembly of Colleges and Schools of Business. At the President's request, Dr. George Stevens, Dean of the School of Business Administration, made a brief presentation on the reaccreditation issue.

President Packard reported that last month she and Dr. Gerald Pine, Dean of the School of Education and Human Services, Dr. Ronald Cramer, Chairperson of the Reading and Language Arts Department, and Mr. Li Ledong, a doctoral student at Oakland University in the Reading Program, visited China. At the President's request, Dean Pine reported on the trip.

Approval of Third Year Negotiated Settlement with AFSCME Local 1418

Mr. Paul E. Bissonnette, Vice President for Finance and Administration, stated that the university and AFSCME Local 1418 have reached a tentative agreement on a third-year

opener of the 1991-93 collective bargaining agreement. The union membership ratified the agreement on April 30, 1994. The settlement was consistent with the economic guidelines set by the Board. Mr. Bissonnette presented the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the negotiated third year settlement of the Agreement between Oakland University and AFSCME Local 1418, November 1, 1990 - October 31, 1993, as set forth in Exhibits A and B.

(A copy of Exhibits A and B dated April 25, 1994, is included with the file copy of these minutes as Exhibit B.)

Trustee Howard F. Sims, seconded by Trustee David Fischer, moved approval of the recommendation.

Trustee Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr. noted a typographical error on page 3 of Exhibit A, subparagraph H, where the date "May 1, 1986," appeared instead of "May 1, 1996." Mr. Willard C. Kendall, Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations, stated that the error would be corrected.

The motion was unanimously carried with the correction of the error.

Replacement of University Telephone Switch

Dr. Gary D. Russi, Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated that at Board request additional information and an analysis of leasing versus purchasing a university telephone switch was presented to the University Affairs Advisory Committee. After considerable discussion at the committee meeting, the following resolution was recommended for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorize the university to enter into an agreement with Rolm for the acquisition of a new telephone system, either through a direct purchase, or through a lease agreement with Rolm or another lessor, and to enter into a five-year agreement with Rolm for the maintenance of the system. If the Vice President for Finance and Administration determines, with due consideration to present value analysis and equipment residual value, that financing the system by lease agreement will be economically more advantageous, the university is authorized to enter into such a lease agreement. The purchase price or the present value of the lease price shall not exceed \$883,000. The university shall report the decision to the Board of Trustees at the June meeting.

Trustee Sims, seconded by Trustee David Fischer moved approval of the recommendation.

In response to an inquiry posed by Trustee Andrea Fischer, Dr. Russi stated that the new telephone switch will be configured with 3,000 lines, but will accommodate 3,500 lines. He added that the configuration will permit the university to increase to 10,000 lines in the future.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Dates for 1994-95

Chairman Sharp announced that the recommendation concerning a 1994-95 Board meeting schedule was being withdrawn pending further analysis.

Trustee Sims, seconded by Trustee David Fischer, moved adjournment of the meeting, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,



Rhonda G. Saunders
Administrative Assistant
Board of Trustees

James A. Sharp, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Trustees