

**Minutes of the Formal Meeting  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
December 6, 2000**

**Present:** Chair Ann V. Nicholson; Trustees Henry Baskin, Robert C. Cooper, Penny M. Crissman, David J. Doyle, David T. Fischer, Louis Grech-Curnbo and Rex E. Schlaybaugh

**Also Present:** President Gary D. Russi; Vice Presidents Louis Esposito, Lynne C. Schaefer and Mary Beth Snyder; Acting Vice President Geoffrey C. Upward; General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi; and Administrative Assistant Rhonda G. Saunders

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Ann V. Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

### **II. President's Report**

President Gary D. Russi reported the following information:

- Mr. Ray Mora and Ms. Bonnie McNeill were recognized as the October and November Employees of the Month, respectively.
- Dr. Anahid Kulwicki, Associate Professor of Nursing, was recognized for being the Principal Investigator on funded projects totaling nearly \$4 million. Her first funded grant in 1989 was for the study of AIDS in the Arab community. The majority of Dr. Kulwicki's research has focused on the Arab-American community, where she studied such health related topics as domestic violence, healthcare perceptions of Arab women, access to healthcare for Arab-Americans, cardiovascular and diabetes risk, AIDS and STD prevention, and family planning. She is a prolific author and an internationally known speaker who has presented scholarly papers all over the United States and in Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, the Netherlands and Canada. With respect to community service Dr. Kulwicki was invited by Governor John Engler to help establish the Neighborhood Partnership Initiative. She has long been active with the Arab

American Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) and the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit. She is also the only nurse to serve on a committee to study the responsible collection and use of genetic samples sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Kulwicki was recently given the Harmony Award by the Michigan Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and she was also honored by the Michigan HIV/AIDS Council.

- Dr. Norman Tepley, Professor of Physics, Director of Medical Physics and Scientific Director of the Neuromagnetism Laboratory at Henry Ford Hospital, was recognized for his research involving measurements of magnetic fields arising from the electrical activity of the human brain that are used to better understand epilepsy, migraine, stroke, dyslexia and sleep. His lab is one of only a handful in North America to have a state-of-the-art whole head neuromagnetometer. Dr. Tepley's research is supported by the National Institutes of Health. In August 2000, he was invited to present a talk titled "Two Dimensional Inverse Imaging," at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Biomagnetism in Helsinki, Finland. This project, done in collaboration with Dr. John Moran, a postdoctoral researcher in Professor Tepley's group, has resulted in a novel method for re-constructing brain images from magnetoencephalographic measurements. Dr. Tepley and his collaborators have led the way in Michigan in use of their whole-head neuromagnetometer to identify and evaluate sites in a patient's brain where surgery might be performed to alleviate epilepsy. In contrast to all previous reliable diagnostic procedures, the one employed by Dr. Tepley is completely non-invasive. For his pioneering research, Dr. Tepley recently received an award from the Michigan Epilepsy Foundation that reads "For bringing help and hope to people with epilepsy."

- The university community was invited to the annual University Holiday Reception on December 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

Chair Nicholson thanked President Russi for his report and congratulated the honorees for their accomplishments and commendable service to the university.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Lynne C. Schaefer, Vice President for Finance & Administration, presented the following treasurer's report:





































