

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
April 15, 2008**

**Present:** Chair Dennis K. Pawley; Vice Chair Jacqueline S. Long; and Trustees Penny M. Crissman, Monica E. Emerson, David T. Fischer, Ann V. Nicholson, and Ganesh V. Reddy

**Absent:** Trustee Henry Baskin

**Also Present:** President Gary D. Russi; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Susan Davies Goepf, Virinder K. Moudgil; and Mary Beth Snyder; General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi and Assistant Rhonda G. Saunders; and Student Liaisons Samir R. Hanna and Aaron L. Kochenderfer

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Dennis K. Pawley called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in the Auditorium of Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

**B. Roll Call**

Mr. Victor A. Zambardi, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all of the Board members were present except Trustee Henry Baskin.

**C. Reports**

**Ad-Hoc Academic Program Enhancement Committee**

Chair Pawley presented the Ad-Hoc Academic Program Enhancement Committee Report .

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. John W. Beaghan, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report as set forth in the agenda item.

**Annual Diversity and Affirmative Action Plan Report**

Ms. Joi M. Cunningham, Director, University Diversity and Compliance, presented the Annual Diversity and Affirmative Action Plan Report as set forth in the agenda item.

**Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble Status Report**

This item was tabled at this time.

**D. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action**

**Consent Agenda**

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**University Personnel Actions**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions below.

**I. Emeritus Appointments**

Shantz, David W., Professor Emeritus of Psychology, effective April 15, 2008.

**II. Faculty Promotions**

The faculty bargaining agreement requires that certain reviews for possible promotion be completed by April 15. The following recommendations are made by the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost:

**Optional Promotions – Effective August 15, 2008**

**Associate Professors with tenure considered for promotion to full Professor:**

Cole, Natalie B.	English	Promote
Hansen, James T.	Counseling	Promote
Roth, Bradley J.	Physics	Promote
Sheridan, Karen F.	Music, Theatre & Dance	Promote
Stein, Mary T.	Teacher Development & Educational Studies	Promote
Yang, Lianxiang	Mechanical Engineering	Promote
Zhang, Wen	Mathematics & Statistics	Promote

**III. Change of Status**

Downing, David J., from Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Academic Administration and Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences to Associate Professor of Mathematics, effective February 26, 2008.

#### **IV. Administrative Promotions**

Awbrey, Susan M., from Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education to Senior Associate Provost; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Susan M. Awbrey and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Black, Rochelle A., from Director of Government Relations to Vice President for Government Relations; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Rochelle A. Black and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Moudgil, Virinder K., from Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Virinder K. Moudgil and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Otto, Mary L., from Dean of the School of Education and Human Services to Vice President for Outreach; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Mary L. Otto and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Snyder, Mary Beth, from Vice President for Student Affairs to Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Mary Beth Snyder and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Zambardi, Victor A., from General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees to Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Victor A. Zambardi and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by retained outside legal counsel for Oakland University prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the Board of Trustees.

**Acceptance of Gifts to Oakland University for the Period of January 1 through February 29, 2008**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts to Oakland University identified in the attached Gift and Pledge Report, Attachment A, for the period January 1 through February 29, 2008.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of January 1 through February 29, 2008**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the attached Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of January 1 through February 29, 2008.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Final Undergraduate School and Graduate School Reports**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Final Undergraduate School Report and the Final Graduate School Report, each dated December 15, 2007, that were presented to the Board of Trustees.

(A copy of the Final Undergraduate School Report and the Final Graduate School Report, each dated December 15, 2007 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Acceptance of Meadow Brook Subdivision Financing Guarantee Report**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the Meadow Brook Subdivision Financing Guarantee Report dated April 15, 2008.

Trustee Penny M. Crissman, seconded by Trustee David T. Fischer, moved approval of the Consent Agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**E. New Items for Consideration/Action**

**Commendation of Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award**

Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented the Commendation of Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award as set forth in the agenda item.

**Commendation of Alfred G. Wilson Award to Mr. Christopher M. Fecek**

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Christopher M. Fecek for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Christopher M. Fecek for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

**Commendation of Matilda R. Wilson Award to Ms. Nichole D. Piggott**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Nicole D. Piggott for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Nicole D. Piggott for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

**Commendation of Human Relations Award to Ms. Mia C. Evans**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Mia C. Evans for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Mia C. Evans for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

Trustee Crissman, seconded by Trustee Monica E. Emerson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Appointment of Dean of the School of Business Administration**

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Appointment of Dean of the School of Business Administration as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board appoints Dr. Mohan R. Tanniru to the position of Dean of the School of Business Administration and Professor of Management Information Systems with tenure, effective April 15, 2008; pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Employment Agreement between Mohan R. Tanniru and Oakland University, which Employment Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution by the President, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Trustee Ganesh V. Reddy, seconded by Trustee Ann V. Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Ancillary Activities Operating Budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**

Mr. Beaghan called on the respective administrators to present the Ancillary Activities Operating budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009, as set forth in the amended agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the budgets for Campus Recreation, Graham Health Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland Center and University Housing for the year ending June 30, 2009, with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the expense total for each unit summarized on the Appendix I presented to the Board of Trustees, except as next set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenditures and transfers beyond the approved expense total must have the prior approval of the President or his designee and these amounts will be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the budgets for Lowry Early Childhood Center and Meadow Brook Theatre for the year ending June 30, 2009 were tabled for review and discussion at a later date.

Trustee Reddy, seconded by Trustee Crissman, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Disposition of August 2007 Delayed Appropriation Payment**

Mr. Beaghan presented the Disposition of August 2007 Delayed Appropriation Payment as set forth in the amended agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the allocation of the delayed State appropriation payment in the amount of \$4,764,454 to the student payment and projects as described in the Attachment 1 presented to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Crissman, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Plymouth Venture Partners at Oakland University Capital Investment Fund**

Dr. David A. Spencer, Interim Executive Director, SmartZone Development, presented the Plymouth Venture Partners at Oakland University Capital Investment Fund as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Interim Executive Director for SmartZone Development to execute a contract to provide services to Plymouth Management Company in connection with its capital investment fund. The contract term shall not exceed 10-years, and all other terms and conditions shall be in all material respects as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel prior to execution, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Trustee Reddy, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was approved with one abstention by Trustee Fischer.

**F. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board**

There were no other items presented to the Board.

**G. Adjournment**

Chair Pawley adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

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Victor A. Zambardi  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Dennis K. Pawley  
Chair, Board of Trustees