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Reports highlight Board of Trustees meeting

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The treasurer's report highlighted performance in three key areas: general fund budget, pooled cash investment and endowment investment. All three areas showed either savings or growth.

A diversity initiatives special interim report was presented, which detailed new initiatives under way to recruit minority candidates for faculty and staff.

The annual purchasing report was submitted for the board's consideration. The report contained the results of an audit of purchase orders between \$2,500 and \$10,000.

The annual energy report was presented and showed that energy costs increased slightly, chiefly because of elevated natural gas prices.

OU President Gary Russi singled out two employees for their outstanding dedication to Oakland University. They were:

- July Employee of the Month – George Preisinger, assistant vice president for Classroom Support and Instructional Technical Services;
- August Employee of the Month – Donna Searight, administrative secretary for the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil presented two faculty members with Faculty Recognition Awards. They were:

- Shawn Lombardo, associate professor at Kresge Library;
- Barbara Penprase, associate professor in the School of Nursing.

Five items that will be presented for board action next month were briefly introduced. They were:

- annual financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2004;
- an honorary degree for crime writer Elmore Leonard;
- appointment of Kenneth Hightower as the dean of the School of Health Sciences;
- appointment of board members for public school academies;
- east campus telecommunications network project.

The next meeting of the **Oakland University Board of Trustees** will be a formal session on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m. in Elliott Hall Auditorium.

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