Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University
Board of Trustees
May 28, 1975



The meeting was called to order by Mr. O'Dowd at 8:15 p.m. in Lounge II of the Oakland Center.

Present: Chairman Saltzman and Trustees Adams, Carr, Lewis, Katke and Schwartz

## Approval of Minutes of April 23, 1975

Mrs. Adams offered a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 1975. Mr. Lewis noted an omission on Page 18 with regard to his abstention from voting on the resolution for a room and board increase. Mrs. Adams then moved for the approval of the minutes as corrected to include a reference to Mr. Lewis' abstention. Mr. Katke seconded the motion and it carried.

## Approval of Personnel Actions

Mr. O'Dowd recommended that the following personnel actions be approved:

### Appointments

Cary, Ellen A., part-time 10-month Visiting Instructor in Nursing, effective August 15, 1975 through August 14, 1976

Grimes, Luther Nichols, full-time 10-month Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, effective August 15, 1975

Matlock, Odis L., part-time 10-month Adjunct Clinical Instructor in Nursing, effective August 15, 1975 through August 14, 1977

Matlock, Virginia Helen, part-time 10-month Adjunct Clinical Instructor in Nursing, effective August 15, 1975 through August 14, 1977

Morgart, Robert A., full-time 10-month Visiting Assistant Professor of Education, effective August 15, 1975 through August 14, 1976

Nag, Asish Chandra, full-time 10-month Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, effective August 15, 1975

Piehl, Evelyn J., full-time 10-month Instructor in Nursing, effective August 15, 1975

Scott, Gifford G., part-time Adjunct Professor of Physics, effective August 15, 1975 through August 14, 1977

Wilson, Diane R., full-time 10-month Instructor in Nursing, effective August 15, 1975

Zainie, Carla M., full-time 10-month Assistant Professor of Art History, effective August 15, 1975

Changes of Status

Clatworthy, F. James, from Associate Professor of Education to Associate Professor of Education and Chairman, New Charter College, effective April 23, 1975 - August 15, 1975

Covert, Nancy, from Assistant Professor in the Library, Assistant to the Dean and Acting Associate Dean for Technical Services to Assistant Professor in the Library and Assistant to the Dean of the School of Nursing, effective July 1, 1975

DeMont, Billie, from Assistant Professor of Education and Behavioral Sciences and Assistant Provost to Assistant Provost (AP-10), effective August 15, 1975

Hamilton, Barbara, from Instructor in Learning Skills to Instructor in Learning Skills and Acting Chairman, Department of Learning Skills, effective April 24, 1975 - June 22, 1975

Merz, Mildred Hammill, Collections Development Librarian and Visiting Assistant Professor, a change in salary effective November 18, 1974 (Departmental factor not computed in salary rate for Ms. Merz on original appointment form dated October 22, 1974.)

Payne, Robert G., from Associate Professor of Education to Associate Professor of Education and Chairman, Department of Teacher Education, effective August 15, 1975

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Leaves of Absence

Hughes, James. W., Professor of Education, leave of absence from August 15, 1975 through August 14, 1977, with no pay.

Lougheed, Jacqueline I., Associate Professor of Education, sabbatical leave from January 5, 1976 through April 23, 1976, with full pay

Wu, Yel-Chiang, Associate Professor of Mathematics, sabbatical leave from August 28, 1975 through April 23, 1976, with half pay

Resignation

Csiffary, Sylvia M., Instructor in the Library and Assistant Acquisitions Librarian, effective August 14, 1975

It was moved by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Saltzman, that the personnel actions be approved. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants to the University

Mr. O'Dowd requested acceptance of the gifts and grants and approval of the stock transactions set forth below:

I. Grant in support of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Engerson Memorial Award in Vocal Music:

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| Engram, Alice, Birmingham | $ 750.00 |

II. Grant in support of the Farmington Branch of American Association of University Women:

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| Farmington Branch of American Association of University Women, Franklin | 1,840.00 |

III. Grant in support of the General Scholarship Fund:

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| National Merit Scholarship Corp., Evanston, Illinois | 100.00 |

IV. Grant in support of the Matthew Lowry Memorial Fund:

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| Bethany Weekday Nursery, Pontiac | 10.00 |

V. Grants in support of the Alumni Association:

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| Chrysler Corporation Fund, Detroit (Matching gifts of Messrs. Robertson and Tonkin) | 20.00 |

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| Ford Motor Company Fund, Dearborn, (Matching gift of Mr. Robert Heiney) | 20.00 |
| Ford Fund Educational AID Program, Dearborn, (Matching gifts of Messrs. Durrett, Perkins, Pike, Schwark, and Verellen) | 135.00 |
| Occidental Petroleum Charitable Foundation, Inc., Los Angeles, California, (Matching gifts of Messrs. Arrington, and Joyce) | 35.00 |

VI. Grant in support of the Discretionary Gift Fund:

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| Metropolitan Detroit Chevrolet Dealers, Detroit | 1,500.00 |

VII. Grant in support of the Kresge Library - Glyndebourne Picnic:

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| Celanese Coatings Company, Detroit | 416.65 |

VIII. Grants in support of the Kresge Library:

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| Chrysler Corporation Fund | 140.00 |
| Herd, Mrs. John, Rochester | 10.00 |
| Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. James C., Farmington Hills | 15.00 |
| Johnson, Mrs. Earle F., Orchard Lake | 50.00 |
| Schornstein, Ms. Miriam Buck, Birmingham | 10.00 |

IX. Grant in support of Meadow Brook Hall - Matilda's Card Party:

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| Miscellaneous Donors | 678.66 |

X. Grants in support of the Meadow Brook Music Festival:

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| General Motors Corp., Detroit | 10,000.00 |
| Trumbull Foundation, Bloomfield Hills | 1,000.00 |

XI. Grant in support of the Meadow Brook Village Mall Project:

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| Macdonald, Mr. & Mrs. Ray W., Grosse Pointe Shores | 510.00 |

XII. Grants in support of the Annual University Fund Drive:

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| Forbes, Ronald J., Rochester | 25.00 |
| Forbes, William C., Pontiac | 200.00 |
| Stevens, G. Don, Bloomfield Hills | 36.50 |

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XIII. Grants in support of Departments, Staff, Schools, and Colleges:

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| Leukemia Society of America, Inc. New York, N.Y., under the direction of Dennis M. Callewaert of the Department of Chemistry, to be used in support of the Special Fellowship Program, "Mechanisms in Cellular Immunity." Period of Performance: July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1977 | 31,000.00 |
| Michigan Heart Association, Southfield, under the direction of Professor Norman Tepley of the Physics Department, to be used in support of the program entitled, "Magnetic Fields Associated with Heart Action." Period of Performance: July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976 | 7,750.00 |
| National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, under the direction of Dr. Arun K. Roy of the Department of Biology, Indirect Cost related to "Hormonal Control of 2U Globulin Synthesis in Liver." | 11,330.00 |
| National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, under the direction of Dr. Joseph D. Hovanesian of the Engineering Department, Indirect Cost related to "Use of Moire Technique to Measure Corneal Topography." | 11,000.00 |
| National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. under the direction of Professor Ronald A. DeVore of the Department of Mathematics, to be used in support of the project entitled, "Degree of Approximation." Period of Performance: May 1, 1975 to October 31, 1976 | 8,200.00 |
| National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., under the direction of Professor Paul Tomboulian, of the Department of Chemistry, to be used in support of the program entitled, "Undergraduate Research Participation." Period of Performance: February 15, 1975 to May 31, 1976 | 8,970.00 |

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| Research Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Harmon of the Department of Chemistry, to be used in support of the program, "Studies on Closed Polyhedral Molecule-Anion Complex Species." Period of Performance: May 1, 1975 to April 30, 1976 | 1,600.00 |
| United States Office of Education, Washington, D.C., under the direction of Manuel Pierson, Dean for Student Services, to be used in support of the 1975-76 Special Services for Disadvantaged Students Program. Period of Performance: July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976 | 120,000.00 |
| XIV. A gift of miscellaneous equipment in support of the Meadow Brook Music Festival from the Kerbawy Company, Detroit. Estimated value | 315.00 |
| Total Gifts | $217,666.81 |

## REPORT ON STOCK TRANSACTIONS

| | Date Received | Date of Sale | Proceeds | Net Proceeds | Comm. & Taxes |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Ray W. Macdonald 5 shares of Burroughs Stock to the Meadow Brook Village Mall Project on May 8, 1975; value of stock at date of gift was $102 per share ($510). Net proceeds at date of sale, May 12, 1975 was $498.61 | 5/8/75 | 5/12/75 | $529.38 | $498.61 | $30.77 |

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IRENE C. WELLOCK TRUST

| No. of Shares | Description | Value at Date of Gift Dec. 10, 1974 | Proceeds at Date of Sale May 12, 1975 | Net Proceeds | Comm. & Taxes |
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| 17 | Abbott Laboratories | $ 779.88 | $ 1,245.25 | $ 1,210.71 | $ 34.54 |
| 65 | Carrier Corporation | 471.25 | 828.75 | 798.34 | 30.41 |
| 80 | Chrysler Corporation | 610.00 | 860.00 | 828.98 | 31.02 |
| 30 | General Foods Corporation | 521.25 | 693.75 | 668.23 | 25.52 |
| 300 | General Motors Corporation | 11,437.50 | 13,500.00 | 13,292.73 | 207.27 |
| 75 | " " | | 3,365.63 | 3,313.81 | 51.82 |
| 200 | Hercules Inc. | 6,994.00 | 6,700.00 | 6,581.86 | 118.14 |
| 69 | " " | | 2,302.88 | 2,262.12 | 40.76 |
| 29 | International Business Machines | 4,988.00 | 6,311.13 | 6,224.58 | 86.55 |
| 30 | Kresge S. S. Company | 663.75 | 888.75 | 858.73 | 30.02 |
| 60 | Manufacturers National Corp. | 1,155.00 | 1,575.00 | 1,536.60 | 38.40 |
| 80 | Middle South Utilities Inc. | 1,040.00 | 1,130.00 | 1,094.97 | 35.03 |
| 20 | Mobil Oil Corp. | 677.50 | 795.00 | 767.18 | 27.82 |
| 60 | Southern Company | 562.50 | 645.00 | 619.33 | 25.67 |
| | TOTAL | $29,900.63 | $40,841.14 | $40,058.17 | $782.97 |

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Mr. Lewis moved that the gifts and grants be accepted with gratitude. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr and carried.

Recommendation to Include an Elementary Education Concentration in the MAT Program in Mathematics

Mr. O'Dowd recommended that the MAT program in mathematics be extended to include an elementary education concentration. He stated that the request had developed through the appropriate channels with approval from the Graduate Council, the School of Education, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Obear reported that the University currently offers an M. A. T. in Mathematics in the area of secondary education, therefore, the proposal was not a request to institute a new masters level program but to add a new concentration to the existing area of elementary education.

Mr. Carr asked for confirmation by Mr. Obear that the request for such a program came from elementary school teachers in the area and also resulted from the Board's interest in developing graduate programs. Mr. Obear stated Mr. Carr's assumption was correct.

Mr. Carr moved that the MAT program in mathematics be extended to include an elementary education concentration. Seconded by Mr. Katke, the motion carried.

Revision of Board Policy Regarding Student Publications

Mr. O'Dowd recommended to the Board that the policy on student publications be amended to a more traditional style.

He stated that the current Board policy, carried over from the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, prohibits University assistance of any kind for student publications. If this pattern is to continue, student publications will not be able to exist on the Oakland campus. The students have made enormous efforts to generate support and nurture publications in the past six year period; however, none of the independent student publications were able to maintain financial stablility for any period of time.

Mr. O'Dowd stated that the administration recommends to the Board that a new policy be adopted which will provide limited support to publications. This policy would give the student publication operational independence, but at the same time expose the University to some potential liability. Most universities offer support to student publications and operate with the understanding that there may be some liability. Only the older and more heavily endowed universities operate totally independent publications.

Mr. O'Dowd recommended adoption of the following policy:

The Oakland University Board of Trustees believes that independent student publications are a vital feature of the university community. In order to maintain editorial freedom, student publications must be independent of the university. However, if they are to exist at all in this university, a degree of assistance must be extended to student publications. In order to provide assistance, the Board authorizes the president to establish specified business relationships between the university and independent student publications. As a condition of such relationships, the publications must clearly state that the university is not responsible for the financial operations or editorial policies of the publication.

The Board authorizes the president, at his discretion and under such administrative regulations as he may deem appropriate to:

1. Rent space in university buildings to student publications for a nominal fee.

2. Permit student publications to purchase supplies and services and to use university accounts in the same manner as other student organizations.

3. Establish business relationships of subscription services, advertising, and contracted news space for university departments and programs between the university and student publications.

4. Authorize faculty and staff members to assist student publications with technical advice and guidance.

It is understood that the president may utilize one or more of the above mechanisms to foster the growth and development of student publications, but the president is not required to use these mechanisms if such assistance in his judgment does not serve the best interests of the university. For the purpose of definition, this policy should include student newspapers, literary magazines, and other print media.

Mr. Schwartz inquired about the extent of University support and the benefit gained by the students by the change.

Mr. O'Dowd responded that University assistance would consist primarily in staff advising.

Mr. Coffman stated that one of the principle benefits would be the convenience in utilizing the University's supplies and services account, thereby saving the students up to 20 to 30% on purchases.

Mr. Jack Wilson, Dean for Student Life, stated that it was not financial support that was being sought, but guidance on bookkeeping and accounting procedures.

Mr. Saltzman questioned whether the University would remain completely free of editorial policy. He stated that the language of the proposal was unclear and suggested that it be clarified.

Mr. Wilson responded that the University would not be involved in editorial policy but through faculty and staff contact there would be some indirect involvement. The intent is to allow editorial freedom.

Mr. O'Dowd stated that the minutes should clearly reflect this conversation that the University will not be involved in editorial policy.

Mr. Lewis moved that the Board revise existing policy regarding student publications by adopting the recommendations of the President. Mr. Saltzman offered the second and the motion carried.

Review of Request from Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (PIRGIM) to Amend Policy on Collection of Student Organization Fees during Registration

Mr. O'Dowd stated that the Student Affairs Division has recommended the following amendment to the policy adopted by the Board on October 18, 1972, concerning the collection of student organization fees:

> Upon meeting the requirements set forth in the policy, the Registrar will include in the printed schedule appropriate information on the student organization. The printed schedule will include the entire Board policy governing the fee collection

process in order to adequately inform the total student body of the University's policy. In addition to the summary information on the organization in the schedule, a "yes" box will be included for the students to specifically check their willingness to voluntarily contribute the stated amount. The form must be signed and returned to the Registrar's Office so that the voluntary contribution may be recorded on the fee assessment card.

Collection of student organization fees will be subject to the procedures and methods of registration and fee assessments adopted by the University in any given semester.

Student organizations eligible to utilize the fee collection procedure will be charged for all costs of collecting the fee.

Mr. Coffman also recommends that the provisions of paragraph 11 be amended as follows:

Student organizations authorized to utilize the fee collection procedure at registration must receive voluntary support from a minimum of 25% of the student body (excluding spring and summer) each semester in order for the fee collection privilege to be continued as a part of the registration process.

Mr. O'Dowd summarized that in 1972 the Board of Trustees did not wish to include the name of an organization on any official University registration documents and, in addition, required that the student group have the support of at least 33 1/3% of the students in two consecutive semesters in order to continue to have their fee collected during registration. The only group which has taken advantage of the collection fee process is PIRGIM. This organization is requesting an amendment to the policy in view of their inability to meet the 33 1/3% requirement. The administration is recommending an amended policy which would require that 25% of the student body support the activity in order that it may continue. Mr. O'Dowd stated that he endorsed the recommendations set forth by Mr. Coffman.

Trustee Lewis expressed the desire to hear from PIRGIM representatives regarding the administration's recommendation.

Mr. Roy Phillips, student president of PIRGIM, called upon Professor F. James Clatworthy for a presentation.

Professor Clatworthy stated that he recognized the administrative problems involved in the collection fee process, but expressed a desire for a mutually developed recommendation by the parties. He called to the Board's attention a letter which was sent directly to the Board. (The letter was not received by the Office of the Secretary and is, therefore, not a matter of record.) He requested that the Board table Mr. Coffman's motion in order to provide additional time to consider the use of the op-scan registration process by PIRGIM. In addition, it was his opinion that there were different minimum support percentages at other universities and that there should be some reconsideration at Oakland University of its current standard.

Ms. Marian Anderson, Lansing Legislative Director of PIRGIM, requested recognition. She distributed some PIRGIM publications to the Board of Trustees indicating a desire to inform the Board of the quality of the organization's work. She stated that students provide 99+% of the funding for PIRGIM and the organization was controlled by students. She gave a brief outline of legislative activities in Washington and requested the Board's consideration for the PIRGIM position.

Mr. Roy Phillips, chairperson of PIRGIM at Oakland University, was recognized. He informed the Board that the PIRGIM activity by students was on a volunteer basis with some course credit. The organization has been engaged in a review of banking services, automobile maintenance practices, grocery store prices, compliance with truth-in-lending act, and ambulance service. He stated that unless the guidelines were modified PIRGIM would no longer exist at Oakland University. He stated that the problems that PIRGIM encountered in the collection fee process related to the op-scan system during registration since it required reading through the schedule and finding the appropriate references and making the necessary checkmark on the form. In addition, the minimum support (33 1/3%) requirement guidelines were originally established without student fee collection experience. He concluded that the support percentages were not attainable. In addition, the economy has had an impact on the collection of the fee along with the high percentage of commuter students at Oakland University. He recommended that the ban on utilizing official University registration forms be rescinded and that the minimum support criteria be 15% over two calendar years.

Mr. O'Dowd called upon Mr. Coffman for an explanation of the registration system. Mr. Coffman distributed to the Board a folder containing all of the registration forms and reviewed the process.

Mr. Lewis stated that he desired more time to fully consider the issue due to the complexity of the matters raised. He suggested that the recommendation be tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lowell Ruggles, Registrar, informed the Board that there was a critical time factor since the class schedule must be at the printers by June 9. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of inserting the registration forms in the University schedule. Mr. Ruggles indicated that this was not feasible since the registration card would fall out of the newspaper-type schedule when distributed.

Mr. Coffman stated that to avoid the problems expressed by Mr. Ruggles the recommendation of utilizing a page in the schedule setting forth information on PIRGIM with a checkbox would be the solution.

Mr. Carr observed that upon considering the comments expressed at the meeting there should be some mechanism for working out the differences between the parties.

Mr. John Lawton, president of the University Student Congress, requested recognition and stated that there were two other student organizations interested in utilizing the collection fee process. If one student organization is to be permitted to use the University registration process then all of the organizations that qualify should be permitted. He stated that the recommendation by Mr. Coffman for the utilization of the current schedule with an explanation and a checkbox would be acceptable.

Mr. Phillips stated that Pirgim could accept the position of not resolving the change in policy at this time in order to develop a compromise solution if his organization would be permitted to continue the current process for the fall registration.

Mr. Carr made a motion that the recommendation to amend the policy be referred back to the administration and that University and student representatives develop an appropriate procedure for the collection of student organization fees at registration. The procedure should then be presented to the Board for review. In addition, he recommended that PIRGIM be permitted to utilize the current University procedures for fall registration without regard to the minimum support requirement.

Mr. Saltzman stated that it should be understood by all parties that the recommendation submitted by Mr. Carr does not change current University policy.

Mr. Carr concurred that his resolution does not alter current policy. The University policy will be revised when the administration and students work out a mutually satisfactory recommendation for consideration by the Board.

Mr. Lewis supported Mr. Carr's resolution. Mr. O'Dowd requested the opportunity to summarize the impact of the resolution as follows:

1. The University is authorized to continue to collect funds consistent with the existing Board policy and rules in that official University registration forms will not be utilized.

2. PIRGIM will be authorized to collect fees during the fall semester registration even in the absence of meeting the minimum support criteria.

3. It is understood that the parties will make an effort to resolve their differences on the minimum support requirement; however, if this is not accomplished then the failure to resolve their differences will also be reported to the Board.

Mr. Schwartz summarized the action of the Board by stating that the action waived the minimum percentage requirement for the fall term. The administration and the students will return with another recommendati to the Board.

Mr. Carr observed that the thrust of the motion was to provide an opportunity for the parties to resolve their differences.

Mr. Schwartz stated that it should be understood that the willingnes of the Board to cooperate in this issue is not related to the question of the quality of the PIRGIM program. This action is an attempt to respond to what appears to be a need by a substantial group of the students.

The motion was voted upon and adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd asked if there were any further comments from the Board or the audience.

Miss Patricia Perrell asked to be recognized. She stated that she was representing the transfer students interested in the Nursing program. These students are concerned over the fact that they have been given no definite guidelines on admission to the nursing program in the fall. She stated that the students have only been told that 200 of the 300 pre-nursing students participating in the program will be admitted, and that a 3.0 grade point average is required. Miss Perrell expressed concern that the transfer students would not be given the same consideration as the other pre-nursing students and requested that a designated number of positions be reserved.

Mr. Obear replied that Professor Moon J. Pak responded at a previous Board meeting a few months ago to the issue of student selection for the pre-nursing program in the absence of Dean Geraldene Felton. Professor Pak is a member of the selection committee comprised of nursing faculty and faculty from other programs associated with pre-nursing, which is developing selection criteria. He stated that to his knowledge the selection process has not been completed.

Mr. Obear suggested that students should contact him the next day after he has had an opportunity to confer with Professor Pak or Dean Felton.

Mary Sue Shagena asked to be recognized. She stated that she also felt transfer students were not being given equal consideration.

Mr. Obear again indicated that he would be pleased to discuss the situation with the transfer students after he has had an opportunity to check into the matter.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved,

John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Arthur W. Saltzman, Chairman
Board of Trustees

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