Minutes of the Meeting of the Oakland University Board of Trustees October 14, 1987

Present: Trustees Donald Bemis, Larry Chunovich, Phyllis Law Googasian, David Handleman, Ken Morris, Stephan Sharf

Absent: Trustees Patricia Hartmann and Howard Sims

Chairman David Handleman called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. in Lounge II of the Oakland Center.

Approval of the Minutes of September 9, 1987

Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved to approve the proposed minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

Area Hall Council Student Representative Report Regarding Proposed Visitor and Guest Regulation for Residence Halls

Chairman Handleman called on Ms. Deborah Ciupak, Area Hall Council President, who had requested permission to address the Board.

Ms. Ciupak thanked the Board for hearing the students' concerns regarding the proposed Visitor and Guest Regulation for Residence Halls which has not yet been presented to the Board for review.

The following is a paraphrase of the presentation made by Ms. Ciupak. (First person narrative is retained for ease of reading.)

> I would like to inform you of how the residence hall students feel regarding the Residence Halls Guest Policy which is under consideration. What does the University administration hope to accomplish in changing a policy that has been in effect for seventeen years and has proven workable?
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> We understand that there have been a number of complaints from students and parents, yet last year only three of 1,650 students had concerns that were presented to the Director of Residence Halls. If the number of complaints received reflects the amount of complaints last year, is there really a problem, or are students merely progressing through normal developmental experiences?

We also understand that the administration is of the opinion that there should not be pressure for a roommate or suitemate to make a decision on allowing guests or visitors to remain overnight. As adults, we welcome the opportunity to make those choices. As President Champagne stated in his address to the Senate and Faculty:

> Our students come to us for two principal reasons: to become prepared for life and to become prepared for careers. The latter is the predominant preoccupation of most entering students, and it is not until later in life that the former is recognized as really the critical dimension of the undergraduate collegiate experience. We must meet both needs if we are to be true to society as a whole, and to our students specifically.

The residence halls provide a living, learning and growing experience. Opportunities for growth, such as decision-making and interpersonal relationships, should not be taken away.

The students are offended that the proposal assumes, by the emphasis of a gender distinction, that the only purpose for hosting a visitor or guest of the opposite sex is to participate in an immoral activity. It appears that the University is attempting to mandate morals. The morals we follow have been instilled in us by our parents since childhood.

We would like to know why the residence hall students were not informed about the proposed policy until months after its development. We would also like to know why there is a distinction between guests and visitors in the policy. We believe that any person should be allowed to remain overnight in a residence hall when hosted by a residence hall student. The Residence Halls House Policy Committee has compiled a list of questions which will be submitted to Mrs. Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, Vice President for Student Affairs.

The Area Hall Council Student Rights Committee conducted a survey of the residence hall students. The statistics were compiled on the basis of 664 responses. Some of the results are as follows: 98 percent of the students felt their privacy and freedom of choice would be invaded if the proposal became a policy; 90 percent of the students feel the halls are secure so a Nightwatch program is not necessary; 60 percent of the students concur with the present policy; the students do not feel that a gender distinction should be made in the proposed policy. The results of the survey indicate that the peer pressure the policy is supposed to alleviate is obviously not felt by the majority of students.

The residence hall students welcome the opportunity to make choices and to develop as mature, responsible individuals. We ask you to accept our decisions, and if necessary, to educate us about those decisions. If there is a fear by the administration and the Board that sex is occurring in the residence halls and that life-threatening diseases are spreading, then we ask that you educate us about those diseases. Writing a policy is like shutting the door and walking away. If there is a problem, education, not policy, is the key to solving that problem.

The University Congress recently passed the following resolution which is signed by myself as Area Hall Council President and all of the House Council presidents.

> WHEREAS, the students of Oakland University are adults; and
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> WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of adults to make rational decisions; and
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> WHEREAS, there has been an underlying negative assumption that entertaining guests of the opposite gender implies that one is engaging in an immoral activity; and
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> WHEREAS, the implementation of the proposed Residence Halls Guest Policy would be a gross infringement on an individual's rights; now, therefore be it
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> RESOLVED, That we are highly concerned and strongly alarmed that this University is considering denying Oakland students the right to make rational decisions concerning who they may associate with and have as guests in their residence; and, be it further

> RESOLVED, That at the recommendation of our organizations, the University administration should reevaluate its desire to implement this proposed guest policy.

The residence halls students encourage you to evaluate and accept the proposal currently in effect that was submitted by the students last spring.

Chairman Handleman thanked Ms. Ciupak and stated that the Board would take the students' concerns into consideration.

Recommendation to Accept Gifts and Grants to Oakland University

Mr. David Rodwell, Vice President for External Affairs, stated that the gifts and grants to Oakland University for the period of July 11, 1987, through July 28, 1987, totaled $889,230.75. Mr. Rodwell also reported that the gifts and grants for the period of July 29, 1987, through September 4, 1987, totaled $681,019.50.

Trustee Googasian, seconded by Trustee Morris, moved to accept the gifts and grants to Oakland University with gratitude. The motion was unanimously carried.

Information Report on Gifts and Grants to Oakland University Foundation

Mr. Robert Swanson, Vice President for Developmental Affairs, stated that the gifts and grants to the Oakland University Foundation for the period of July 11, 1987, through July 28, 1987, totaled $35,635.00, and gifts and grants for the period of July 29, 1987, through September 4, 1987, totaled $49,573.50.

Trustee Chunovich, seconded by Trustee Morris, moved to accept the gifts and grants report. The motion was unanimously carried.

Faculty Personnel Actions

Mr. Keith Kleckner, Senior Vice President for University Affairs and Provost, made the following recommendation:

Appointment

Jacobs, Sheila M., Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems, effective August 15, 1987 (new)

Kheir, Naim A., Professor of Engineering, effective December 1, 1987 (new) and Chair, Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering, effective December 1, 1987

Kulwicki, Anahid, Assistant Professor of Nursing, effective August 15, 1987 (replacing a permanent faculty member)

Liu, Keh-Chung, Assistant Professor of Engineering, effective August 15, 1987 (visiting position converted to permanent position)

Rosenshein, Joseph S., Clinical Associate Professor of Physics, effective August 15, 1987, through August 14, 1989 (new appointment to an honorary position)

Change of Status

Bhatt, Bhushan L., from Associate Professor of Engineering and Acting Associate Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science, to Associate Professor of Engineering and Associate Dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science, effective August 15, 1987

Clatworthy, F. James, from Associate Professor of Education to Associate Professor of Education and Associate Dean, School of Human and Educational Services, effective August 15, 1987

Jackson, Glenn A., from Professor of Engineering to Professor of Engineering and Acting Chair, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, effective August 25, 1987, through August 19, 1988

Rusek, Andrzej J., from Associate Professor of Engineering to Associate Professor of Engineering and Acting Chair, Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering, effective June 29, 1987, through November 30, 1987

Leave of Absence

Bryant, William C., Associate Professor of Spanish, leave from January 4, 1988, through December 16, 1988 (with half pay)

Kingstrom, Paul O., Associate Professor of Management, leave from August 25, 1987, through April 27, 1988 (with no pay)

Susskind, Norman, Professor of French, leave from January 4, 1988, through April 27, 1988 (with full pay)

Resignation

Krammin, Mary Ann, Assistant Professor of Nursing, effective August 28, 1987

Maor, Eli J., Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences, effective August 24, 1987

Trustee Bemis, seconded by Trustee Morris, moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recommendation for Approval of Degree Candidates - August 21, 1987

Mr. Kleckner stated that he was pleased to present the degree candidate list for Oakland University students who have completed their work during the Summer, 1987, term. Mr. Kleckner made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the Degree Candidates list dated August 21, 1987.

Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Replacement of High Temperature Hot Water Service to the Kresge Library

Mr. Robert McGarry, Vice President for Finance and Administration, stated that the high temperature hot water line that services the Kresge Library has deteriorated and must be replaced. The new service will be installed toward the latter part of the Kresge Library Addition project after the mechanical system modifications and additions in the project are complete. Mr. McGarry added that Oakland University has received a special maintenance lump sum allocation in 1986-87 from the State to be used to fund the replacement of the high temperature hot water supply. He requested approval to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed $201,000 as set forth in the materials submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. McGarry made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of Michigan to award a contract, in behalf of Oakland University, for the replacement of the high temperature hot water service to the Kresge Library as a part of the Kresge Library Addition project.

Trustee Bemis asked if the agreement to award this contract would be an alternate or an addendum to the Kresge Library Addition project. Mr. McGarry responded that the contract was being bid as an alternate.

Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, and General Counsel, stated that the bids for the Library Addition project have already been received. The high temperature hot water service was bid as part of the Library Addition project, since to do so would be more efficient and less expensive, and would facilitate construction.

Trustee Bemis, seconded by Trustee Morris, moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

1987-88 Operating Budget

Mr. McGarry stated that the State Legislature has approved a 1987-88 appropriation for Oakland University of $31,906,982, a 6.71 percent increase over 1986-87. Included in the appropriation are an increase of $7,872 for State line items, a 5.63 percent economic increase, and a one-time enrollment based appropriation of $316,517. In addition, the University will receive oil overcharge revenue of $141,600 originally appropriated in 1986-87 and $39,684 for 1987-88. Converted to the University's fiscal year, the total amount to be recognized is $31,576,572, a 6.99 percent increase over 1986-87.

Mr. McGarry stated that on May 18, 1987, the Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase effective Summer 1987 term which was expected to provide $1,091,976 in additional revenue to the general fund. When combined with increased tuition and fees due to a change in the student mix, this represented an approximate 7 percent budgeted increase in tuition and fee revenue for 1987-88. Subsequent analysis shows that the result of the increased rates is actually $1,236,991. However, a reduction has been projected in FYES from 9,700 in the 1986-87 budget to 9,600 in the 1987-88 budget with a resultant erosion of $180,000 to the tuition base. In addition, a change of mix (a smaller percentage of graduate students and a greater percentage of credit by examination) will result in a net reduction of $156,752 in the tuition base. The fees budget is being raised slightly by $2,889. The net result is an increase in tuition and required fees of $903,128.

Mr. McGarry then made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the 1987-88 General Fund Budget at an expenditure level of $53,520,397.

Trustee Bemis, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved to approve the recommendation.

Trustee Morris stated that he believes that as tuition continues to increase, more people are denied the opportunity to pursue an education. He added that the Board has an obligation to find other means of funding besides tuition increases to enable people to pursue higher education.

Chairman Handleman stated that the Board members appreciated Trustee Morris' comments, and they were aware of his concern. Chairman Handleman added that he wished there was some way in which to meet the needs of the institution without a tuition increase.

The motion was then submitted to vote. Trustees Bemis, Chunovich, Googasian, Handleman, and Sharf voted to approve the motion. Trustee Morris abstained from voting. The motion was approved.

Approval of 1988-89 Operating Budget Request for Submission to the Executive Office of the State of Michigan

Mr. McGarry stated that each fall the University is asked by the State to submit its request for annual operating needs for the following year. The required documents for 1988-89 were submitted to the Board of Trustees for review. The request includes program revision needs as well as consideration for economic factor requirements to meet inflationary and employee compensation costs.

The projected expenditure level including all factors is $59 million which is approximately $5.3 million greater than the estimated budget for 1987-88. Funding would only come from an increase in appropriation. No tuition increase is considered. The request must be submitted no later than November 2, 1987.

Mr. McGarry made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the 1988-89 Operating Budget Request to the State of Michigan in the amount of $58,786,000.

Trustee Googasian, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Capital Outlay Budget Request - 1988-89

Mr. McGarry stated that each year the Michigan Department of Management and Budget invites the University to submit a request for Capital Outlay funding for specific projects for the following fiscal year. The University's request for 1988-89 includes eleven projects, of which six are being requested for the first time.

Mr. McGarry made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the 1988-89 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, as follows:

I. Construction Program (over $500,000)

A. Programming & Planning

1.	Science and Technology Center	$26,244,000
2.	Science Laboratory Service Facility	615,200
3.	Maintenance Vehicle Storage Building	610,000
4.	Classroom Office Building	14,610,000

B. Complete Plans and/or Begin Construction

5.	Library	$7,000,000

II. Request for Lump Sum Allocation ($50,000 to $500,000)

A. Remodeling and Additions

1.	Administration and Risk Management and Purchasing Department Addition (to Public Safety and Services Building)	$317,000
2.	Grounds Maintenance Vehicle Storage Building	248,000
3.	Air Condition Hannah Hall	470,000
4.	Modify Existing Structures to Comply with State and Federal Handicapped Accessibility Codes	306,000

B. Special Maintenance

1. Replace Air Conditioning at Public Safety Services Building $63,000

2. Repair and Replace Exterior Entrances and Doorways 81,000

Trustee Bemis, seconded by Trustee Morris, moved to accept the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Amendments to University Student Congress Constitution

Mrs. Wilma Ray-Bledsoe stated that the student body has passed a referendum regarding amendments to the University Congress Constitution. The intent of the first constitutional amendment is to allow the annual election to be held at an earlier time so that in the event of an invalidation of the election, a second election may be held prior to final exam time. The intent of the second constitutional amendment is to increase the number of Elections Commission members in order to provide more people to work on the elections. Both amendments will increase the flexibility and efficiency in University Congress election procedures.

Mrs. Ray-Bledsoe made the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, A student referendum has been held to amend the University Student Congress Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The referendum vote approved amendments to Article IV, section vi, and Article VIII, section iii, to read as follows:

Article IV, Membership and Election, section vi - "The University Congress elections shall be held no earlier than the fourth Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in October and no later than the second Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in November."

Article VIII, Committee Structure, section iii - "An Elections Commission which shall consist of seven members . . . ."; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees ratifies the aforementioned amendments to the University Student Congress Constitution.

Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Introduction of Guests

Chairman Handleman recognized the presence of Mr. Douglas Fraser, former President of the UAW, who had just completed a presentation to Distinguished Professor G. Mennen William's leadership class. Chairman Handleman noted that the Board was honored that Mr. Fraser and Professor Williams were present at the meeting and, more importantly, that they had made themsevles available to instruct students.

Trustee Morris stated that he was delighted to see his former colleague, Mr. Fraser, and Professor Williams, and he commended Professor Williams for asking Mr. Fraser to speak to his class.

Discussion on the Status of Squirrel Road

President Joseph E. Champagne stated that Chairman Handleman established an *Ad Hoc* Committee to work with the University administration on the development of roads surrounding the University. The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Roads has asked the administration to contact the City of Auburn Hills to acquire specific information about the City's proposed development of Squirrel Road. The City is proposing that Squirrel Road eventually will have to be developed into a six-lane boulevard commencing at Walton Boulevard and extending southward to a proposed interchange at M-59. There is a strong possibility that University land will be involved for right-of-way, grading easements and construction easements. The Committee recognizes that it is important to solve the traffic congestion problems that are going to soon be very severe because of the development of the Technology Park. The Committee also recognizes the City's interest in making Squirrel Road a major north/south artery. The Committee would like to know from the City what alternatives there are for an appropriate alignment that would minimize the use of University land. President Champagne stated that he would keep the Committee and the Board advised of developments in this matter.

Other Items

Chairman Handleman congratulated Trustee Bemis on the successful millage and bond campaign he conducted in the Utica Community School District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Submitted,

John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Approved,

David Handleman, Chair
Board of Trustees