

Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University
Board of Trustees
November 19, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Interim President George T. Matthews at 7:35 p.m. in Lounge II of the Oakland Center.

Present: Chairman Richard H. Headlee, Trustees Patricia B. Hartmann, David B. Lewis, Alex C. Mair and Arthur W. Saltzman

Absent: Trustees David Handleman, Marvin L. Katke and Ken Morris

Information Items

Oakland University Alumni Telefund - The annual Alumni Telefund resulted in 2,477 pledges for \$45,065. Last year 1,913 individuals pledged \$31,985. (The amount actually collected was \$24,016 from 1,440 donors.) Messrs. Ronald L. Barr, Director, Alumni Relations, and William W. Connellan, Director of Public Relations and Information Services, were congratulated by Mr. Matthews for their successful telefund.

Mime Ensemble - "Jeririgg," a special production of Oakland University's Mime Ensemble, is being screened this evening by USO representatives for possible selection for a USO overseas tour. The mime show is also the university's entry in the American College Theatre Festival. The festival judges recommended "Jeririgg" for USO viewing.

President's Trio - Three Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians have been appointed as the "President's Trio of Oakland University." The initial concert is December 6, 1980 at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. The trio is an effort to "bridge" the performing arts and teaching programs. Each trio concert during the year will feature at least one guest artist who is a member of the Oakland University music faculty. Trio members are Misha Rachlevsky, violin, Paul Silver, viola, and David Saltzman, cello.

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 1980

Mr. Matthews requested approval of the minutes for the October 15, 1980 meeting of the Oakland University Board of Trustees. Mr. Lewis offered a motion for approval of the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Mair. The motion was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Mr. Matthews requested the Board's acceptance of gifts and grants totaling \$178,170. (A copy of the complete list of gifts and grants is on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees and the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs.)

Mrs. Hartmann moved that the gifts and grants be accepted with gratitude. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion which was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Approval of Personnel Actions

Mr. Matthews presented the following personnel actions for the Board's approval:

Faculty Personnel ActionsChanges of Status

Assefa, Zewineh, from Instructor in Management to Assistant Professor of Management, effective August 15, 1980

Brooks, Richard W., from Associate Professor of Philosophy to Associate Professor of Philosophy and Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy, effective January 5, 1981 through April 29, 1981

Lilliston, Lawrence G., from Associate Professor of Psychology to Associate Professor of Psychology and Acting Chair, Department of Psychology, effective January 5, 1981 through August 19, 1981

Schwartz, Nathan H., from Instructor in Political Science to Assistant Professor of Political Science, effective December 1, 1980

Changes of Status (Continued)

Stransky, Alfred W., from Associate Professor of Education (academic year basis) to Associate Professor of Education and Director, Exercise Physiology Laboratory (twelve month basis), effective January 1, 1981

Leave of Absence

Merz, Mildred H., Assistant Professor in the Library, leave from November 12, 1980 through August 14, 1981

Recommendations from Employee Relations DepartmentAcademic Affairs

Department of Biological Sciences
Reclassify budget position #400514 from Laboratory Research Technician I, salary grade C-7 to Laboratory Research Technician II, salary grade C-9.

Source of funds: An externally funded grant which will not commit general fund resources.

Business Affairs

Voucher Audit Department and Office of Cashier
Establish budget position #400279, Senior Cashier/Business Office, salary grade C-7, in lieu of budget position #400279, Cashier/Business Office, salary grade C-5.

Source of funds: An increase in the general fund budget allocation (as supported by student tuition and the State appropriation).

Campus Affairs

Physical Plant
Eliminate budget position #400149, Office Assistant III, salary grade C-8.

Reclassify budget position #400150, Office Assistant I, salary grade C-6, to Office Assistant II, salary grade C-7.

Physical Plant (Continued)

Source of funds: A transfer of general fund budget allocations within existing approved budget levels. No increase in the total budget allocation.

Public RelationsOffice of Computer Services

Reclassify budget position #300291, Senior Systems Analyst, AP-VI to Senior Systems Analyst, AP-VII.

Source of funds: The reclassification of this position will result in no additional cost per annum.

Establish budget position #300556, Senior Systems Analyst, AP-VII.

Source of funds: Adjusted preliminary 1980-81 general fund budget as approved by Board of Trustees on August 20, 1980.

Mrs. Hartmann moved that the personnel actions be approved. Mr. Headlee seconded the motion which was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Approval of 1981-82 Operating Budget Request

Mr. Matthews stated that he wished to briefly update the Board members as to the university's budget position. He noted that there were more State fiscal problems than had been anticipated when the 1980-81 budget was presented to the Board in the summer. The original budget was based on the assumption that the State would not increase its appropriation to Oakland University over 1979-80. A tuition increase of approximately 13 percent was approved in May, 1980. In addition, cost cutting actions were implemented which resulted in savings of about \$1,200,000.

The current recommendation of the Governor requires Oakland University to pare an additional \$910,000 from its operating budget. Mr. Matthews said the administration has diligently surveyed the situation and thought that several areas had been identified which might provide the required \$910,000 savings for 1980-81. It is not possible to predict at this time what 1981-82 will bring.

Mr. Matthews added that unhappily the administration is of the opinion that it will be necessary to increase tuition again for the winter and spring semesters of this academic year. He was uncertain as to how much will be required. However, Mr. Matthews believed that it was possible to raise approximately \$150,000 in revenue from an increase in tuition. In addition, a variety of savings programs will be implemented, such as, not moving into O'Dowd Hall during this fiscal year, along with a moratorium on new hires. These measures would save about \$120,000 and \$315,000, respectively. Travel budgets will be restricted, conserving about \$65,000. Equipment budgets and library purchases will be severely restricted, producing savings of about \$175,000.

In addition, enrollments will not be increased for the first time in many years. The intent is to cap enrollment at 9,700 FYES. Mr. Matthews noted that the university must maintain a "certain faculty/student ratio to assure a quality educational program and to meet the terms of the faculty agreement." Therefore, it is anticipated that there will be the same number of students and faculty. Mr. Matthews stated that if cutbacks in manpower and equipment are extended over a prolonged period of time, eventually the quality of education would be affected. Where that "pressure point is remains unknown", but steps shall be taken to monitor the situation. Mr. Matthews summed up conditions by saying that it is not a pleasant future to contemplate; that the economy of the State is in serious trouble, but that the university will do its best to survive. The various unions on campus were apprised of these matters at a meeting held this afternoon. The various representatives were asked to effect as many savings as possible, to make suggestions and to communicate with the administration when there were questions.

Mr. Matthews noted that the foregoing remarks were background information in connection with the agenda budget item. He stated that each fall Oakland University submits its annual operating budget request to the Executive Office of the State of Michigan as directed in detailed instructions furnished by the Department of Management and Budget. Mr. Matthews stated that this is a routine that must be followed since the administration knows it will not receive anything near its request. However, it is important to be on record as to the needs of the university. Mr. Matthews said Oakland University was not asking for very much considering inflation, economic factors and unfunded enrollment growth over the last three years. Mr. Matthews hoped that when "times were better" adequate funding would be provided by the State. Mr. Matthews then presented the following recommendation for the Board's approval:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approve the 1981-82 operating budget totaling \$36,085,614 as described in detail in the budget request material dated November 19, 1980 submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lewis moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Headlee seconded the motion which was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Ms. Bruna Jakub, a student, inquired if the 1981-82 budget request would be the same as 1980-81 in which there had not been any increase of State aid.

Mr. Matthews replied that the 1981-82 request is known as the Program Revision Request to the Governor and the Department of Management and Budget expressing the institution's needs. This request generally has very little to do with what is appropriated. Mr. Matthews added that he thought it prudent to begin building a 1981-82 budget on the basis of no increase.

Approval of Hannah Hall Remodeling

Mr. Matthews informed the Board that Oakland University has received a one-time allocation of \$145,000 from the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget for the purpose of converting the existing unequipped space in Hannah Hall, including temporary offices, classrooms, and laboratories without utilities, into properly furnished science laboratories. Mr. Matthews noted that the university had requested capital outlay funds for a number of years to do extensive remodeling in Hannah Hall, but new projects have not been approved by the State. This year, however, through the "good work of Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Vice President and General Counsel, and Mr. Gerald Miller, Director of the Department of Management and Budget, \$145,000 had been provided from a maintenance fund for the renovation project. In addition, Mr. Matthews stated that it was the administration's intention to appeal to the Kresge Foundation for a substantial grant to complete the Hannah Hall remodeling and renovation project. The current proposal includes the installation of ventilation hoods, laboratory and teaching equipment, laboratory benches, plumbing, and electric services, plus minor architectural modifications. Mr. Matthews presented the following recommendation for the Board's approval:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Interim President to contract with Nathan Johnson & Associates, Inc. for full engineering and design services for the Hannah Hall remodeling; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Interim President is authorized to obtain bids for the construction of such remodeling in Hannah Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Interim President is authorized to award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder with total costs not to exceed \$145,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Interim President is authorized to award the contract to the lowest bidder in compliance with the policy adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 23, 1975 regarding the delegation of authority to the President for contract approvals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the contract is subject to prior review and approval by the University Attorney.

Mr. Lewis moved that the recommendation be approved.
Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

Mrs. Hartmann inquired when the request would be made to the Kresge Foundation.

Mr. Matthews replied that it would probably be made in February.

Mrs. Hartmann added that it should be submitted before the end of March in order to be considered by the Foundation.

The motion was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Meadow Brook Subdivision Loan Authorization Procedures

Mr. Matthews called upon Mr. Robert W. Swanson, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer, to present the following recommendation:

The President, or the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board, subject to the approval of the University Attorney are authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Trustees, the university guarantee of payments on (1) interim construction financing, (2) long-term financing on newly constructed homes or on existing homes, (3) second mortgages on existing homes including amendments of existing mortgages, for homes in the Meadow Brook Subdivision. Such approvals shall be subject to the following policy statement dated November 19, 1980 for such guarantees:

Policy Statement for Guaranteed Loans
in the Meadow Brook Subdivision

1. The loan application cannot exceed 80 percent of the value of the home and lot, based on competent appraisal. In the case of second mortgages (and similar mortgage amendments) the total loans cannot exceed 70 percent. The requirement for an appraisal may be waived by the Vice President for Business Affairs if the valuation of the home is determinable by other means (such as recent transactions for the same or comparable homes) AND if the amount of the loan sought is less than 50 percent of such value.
2. The employee must submit a financial statement to the Vice President for Business Affairs. The Vice President for Business Affairs shall determine if the amount of the loan requested is prudent, in view of the employee's financial position and income level.
3. In the case of new construction or capital improvements, the detailed building plans must be submitted for the approval of the university President and of the Vice President for Business Affairs.
4. In all cases where the university guarantees a loan, the university will deduct from the employee's pay amounts equal to the mortgage payments and required escrow payments for fire insurance and property taxes. The homeowner will carry fire insurance at least equal to the university's insurable interest in the home. The insurance shall be of a type deemed suitable by the university, and carried with a company approved by the university.
5. All loans must, at approval, be for a term exceeding five years and for an amount in excess of normal unsecured borrowing reasonably available from the Oakland University Employees' Credit Union or comparable thrift institutions, as determined by the Vice President for Business Affairs.

6. The purpose of the loan must be either for the purchase of an equity interest in a home in the subdivision, or for other purposes such as major capital improvements to the home which are deemed suitable and appropriate by the President and by the Vice President for Business Affairs.
7. Additional procedural requirements may be established by the President and Vice President for Business Affairs acting jointly, to implement the intent of this policy and to protect the interests of the university and of the Board in controlling the subdivision program on a sound and prudent basis.

As background information, Mr. Swanson stated that authorization to guarantee payments on interim construction and/or long-term financing incident to the faculty housing project, subject to the approval of the university attorney was granted by the MSU-O Board of Trustees on April 21, 1960. There have been several requests for second mortgages. The Business Office has analyzed this matter and has recommended that such mortgages should also be granted in accordance with the policy provided to the Board. Our retained counsel has suggested that the wording of the Board authorization be made more explicit regarding mortgage loans, construction loans incident to home ownership, and second mortgages.

Mr. Headlee asked if this resolution meant Oakland University was guaranteeing second mortgages in the subdivision. Does this not provide the "credit of a government instrument"?

Mr. Swanson replied that such was the case.

Mr. Lewis inquired about the purposes for which second mortgages would be made.

Mr. Swanson responded that item number 1 of the policy statement covered this matter.

Mr. Headlee inquired if a loan could not be obtained based on the individual's equity in his home.

Mr. Swanson replied that there was no way to obtain a loan since the individuals did not own the land but leased it from the university.

Mr. James Howlett, university attorney, stated that there was one distinction in connection with the faculty/staff leasehold subdivision which was unusual, and that is that the property is not

assignable except to another university employee. A bank could not take possession and obtain its money from the property since it is on land owned by the State (the university). He noted that Mr. Headlee was correct in that this form of financing is an advantage to university employees.

Mr. Saltzman asked if it would not require an extended period of time to evacuate an individual if the person defaulted on payments. The university could be "stuck" for the funds for a number of years. He added that this proposal was questionable.

Mr. Swanson replied that in the lease instrument the employee agrees to payroll deductions. Also, under terms of the agreement, if an individual separates from the university, that individual has six months to effect a sale; if a sale is not made by that time, the home is sold to the university under a specific formula for determining the price.

Mr. Lewis questioned the Board's authority for guaranteeing these loans. He requested an opinion from counsel on this matter.

Mr. Swanson replied that the authority was granted in the constitution.

Mr. Lewis inquired if this authority was covered in the Enabling Act.

Mr. James Howlett, retained university attorney, replied that he was not prepared to answer at this time without some research.

Mr. Mair asked if the purpose of this resolution was to make it possible for individuals to obtain loans.

Mr. Swanson replied that it would be impossible for residents in the subdivision to obtain financing without the guarantee.

Mr. Lewis felt the Board should be in a position to identify the power upon which it had the authority to guarantee these mortgages. He said he was not comfortable in voting on this matter, and while he did not want to disappoint any applicants for second mortgages, he was not prepared to vote at this time unless it was possible to identify the authority for this action.

Mr. Headlee moved to table this item.

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion to table this resolution until the next meeting so that an opinion on the Board's authority could be obtained.

The motion to table the resolution was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Approval of Late Registration Fee Increase

Mr. Matthews informed the Trustees that approximately eight percent of Oakland University students are late enrollees. It is anticipated that an increase in the late registration fee would reduce this number and the administrative burden that accompanies late registration. Also, additional General Fund revenue would be realized. Mr. Matthews requested the Board's approval of the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the late registration fee of \$15 be increased to \$20.

Mr. Headlee moved to amend the recommendation and raise the late registration fee to \$25 since the proposed rate did not appear adequate to cover costs.

Mr. Saltzman noted that apparently the administration wished to discourage but not penalize late registrants. He urged that the fee not be raised beyond \$25.

Mr. Headlee added that if the late registration fee was \$15 in 1973, then it should be at least \$25.

Mr. Mair seconded the motion.

Mr. Matthews commented that \$25 would be acceptable, but that anything beyond \$25 would be punitive.

Mr. Swanson agreed that \$25 seemed appropriate.

The motion was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Approval of Proposed Disposition of the Antique Wine and Liquor Collection

Mr. Matthews informed the Board that in 1971, when Oakland University assumed possession of Meadow Brook Hall, the contents of the Wine Cellar Vault were contributed to the university by the

Matilda R. Wilson Fund. The contents of the cellar consist of several hundred bottles of various wines, liquor, liqueurs and spirits. This collection has been examined by licensed appraisers of antique alcoholic beverages and the Hall has been assured that the collection contains numerous items which would be of great interest to connoisseurs and collectors even though some of the contents of the bottles have deteriorated and/or soured. The items are still salable at auction because of the unusual bottle designs, the old labels, and the fact that they belonged to the Dodges and Wilsons and came from Meadow Brook Hall. Although all estimates have been qualified as "depending upon the spirit of the auction," the Hall has been advised that the value of the collection could range into the "thousands of dollars." The funds could be advantageously directed to the numerous maintenance projects needing attention in the Hall. Therefore, Mr. Matthews requested the Board's approval of the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, That the Oakland University Board of Trustees authorizes the President and the Dean of Continuing Education to seek the approval of the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission to dispose of the Meadow Brook Hall Antique Wine and Liquor Collection by means of a professionally conducted auction sale; and be it further

RESOLVED, That after approval from the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission the President and the Dean of Continuing Education are authorized to dispose of the collection by auction with the proceeds to be used for the preservation and maintenance of Meadow Brook Hall.

Mr. Headlee moved to approve the recommendation.

Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

Mrs. Hartmann asked how much the Hall expected to raise by the auction.

Mr. Matthews called upon Mrs. Margaret Twyman, Managing Director, Meadow Brook Hall, to respond.

Mrs. Twyman said she could not set a figure. A minimum price would be set for each item, and if it was not achieved, then the item would be removed from the sale.

The motion to approve the recommendation was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present.

Report on Cable TV

Mr. Matthews stated that he had written to the Trustees about the growing importance of Cable TV. University committees have been hard at work on this subject. He felt the Board members should be briefed as to where the university is, how it got there, and where it might be going. He noted that a very detailed report on Cable TV had been furnished to the Trustees by Ms. Audrey Marriner, Chairperson, Oakland University Cable Television Committee. Other committee members are Ms. Jacqueline Scherer, Chairperson, Oakland University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Cable Television, and Mr. Jerry Dahlman, Assistant Director, Center for General and Career Studies. (A copy of this report is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board of Trustees.)

Mr. Matthews introduced Mr. Dahlman who then presented a brief video tape program on Cable TV. After this presentation Mr. Dahlman stated that on March 27, the Conference Department held a conference for elected officials, local government personnel, educators, attorneys, citizens' groups and local residents on the general topic of how a community should negotiate a Cable TV franchise. Representatives of 36 communities attended the conference. As a result of this interest and the information exchanged, Interim President Matthews established the Oakland University Cable TV Committee and appointed Ms. Audrey Marriner, Director of the Conference Department, as its Chairperson, in April of this year. This information has been made available to university personnel and to persons in the surrounding communities who are involved in the cable ordinance and franchising process.

The committee established an informal consortium of educational institutions in Oakland County to address mutual concerns and methods of cooperation to secure educational access to Cable TV as a viable delivery system for courses and other educational programming. Members of the committee have attended many meetings in local communities involved with the cable ordinance and franchising process and have met with representatives of several cable companies. In these meetings, Oakland University's visions for the role of higher education in cable programming were articulated.

In June of this year, the University Senate formed an Ad Hoc Committee to inform the university community on the recent developments in Cable TV and to evaluate the instructional potential of the medium for Oakland University. The senate committee, chaired by Jacqueline Scherer, Associate Professor of Sociology, evaluated

Oakland University's current manpower, facility and equipment resources for television instruction, and sought information on other institutions' use of Cable TV as an instructional delivery system. The Ad Hoc Committee reported its findings to the University Senate in October. Despite its concerns with issues involving copyright, compensation for faculty, control over program decision making and resource availability and allocation, the committee reported its conviction that cable is a useful mode of instruction.

Thirty local communities have adopted Cable TV systems in the tri-county area. The most recent franchise agreement was signed by Waterford Township and Michigan Cable Vision on Monday of this week. The future of cable systems in Oakland County would appear to be assured with a potential subscriber base of more than 550,000 households.

Based on the information collected and evaluated to date, the Cable TV committees believe that Oakland University has viable options for cablecast programming including credit and non-credit courses; continuing professional education to health care personnel, CPA's, attorneys and others; in-service training to teachers, governmental personnel and private sector personnel; as well as conferences, cultural and sports events and public service programming.

To make this programming possible, the university must have access to the cable systems being built in the area, and the access must be via a dedicated channel with the same channel designation in all the systems.

Other efforts required to prepare for Cable TV programming can be capsulated in the following recommendations which appear in the written Cable TV report, submitted to the Board of Trustees:

1. Continue information exchange and lobbying efforts with local communities to promote higher education access and inclusion of system interconnect requirements in Cable TV ordinances, and franchise agreements.
2. Continue efforts to interact with Oakland County educational entities to work toward mutually beneficial consortium agreements on educational use of cable communication systems.
3. Survey communities to determine needs of segmented and dispersed audiences for cable educational programming.

4. Survey all academic departments to determine Oakland University's resources for cable programming.
5. Research and analyze the cable experience of other colleges, universities and community colleges to find appropriate models.
6. Retain technical consultant(s) to ascertain video equipment and personnel requirements for a television unit capable of producing and broadcasting educational programming on cable communication system(s) in communities selected by Oakland University.
7. Evaluate the current facilities available for television production at Oakland and recommend action for the modification and/or addition to those facilities.
8. Explore the expansion of the Communication Arts Department faculty to facilitate the teaching of telecommunication courses.
9. Research and locate available sources of government and private funding for cable educational programming and write appropriate grant proposals.
10. Continue dialogue with cable companies which are either franchised or seeking franchises in the Detroit metropolitan area.
11. Develop a national invitational conference of cable company decision-makers and educators to be held at Meadow Brook Hall to discuss the establishment of support programs for narrowcast educational program development for selected audiences.

The importance of cable to Oakland University can be summarized in a memorandum from David Beardslee, Director of the Office of Institutional Research, on the topic of "Cable TV in Relation to O.U.'s Future Enrollment:"

"Almost all projections of enrollment in higher education in the midwest and at Oakland University in particular foresee a substantial decline in the number of 18 year old high school graduates entering college. The most common projection is a drop of around 25 percent which in O.U.'s case would imply a drop of about 1,700 FYES over the

next decade. Most estimates of the future then suggest that an offsetting increase in enrollment of older students will help the university through the decade. However, as of 1979 O. U.'s enrollment of older men was actually declining and enrollment of older women was growing very little. Evening and off-campus enrollments were not growing at a rate capable of offsetting any such decline of traditional students. While continued growth is clearly possible within the traditional time-place formats, it seems clear that increasing enrollment of older students will require much greater willingness to make educational services available at times and places convenient to the older student. Cable TV is clearly one major way of offering educational opportunities to such students."

The committee believes further efforts in regards to Oakland University's involvement with Cable TV require the support and guidance of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Dahlman then introduced Ms. Audrey Marriner, and committee members Ms. Clara DiFelice and Mr. Isaac Eliezer who were present. Mr. Dahlman added that they would be happy to answer any questions from the Board.

Mr. Headlee inquired if there was anyone on campus with TV experience and capability.

Mr. Dahlman replied that there were people on campus who had had experience at other universities in producing tapes.

Mr. Headlee then inquired about experience in the technical phases of television.

Ms. Clara DiFelice, Audio-Visual Librarian, replied that the university did have the technical capabilities and experience for video-tape production. The Audio-Visual Center had one person plus the equipment.

Mrs. Hartmann inquired if there were any cost figures or goals in mind, or if there were any possibilities for outside sources of funds.

Mr. Dahlman replied that the university did not have a specific budget. He added that with the franchise development some equipment might be available from the cable companies.

Mr. Headlee stated that he had been informed that the Detroit Police Department has acquired an extensive amount of equipment via a federal grant which was to be used as an orientation tool for new police and fire recruits. Unfortunately, the City of Detroit did not have the personnel to provide the programs. He inquired if perhaps a cooperative program could be arranged between the city and the university to trade services for equipment that might be mutually beneficial.

Ms. Marriner noted that decisions would have to be made on the kinds of programs to be provided. Perhaps programs along the lines suggested could be developed so that they could be sold to other governmental units.

Mr. Headlee noted that two-thirds of the anticipated budget in the material provided by Mr. Matthews is for equipment.

Mr. Dahlman explained that this recommendation is reasonable to cover start-up costs for equipment and personnel. The amount did not include any production, supplies, services or administrative costs.

Mr. Matthews stated that at some time in the near future the university will have to find some "venture capital for Cable TV to free up some faculty for a year" to develop a program.

Mr. Saltzman thanked the committee for its valuable work and suggested that the Board's aid be sought when decisions were required. He added that he hoped the proposed national conference mentioned by Mr. Dahlman is undertaken.

Additional Items

Mr. Headlee stated that he had been approached by a Pontiac Township official regarding the improvement of Squirrel Road. If there was no objection from the other Board members, he requested that Mr. John De Carlo contact the official to determine if something could be worked out so that partial repairs or improvements could be accomplished.

Mr. Lewis expressed his thanks and appreciation to Messrs. John De Carlo and James Howlett for their excellent endeavors in behalf of the Board of Trustees in the recent Oakland County Circuit Court lawsuits relating to the presidential search process and the application of the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Matthews recognized Mr. Eugene Boldon.

Mr. Boldon stated that his address was 3047 Mayfield Drive, Port Huron, Michigan, and that he was a former employee of Oakland University. He requested a hearing on the reasons for his leaving the university. He asked that the Board of Trustees select some individuals who would allow him to "grieve" his complaints. He noted that this matter has been difficult for him and his family, and that he felt compelled to seek this action.

Mr. Headlee assured Mr. Boldon that he would look into the situation and report back to him. He suggested that Mr. Boldon should also write to him about the problem.

Mr. Saltzman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion which was voted on and approved by all of the Trustees present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Approved,

John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Richard H. Headlee, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Date _____