

Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
April 13, 1989

Present: Vice Chairman Howard Sims and Trustees Larry Chunovich, David Handleman, Stephan Sharf, and James A. Sharp, Jr.

Absent: Trustees Phyllis Law Googasian, Patricia Hartmann and Ken Morris

Vice Chairman Sims called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 8, 1989

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved approval of the proposed minutes. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Faculty Personnel Actions

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

Appointment

Benson, Linda K., Assistant Professor of History, effective August 15, 1989 (replacing a permanent faculty member)

Connery, Brian A., Assistant Professor of English, effective August 15, 1989 (replacing a permanent faculty member)

Sahu, Anandi P., Assistant Professor of Economics, effective March 1, 1989 (formerly a visitor, not a new position)

Vaughn, Clarence B., Clinical Professor of Physical Therapy, effective January 1, 1989, through August 14, 1991 (new appointment to an honorary position)

Emeritus Appointments

Dubruck, Alfred J., Emeritus Professor of French, effective April 12, 1989

Mobley, Ralph C., Emeritus Professor of Physics, effective June 1, 1989

Tagore, Amitendranath, Emeritus Professor of Chinese, effective April 12, 1989

Tipler, Paul A., Emeritus Professor of Physics, effective April 12, 1989

Leave of Absence

Andersen, Wallis May, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through December 20, 1989 (with full pay)

Eberwein, Jane, Professor of English, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through April 26, 1990 (with half pay)

Hampton, Nigel, Associate Professor of English, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through December 20, 1989 (with full pay)

Haskell, Richard E., Professor of Engineering, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through December 20, 1989 (with full pay)

Scherer, Jacqueline, Professor of Sociology and Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through December 20, 1989 (with half pay)

Sudol, Ronald A., Associate Professor of Rhetoric, sabbatical leave from January 2, 1990, through April 26, 1990 (with full pay)

Tucker, Richard P., Professor of History, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through December 20, 1989 (with half pay)

Varani, Flavio, Associate Professor of Music, sabbatical leave from August 29, 1989, through December 20, 1989 (with full pay)

Trustee Chunovich, seconded by Trustee Handleman, moved approval of the recommendations. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Faculty Promotions

Mr. Kleckner stated that faculty promotions are brought before the Board every year at this time. Mr. Kleckner made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following personnel actions which have been formulated by the Provost with the advice of the deans and faculty colleague review bodies in accordance with the specified tenure review process.

A. Assistant Professor with tenure considered for promotion to the rank of associate professor with tenure, effective August 15, 1989:

Library

Daniel F. Ring	Retain in Rank
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B. Associate Professors with tenure considered for promotion to the rank of professor, effective August 15, 1989:

Arts and Sciences

Raynold L. Allvin	Music	Retain in Rank
Baruch Cahlon	Mathematical Sciences	Promote
Renate Gerulaitis	German	Promote
Mary C. Karasch	History	Promote
Vincent B. Khapoya	Political Science	Promote
Anne H. Tripp	History	Promote

Business Administration

Oded Izraeli	Economics	Promote
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Human and Educational Services

Sharon Pray Muir	Education	Promote
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Trustee Chunovich, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Contract with Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall for Summer Meadow
Brook Music Festival Concerts

President Joseph E. Champagne stated that each year Oakland University enters into a contract with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall (DSOH), formerly Detroit Symphony Orchestra, for a series of performances at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. The 1989 contract varies slightly from that of previous years in that the payment to the DSOH for 16 concerts is being reduced from \$300,000 to \$150,000. The University is presently reducing costs in a variety of areas, and the DSOH understands that the University's resources are limited. The contract provides that the DSOH shall retain all ticket revenue less \$1 per ticket for facility improvements. Last year there was an arrangement to share income above a certain level. Unfortunately, ticket sales did not generate the income expected. The DSOH shall also be paid \$75,000 for three pops concerts.

President Champagne made the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, Oakland University has been in contract with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall for classical performances at Meadow Brook Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, Oakland wishes to retain this important cultural relationship at the Meadow Brook Music Festival; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the President of Oakland University is authorized to enter into seasonal contracts with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall in keeping with the general provisions of the 1989 contract.

(A copy of the 1989 contract is on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

Trustee Sharf asked President Champagne to request that the Detroit Symphony Orchestra play encores when performing at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. President Champagne stated that he would make that request of the Orchestra.

President Champagne stated that Oakland has received some criticism from the press on the reduced contract amount. He stated that the summer package that Oakland is offering the DSOH of \$150,000, plus ticket revenue, plus \$75,000 in pops concert fees, with a "free venue" and no overhead costs is worth approximately \$800,000. While the contract has a direct payment of \$150,000, the total value of the package is considerably higher.

Trustee Sharp, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved approval of the recommendation. Trustees Chunovich, Sharf, Sharp and Sims voted affirmatively. Trustee Handleman abstained due to a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Board of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, and General Counsel, stated that five votes are required for the passage of the recommendation. Trustee Handleman's abstention necessitates that this item be brought before the Board of Trustees at its next meeting for ratification.

President Champagne stated that under the provisions of the Board of Trustees policy on Contracting and Employment Appointment Authority of September 9, 1981, the President is able to enter into a contract with the approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, as long as the direct payment does not exceed \$250,000. President Champagne stated that he has received this approval which would permit him to negotiate the contract with ratification by the Board at its May meeting.

Feasibility Analysis of Joint University/Community Recreational Complex

President Champagne stated that in 1982, discussions were held with the North Oakland County YMCA and the neighboring cities regarding the construction of a field house/natatorium complex on the campus to be utilized by the University faculty, staff, and students and also by the surrounding community. The Board passed a resolution on May 6, 1982, authorizing the administration to conduct these discussions which could have lead to the construction of such a facility. At that time, the economic condition of the State was not good and the absence of resources brought the project to a halt. Last Fall, the City of Rochester Hills authorized a bond issue for recreational facilities which has caused the 1982 concept to resurface. A citizen's committee has been studying the feasibility of a community based recreational facility. President Champagne stated that he wished to pursue this subject.

President Champagne added that other Universities and communities in the United States have entered into similar facility arrangements. He added that there is a need for additional facilities on campus to serve the students because the Lepley Sports Center is undersized for a campus the size of Oakland.

President Champagne made the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, there appears to be a serious need for expanded recreational facilities in the communities surrounding Oakland University; and

WHEREAS, Oakland University is also in serious need of a larger recreational and intercollegiate athletic facility; and

WHEREAS, Oakland University hosts a number of community based youth recreational programs such as the Oakland Live Y'ers in swimming, and the youth soccer league; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the administration of Oakland University is authorized to participate in a study of the feasibility of a joint community/university facility and to make its findings available to the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this recommendation in no way implies that the Board of Trustees is committed to the concept of such a joint use facility, but does agree to review the matter; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the study must document the advantages and disadvantages of such a facility located on the Oakland University campus; how students, faculty and staff would have access to the facility; what the University's liability would be; what the management and maintenance agreements would contain; what the projected financial ramifications to the University are; and how the University would be involved in design considerations.

Vice Chairman Sims stated that the University Affairs Committee approved the recommendation at its meeting in March.

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved approval of the recommendation.

Trustee Handleman asked who would be in charge of the feasibility study. President Champagne stated that there is a committee made up of several community representatives, one of which is Mr. Paul Hartman, Director of Athletics. He added that he would request that Mr. Hartman do a thorough in-house study in addition to the community oriented report.

Trustee Sharp stated that the study should be pursued in a positive manner. He is familiar with a community that did not cooperate and built four olympic-sized swimming pools within eight blocks of each other.

The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Other Items

President Champagne stated that the Kresge Library addition is proceeding despite some setbacks. One problem was a roof leak on the original building which damaged a number of books and journals. This matter was brought to the attention of the State Department of Management and Budget, and the University has been awarded \$65,000 additional funding for an entirely new roof from the State.

Mr. Kleckner asked for recognition. He stated that Dr. Venkat Reddy, Director of the Eye Research Institute, has received major funding for many years from the National Institute of Health. He has had to compete every three to five years for additional grants and has always won the competitions. Dr. Reddy has recently been named the recipient of a merit award from the NIH which means that his funding is assured for a period of ten years. There are very few people in this country who receive such awards. Oakland is honored that Dr. Reddy is a member of its community. There was a round of applause for Dr. Reddy.

There being no further comments from the Board or the audience, Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved adjournment of the meeting. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Submitted,


John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Approved,

Howard Sims, Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees