Minutes of the Formal Session of the Oakland University Board of Trustees May 7, 2008

Present: Chair Dennis K. Pawley; Vice Chair Jacqueline S. Long; and Trustees Henry Baskin, Penny M. Crissman, Monica E. Emerson, David T. Fischer, Ann V. Nicholson, and Ganesh V. Reddy

Also Present: President Gary D. Russi; Senior Vice President Virinder K. Moudgil; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Susan Davies Goepp, and Mary Beth Snyder; Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi and Assistant Rhonda G. Saunders; and Student Liaisons Samir R. Hanna and Aaron L. Kochenderfer

A. Call to Order

Chair Dennis K. Pawley called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Victor A. Zambardi, Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all of the Board members were present.

C. Reports

2008 Refunding of the General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001

Mr. Steve W. Roberts, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration, reported on the 2008 Refunding of the General Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 as set forth in the agendum item.

Chair Pawley thanked Mr. Roberts for his report.

Financing of Capital Outlay Projects

Mr. John W. Beaghan, Vice President for Finance and Administration, reported on the Financing of Capital Outlay as set forth in the agendum item.

Chair Pawley thanked Mr. Beaghan for his report.

Public School Academies 10th Annual Report

Dr. Mary L. Otto, Dean, School of Education and Human Services, reported on the Public School Academies 10th Annual Report as set forth in the agendum item.

Trustee Penny M. Crissman requested three-year MEAP score data for the public school academies and that it be incorporated into future reports.

Chair Pawley thanked Dr. Otto for her report.

Annual Student Liaisons' Report

Mr. Samir R. Hanna and Mr. Aaron L. Kochenderfer, Student Liaisons, presented their Annual Student Liaisons' Reports as set forth in the agendum item.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Pawley thanked Mr. Hanna and Mr. Kochenderfer for the student input they provided to the Board during their tenure.

D. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Consent Agenda

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Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of March 1 through March 31, 2008

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts and pledges to Oakland University identified in the attached Gifts and Pledges Report, Attachment A, for the period March 1 through March 31, 2008.

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

Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of March 1 through March 31, 2008

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the attached Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of March 1 through March 31, 2008.

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

2008-2009 Oakland University Board of Trustees Regular Formal Session Dates

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees ("Board") approves the following dates for the Board's regular formal sessions for the Oakland University fiscal year 2008-09; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that regular Board formal sessions will be held at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, in the Auditorium of the Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. on the dates indicated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that regular Board formal sessions may be cancelled or postponed, and the location and times of such regular formal sessions may be changed by the Board Chair. Special formal sessions may also be called by the Board Chair.

Board Formal Sessions

July 9, 2008
September 17, 2008
November 5, 2008
February 4, 2009
April 1, 2009
June 3, 2009

Trustee Crissman, seconded by Trustee David T. Fischer, moved approval of the Consent Agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

E. New Items for Consideration/Action

Special Project One-Time Funding

Mr. Beaghan presented the Special Project One-Time Funding recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the allocation of the $3,410,000 to the initiatives and projects as described in Attachment 1.

(A copy of Attachment 1 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

After discussion, Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Ann V. Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was approved with seven positive votes and one negative vote by Trustee Henry Baskin.

Non-Mandatory Student Fees

Mr. Beaghan and Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, presented the Non-Mandatory Student Fees recommendation as set forth in the amended agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the discontinuance of the: (1) application fee; (2) orientation fee; (3) graduation fee; (4) transcript fee; (5) applied music fee; (6) physical therapy course fee; (7) teacher education fee; and (8) the nursing assessment fee, effective immediately, and recover the resulting revenue decrease through management of State appropriations, tuition revenue and cost containment initiatives.

After discussion, Trustee Ganesh V. Reddy, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was approved with seven positive votes and one negative vote by Trustee Baskin.

Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund Proposal for 2008-09

Dr. Snyder called on Mr. Omar Brown-El, Director, Office of Center for Multicultural Initiatives, who presented the Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund Proposal for 2008-09 recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the President to direct the Center for Multicultural Initiatives to expend up to $315,000 for the Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund as described in the Attachment for the 2008 – 09 academic year.

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

After discussion, Trustee Nicholson, seconded by Trustee Fischer, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Bachelor of Arts with a Major and Minor in Writing and Rhetoric

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, called on Dr. Marshall W. Kitchens, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, who presented the Bachelor of Arts with a Major and Minor in Writing and Rhetoric recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the College of Arts and Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major and minor in Writing and Rhetoric; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major and minor in Writing and Rhetoric to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should be continued.

After discussion, Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Jacqueline S. Long, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

<u>Bachelor of Arts Major in Japanese</u>

Dr. Moudgil called on Dr. Christopher R. Clason, Professor of German and Chair of Modern Languages and Literatures, who presented the Bachelor of Arts Major in Japanese recommendation as set forth in the amended agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to offer a Bachelor of Arts Major in Japanese; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Bachelor of Arts Major in Japanese to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should be continued.

After discussion, Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

<u>Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Electrical and Computer Engineering</u>

Dr. Moudgil called on Dr. Manohar K. Das, Professor of Engineering and Acting Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering, who presented the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, in the School of Engineering and Computer Science, to offer a Ph.D. degree in ECE; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should be continued.

After discussion, Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Monica E. Emerson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

F. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board

Dr. Joel W. Russell, Professor of Chemistry and President of the Oakland Chapter of the AAUP, and Dr. Karen A. J. Miller, Associate Professor of History, Chair of History, and Vice President of the AAUP Chapter, shared their plans to attend all Board meetings to better understand Board initiatives.

G. Adjournment

Chair Pawley adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted,	Approved,
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Victor A. Zambardi	Dennis K. Pawley
Secretary to the Board of Trustees	Chair, Board of Trustees