

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
August 3, 1995**

Present: Chairman David T. Fischer; Trustees David J. Doyle, Louis R. Ross, Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr., James A. Sharp, Jr., and Howard F. Sims

Absent: Trustees David Handleman and Ann V. Nicholson

Chairman David T. Fischer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Consent Agenda

Interim President Gary D. Russi presented the following recommendations:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 8, 1995

b. University Personnel Actions

Reappointments (with Tenure)

1. Assistant Professors eligible for early promotion to the rank of associate professor, effective August 15, 1995:

David Garfinkle	Physics	Reemploy
Uma Devi Venkateswaran	Physics	Reemploy
2. Assistant Professors eligible for promotion to the rank of associate professor, effective August 15, 1995:

Lettie B. Alston	Music	Reemploy and Promote
Joseph H. Callaghan	Accounting	Reemploy and Promote
Richard G. Campbell	Linguistics	Reemploy and Promote
Addington M. Coppin	Economics	Reemploy and Promote

Stacey L. Hahn	French	Reemploy and Promote
Sheila M. Jacobs	Management Information Systems	Do Not Reemploy*
Mohinder Parkash	Accounting	Reemploy and Promote
Dawn M. Pickard	Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership	Reemploy and Promote
Richard C. Pipan	Human Development and Child Studies	Reemploy and Promote
Phyllis Ann Rooney	Philosophy	Reemploy and Promote
F. Darlene Schott-Baer	Nursing	Reemploy and Promote
Sally M. Silk	French	Reemploy and Promote

*Termination effective August 14, 1996

- Associate professor with tenure considered for promotion to the rank of professor - effective August 15, 1995:

David Jaymes	French	Promote
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Reappointments (Probationary) - Effective August 15, 1996, through August 14, 1998:

- Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to second, two-year probationary terms as assistant professor:

Lisa Jane Graham	History	Reemploy
Emmett N. Lombard	Political Science	Reemploy
Karen A.J. Miller	History	Reemploy
Ananda Sen	Mathematical Sciences	Reemploy

2. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as assistant professor:

Kevin E. Early	Sociology	Reemploy
Sarah L. Gibson	Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership	Reemploy
Niels Herold	English	Reemploy
Lee R. Mobley	Economics	Reemploy
Estela Moreno-Mazzoli	Spanish	Reemploy
Gregory A. Patterson	Dance	Reemploy
Clementine V. Rice	Nursing	Reemploy
Sankar Sengupta	Electrical and Systems Engineering	Reemploy
Karen F. Sheridan	Theatre	Reemploy
Martha T. Zingo	Political Science	Reemploy

(One Assistant Professor, Susan Thomas, originally scheduled for reemployment review is not presented for consideration by virtue of her resignation.)

Appointment to a Non-Academic Position at Salary equivalent to Administrative-Professional Level 18 or Above

Mehl, Jack G., Director of Athletics, effective September 1, 1995

New Appointment

Bello-Oguno, John O., Associate Professor of Communication, effective August 15, 1995

Administrative Appointments

Department Chairs - Effective August 15, 1995, through August 14, 1998 except where noted:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Term</u>
Computer Science and Engineering	Subramaniam Ganesan	2nd
Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership	Eric J. Follo	1st
Decision and Information Sciences	Thomas W. Lauer	1st
Linguistics	Peter J. Binkert	3rd
Music, Theatre, and Dance	Karl Boelter	2nd
Psychology	David G. Lowy	1st
Sociology/Anthropology	A. Gary Shepherd	One Year- Acting

Change of Status

Downing, David J., from Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, to Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective August 3, 1995

Follo, Eric J., from Associate Professor of Education, to Associate Professor of Education and Acting Chairperson, Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Leadership, effective June 22, 1995, through August 17, 1995

Giblin, Frank J., from Professor of Biomedical Sciences, to Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Associate Director, Eye Research Institute, effective August 15, 1995

Minor, Billy Joe, from Associate Professor of Education, to Associate Professor of Education and Acting Chairperson, Department of Human Resource Development, effective January 3, 1996, through April 25, 1996

Otto, Mary L., from Professor of Education and Acting Dean, School of Education and Human Services, to Professor of Education and Dean, School of Education and Human Services, effective August 3, 1995

Riley, Michael V., from Professor of Biomedical Sciences, to Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Acting Director, Eye Research Institute, effective August 15, 1995, through December 15, 1995

Waters, Elinor B., from Associate Professor of Education, to Associate Professor of Education and Acting Chairperson, Department of Human Resource Development, effective August 31, 1995, through December 20, 1995

Wilson, Diane R., from Assistant Professor of Nursing, to Assistant Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean, School of Nursing, effective August 15, 1995

Leaves with no Pay

Brown, Judith K., Professor of Anthropology, part-time (20%) leave from August 31, 1995, through April 25, 1996 (with pro-rated pay)

Shine, Cornelius J., Professor of Journalism, leave from August 15, 1995, through April 25, 1996 (with no pay)

Professional Development Leave

Moran, Sean F., Assistant Professor of History, professional development leave from January 3, 1996, through April 25, 1996 (with full pay)

Deaths

Mazzara, Richard A., Professor Emeritus of French, June 1, 1995

White, William, Professor Emeritus of Journalism, June 17, 1995

Retirement

Butterworth, Francis M., Professor of Biological Sciences, effective August 14, 1995

Resignation

O'Connor, Nancy A., Assistant Professor of Nursing, effective August 14, 1995

c. Recommendation for Approval of Degree Candidates List dated June 21, 1995

d. Recommendation to Accept Gifts and Grants to Oakland University and the Oakland University Foundation for the Period of April 1 through April 30, 1995

e. Approval of Negotiated Settlement for Final Year of Agreement between Oakland University and Police Officers Labor Council -- July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1996

Mr. Paul E. Bissonnette, Vice President for Finance and Administration, submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the economic settlement for the third year of the Agreement between Oakland University and Police Officers Labor Council, July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1996, whose terms are set forth in Appendix A, "Summary of Contract Changes," dated August 3, 1995, and Appendix B, "Contract Language Revisions."

(Appendices A and B are filed in the Board of Trustees office.)

f. Approval of Negotiated Settlement for Final Year of Agreement between Oakland University and UAW/TOP Local 1925 -- July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1996

Mr. Bissonnette submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the economic settlement for the third year of the Agreement between Oakland University and the UAW/TOP Local 1925, July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1996, whose terms are set forth in Appendix A, "Summary of Contract Changes," dated August 3, 1995, and Appendix B, "Contract Language Revisions." This approval is conditioned upon ratification of the settlement by the union membership.

(Appendices A and B are filed in the Board of Trustees office.)

Trustee Louis R. Ross, seconded by Trustee Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr., moved approval of the consent agenda.

Trustee Howard F. Sims inquired if the appointments for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dean of the School of Education and Human Services were reviewed and endorsed by the Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee. Both Interim President Russi and Trustee

Schlaybaugh, Chairman of the committee, stated that they were reviewed and endorsed by the committee at its July 10, 1995, meeting.

Trustee Ross noted that the committee minutes do not specifically mention the two dean appointments. Ms. Susan Gerrits, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, stated that the minutes reflect committee approval of the University Personnel Actions as a whole, which includes the dean appointments.

Trustee Sims stated that he did not oppose the appointments, but was merely questioning whether the recommendation had resulted from a reasonable process. He added that historically the appointment to deanship has been treated as a significant position within the university hierarchy and has been dealt with individually rather than through inclusion with the personnel actions. Trustee Sims stressed the importance of treating such positions thoroughly.

Trustee Schlaybaugh stated that, in preparing for the July committee meeting, he recalled consulting with Interim President Russi on the dean recommendations; thus, they were designated as a matter of personnel actions for agenda purposes. To his knowledge, no questions or objections were raised at the meeting when the committee recommended that the personnel actions be submitted to the full Board for review and approval.

Trustee Sims stated that normally this would be an occasion where the individuals would be asked to stand and be recognized because of the importance of the positions. Interim President Russi stated that he intended to do so as a part of his President's Report.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Interim President's Report

Interim President Russi announced the new appointments of Dr. David J. Downing as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Mary L. Otto as Dean of the School of Education and Human Services. Each was present and was recognized. He also reported the appointment of Dr. Diane Wilson as the new Associate Dean of the School of Nursing.

Interim President Russi then reported the following information:

- Ms. Elizabeth H. House, Ms. Judith Arnold, and Mr. Gary Moss were recognized as Employees of the Month for April, June, and July, respectively.
- Oakland's Office of the Registrar clerical staff was named Outstanding Clerical Staff for 1995 at the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Annual Workshop.

- Trustee Louis R. Ross and his wife, Carolyn, donated \$125,000 to Oakland University to establish the Louis and Carolyn Ross Active Suspension Control Systems Engineering Laboratory to be located in the new Science and Engineering Building. The laboratory will be dedicated to evaluating the concepts involved in automotive suspension control systems. The research faculty are confident that the laboratory will assist them in recruiting research funds, position them to understand automotive industry needs, and provide them with an opportunity to assert their leadership in this field.
- A total of over \$2.4 million in 1994-95 external grants to the Eye Research Institute has been generated by its faculty and the Director, Dr. Venkat Reddy. In addition, the Core Center Grant of \$1.4 million from the National Eye Institute has been renewed for a five-year period (1995-2000). The grant will support the shared facilities of tissue culture, electron microscopy, and surgical procedures. There are only 29 such centers for vision research in the nation and Oakland is the only university without a medical school. Oakland has been a recipient of the grant since 1984. Interim President Russi congratulated Dr. Reddy, Dr. Frank J. Giblin, and Dr. Michael V. Riley, representing the Eye Research Institute's faculty and staff, for their outstanding contributions.
- Oakland currently has articulation agreements with Oakland Community College; St. Clair County Community College; Mott Community College; and Macomb County Community College. An agreement with Delta Community College will be signed later this month.
- The 1995 fall admissions rate has increased 12 percent over last year, placing the university in a favorable position at the beginning of the academic year.

Chairman Fischer personally expressed appreciation to Trustee Ross and his wife, Carolyn, for their outstanding gift to the university. He noted that their first gift to the university was donated in 1976 to the Meadow Brook Music Festival, and that cumulatively they have donated approximately \$300,000 to Oakland.

Chairman Fischer also commended the Eye Research Institute faculty and its Director, Dr. Reddy, for their tremendous success in generating funding.

Report of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for Selection of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

Trustee James A. Sharp, Jr., serving as Chairman of an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee created by Chairman Fischer, reported that, after careful consideration, the committee, consisting of Trustees David Handleman, Ross, and Sharp, wishes to nominate Trustee David T. Fischer for the

position of Chairperson and Trustee Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr. for the position of Vice Chairperson for a term of one year to begin effective upon approval by the Board.

Trustee Sharp, seconded by Trustee David J. Doyle, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Fischer expressed appreciation to the nominating committee and all of the trustees for their confidence in his and Trustee Schlaybaugh's service.

Approval of Meadow Brook Hall Entry Reconstruction

Mr. Bissonnette stated that the Matilda R. Wilson Fund has authorized the university to spend \$2.3 million for the repair and restoration of the entry driveway to Meadow Brook Hall. He noted that construction will commence in the spring of 1996 after design is completed.

Ms. Susan M. Aldrich, Assistant Vice President, Educational Facilities, demonstrated on a display the scope of the project which includes the repair and restoration of the entry drive, courtyard, service area, landscaping, and site lighting.

Mr. Bissonnette commended the Matilda R. Wilson Fund for its continued support for major Meadow Brook Hall renovations.

Mr. Bissonnette submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to hire a qualified design firm to prepare plans and specifications for the Meadow Brook Hall Entry; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to solicit competitive bids from qualified contractors and to select a contractor and execute a contract in the best interest of the university to reconstruct the Meadow Brook Hall Entry; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the contracts shall be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel prior to execution and shall conform to all university policies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for the design and construction shall not exceed \$2,316,336, to be funded from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund.

Trustee Ross commented that the University Affairs Advisory Committee reviewed and endorsed the project subject to a request that the snow-melt system design be reviewed, due to repair cost factors, based on experience for a sustained period of time. Mr. Bissonnette stated that the design engineer will be asked to carefully study the snow-melt system design.

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

Trustee Sharp requested additional language in the resolution on bidding and selecting design professionals. Trustee Sims noted that in soliciting and acquiring professional services, selection on the basis of qualifications is considered as important as selection on the basis of price. He suggested that the term "bid" not be included in the resolution. Trustee Sharp agreed with Trustee Sims' suggestion.

Trustee Sims then questioned the format of this item and the subsequent items related to the renovation of the Admissions and Academic Skills Center and the Honors College, and the initiation of the Perimeter and Exterior Signage Program. He noted the historic practice of bringing construction contracts of this magnitude to the Board for approval, rather than authorizing the administration to select a contractor after bid. Trustee Sharp agreed that it has been standard operating procedure that the construction contracts be approved by the Board before award. There was substantial discussion on this question, both while the Meadow Brook Hall entry reconstruction item was being considered, and later while the other construction items were being discussed.

There was discussion concerning whether delaying an action on the naming of a contractor would adversely affect any of the projects currently before the Board. While Mr. Disend stated that the Meadow Brook Hall project donor preferred that construction occur before the winter months (and delay here could mean delay in approaching the donor for other projects), Mr. Bissonnette stated that spring construction on that particular project is required and had been made known. Mr. Bissonnette also later noted that with respect to the Admissions, Honors College, and Signage projects, bringing the proposed contractors to the Board would not present a timing problem, particularly given the large number of projects currently in process.

In response to a question raised by Trustee Sims, Mr. Bissonnette noted that the current contracting authority maximum amount granted to the administration for expenditures and commitments is \$200,000. Trustee Ross invited the administration to consider proposing a change in that policy, particularly for construction projects (especially in view of timing considerations). Trustee Ross also requested "benchmark" information about the delegation of authority practices at other universities. Trustee Sharp stressed the need for the administration to review current policies regarding this matter.

With respect to the construction projects currently before the Board, the trustees determined not to delegate contractor selection authority. Thus, the resolution on the Meadow Brook Hall project was modified to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to hire a qualified design firm to prepare plans and specifications for the Meadow Brook Hall Entry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to solicit competitive bids from qualified contractors and to return to the Board of Trustees for approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for the design and construction shall not exceed \$2,316,336, to be funded from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund.

Trustee Sims, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved approval of the recommendation in this form (with an inferred withdrawal of the earlier version of the motion on the floor). The motion was unanimously carried.

At the direction of Chairman Fischer, Mr. Bissonnette is to contact the trustees if the project is delayed by this action.

Approval of Admissions and Academic Skills Renovation

Mr. Bissonnette stated that in 1993 an effort was made to centralize student services by moving the Admissions and Academic Skills Center to North Foundation Hall. At that time the space was not renovated to accommodate the Center. The space, which serves as a "front door" to the university and a critical area in student retention efforts, is viewed as inadequate and lacking student focus. Mr. Bissonnette stated that as a result of a study conducted last year to define programmatic needs for the space, Interim President Russi sought funding from the Oakland University Foundation for the renovation, as a valuable contribution to the institutional mission.

Mr. Bissonnette submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to carry out the renovation of the Admissions and Academic Skills offices (the "Project"); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to hire a qualified design firm to prepare plans and specifications for the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to solicit competitive bids from qualified contractors for the Project and to return to the Board of Trustees for approval; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for the design and construction of the Admissions and Academic Skills office renovation shall not exceed \$531,000, to be funded by the Oakland University Foundation.

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

Trustee Doyle inquired if there would be a timing problem posed with this particular contract by requiring another round of Board action. Mr. Bissonnette replied that there would not be, since the project is very complicated. However, he noted that in similar less-complicated situations there could be timing problems.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Perimeter and Exterior Signage Program

Mr. Bissonnette stated that for some time the university has struggled with a confusing array of signage that depicts either too little or too much information. He noted that campus signage lacks coherence, aesthetics, and adequate directional advice. Mr. Bissonnette stated that a committee was formed a year ago to work with Corbin Design to develop a uniform signage program. He introduced Mr. Jeff Corbin, of Corbin Design, and asked him to present the committee's findings.

Mr. Corbin stated that the committee worked together in an effort to develop a system of signage and way-finding devices. He noted that mock-up signs have been strategically placed throughout the campus to demonstrate some of the designs being considered. Mr. Corbin invited feedback on those signs from the campus community and the trustees, noting that the responses already received have been very informative. Some of the sign variations include perimeter directional signs, which are internally illuminated and placed around the perimeter of the campus; on-campus direction information signs, which have changeable blades for new information; special events signs, which have changeable blades to announce events such as placement testing, orientation, or athletic programs; free-standing building identification signs; parking identification signs; pedestrian crossing signs; street signs; and campus map kiosks. Mr. Corbin stated that the university would probably purchase a vinyl cutting machine to make the lettering for the blades as part of the project.

Mr. Corbin stated that the study recommends that the parking lots be renumbered to provide an "address system" as one moves around the perimeter of the campus. He also reported that the

University Affairs Advisory Committee requested that the words "Oakland University" be placed at the top of the signs instead of at the bottom.

Mr. Bissonnette stated that while the administration would like to receive the Board's authorization to proceed in principle as opposed to specifics on the project, there are some changes that need to be addressed prior to preparation of the final design scheme. He stated that the administration is presently at the 90 percent comfort level with the project, and he asked if the Board would be comfortable with the University Affairs Advisory Committee approving the final design scheme.

Chairman Fischer inquired who served on the signage committee, and Ms. Aldrich replied that it consisted of representatives from Public Safety, disabled students (student access), Campus Facilities & Operations, Student Affairs, auxiliaries, and faculty.

Trustee Ross asked the student liaisons for their opinion on the campus signage proposal.

Student Liaison Garrick B. Landsberg stated that he has received minimal student feedback on the signage, since the mock-ups were just installed. He inquired if all of the signs would be interior lighted or just the main signs. Mr. Corbin responded that currently only the perimeter signs are lighted, with the belief that there is a fairly good level of ambient light already existing on the campus. Mr. Landsberg commented that he would prefer to see all of the signs lighted, since it would look more attractive and make it easier to locate the signs.

Student Liaison Margo S. Kendzier stated that this issue was thoroughly discussed at the committee meeting. She commented that the Adams Road sign should be larger than the perimeter signs, since it is a main campus entrance for many commuter students. Mr. Corbin responded that a mock-up perimeter sign is currently located at the Pioneer Drive entrance. He noted that zoning and sign size considerations at the Adams Road entrance need to be addressed and that the location is very special topographically, making the prominent placement of the sign a critical issue. Mr. Corbin added that final specific consideration will not be done until the basic design is approved. Ms. Kendzier concurred with the special circumstances at the location, noting that it calls for more attention. Trustee Schlaybaugh inquired if the Adams Road sign could be larger, and Mr. Corbin responded that it could be.

Mr. Bissonnette stated that approximately four weeks is needed for finalization of the design details for the signage program. He again requested that the University Affairs Advisory Committee be authorized to provide final approval of the design to allow for a continuous flow with the project.

Trustee Schlaybaugh asked Ms. Gerrits if that procedure would be appropriate. Ms. Gerrits stated that it does pose a problem, since the committee is purely advisory in nature, making recommendations for the full Board's approval. She recommended that if the Board is comfortable with the status of the designs and with the direction that the administration is taking on the project, it could delegate authority to the administration to proceed with the design firm in finalizing the details and to solicit bids for a contractor. Ms. Gerrits added that if the Board is not comfortable with the recommendation, then the final design could be brought back to the committee and the full Board for approval.

Trustee Ross asked if it is necessary that the Board approve this item or if it can wait until October, and Mr. Bissonnette responded that he would prefer that the Board approve the recommendation so that the administration can proceed with the final design scheme and return to the Board if there are any concerns. Trustee Ross proposed that the Board approve the authorization to the administration subject to a strong consideration of how reputable sign companies deal with weatherability and maintenance factors.

Trustee Sims inquired if the October Board meeting would allow enough time to complete the design and contractor bids, and Mr. Bissonnette responded that it would.

Trustee Ross stated that warranties on the signs should also be a part of the decision process, noting that generally five or ten years is the typical warranty period. Mr. Corbin stated that the types of signage products recommended are manufactured by nationally-recognized firms who do give warranties on paint, aluminum, etc.

There was a discussion on whether the resolution should include the language "seeking authority to continue to refine the design process as originally proposed by Corbin Design." Trustee Sims stated that the refinement was already within the administration's authority.

The following resolution was submitted for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to solicit competitive bids from signage contractors and to return to the Board of Trustees for approval; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for the purchase and installation of exterior signs shall not exceed \$380,000.

Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Schlaybaugh, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Authorization to Proceed with Animal Care Facility (Science and Engineering Building)

Mr. Bissonnette stated that at the June 1995, Foundation Board meeting, Interim President Russi requested and received \$500,000 in funding to support the design phase of the Animal Care Facility, which was previously removed by the state from the Science and Engineering Building project because of cost considerations. Upon Board approval, the administration may either contract with Harley Ellington Design, the Science and Engineering Building project architect, or, with state approval, seek bids from other architects. Mr. Bissonnette expressed the administration's desire to move forward with the design of the Animal Care Facility so that construction would be ready to begin when the Science and Engineering Building is completed in January 1997. He noted that this project is complicated because the state is the owner of the project. Mr. Bissonnette stated that if the state allowed the university to seek an independent contract for architectural services, then it would be the university's decision to proceed with an RFP process to select an architect.

Trustee Sims inquired if the facility would be a stand-alone building instead of an appendage to the Science Building. Mr. Bissonnette responded that it is a stand-alone four-walled building above ground, but it is connected to the Science and Engineering Building underground. He added that the basement is within the existing construction contract.

Mr. Bissonnette submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement to complete the design documents for the Animal Care Facility with Harley Ellington Design, the architect of record for the Science and Engineering Building; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the agreement shall be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel prior to execution and shall conform to all university policies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for the design of the Animal Care Facility shall not exceed \$354,000 to be funded from the Oakland University Foundation.

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

Trustee Sims asked for clarification on the possibility of using an independent firm other than the current design firm. Mr. Bissonnette stated that if the state allows the university to use another design firm, then he may decide to seek Board approval for that approach.

Trustee Schlaybaugh questioned whether the anticipated animal care project design cost was based on the fact that the entire project is a State Building Authority project for which the state controls the pricing and the contracting. Mr. Bissonnette replied that Trustee Schlaybaugh was correct; pricing is based on earlier discussions with the state when the Animal Care Facility was eliminated from the project.

Trustee Schlaybaugh inquired if the administration would return to the Board seeking authority to solicit architectural bids and approve a contract if the state approved the university to seek independent firms. Mr. Bissonnette responded that, given the direction of the Board, he would utilize an RFP process to find an architect and return to the Board with a request to approve.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Honors College Remodeling

Mr. Bissonnette stated that the Honors College was founded in the 1970's as part of the College of Arts and Sciences for undergraduate students seeking a uniquely challenging educational experience. The Honors program in Varner Hall is currently limited with approximately 500 discontinuous square feet of space. The proposal is to relocate the existing Varner Hall offices to Vandenberg Hall where approximately 2,500 square feet would be provided for the program, of which 1,000 square feet would be new space and 1,500 square feet would be remodeled space.

Mr. Bissonnette submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to hire a qualified design firm to prepare plans and specifications for the renovation of space in Vandenberg Hall for the Honors College Offices (the "Project"); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to solicit competitive bids from qualified contractors and to return to the Board of Trustees for approval; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for the design and construction shall not exceed \$347,000, to be funded from the Oakland University Foundation.

Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Trustee Sharp commended the Oakland University Foundation for the significant contributions it has made towards numerous capital projects at Oakland. Chairman Fischer also thanked the Foundation for its continued support in funding special projects such as the renovation of the

Admissions and Academic Skills Center, the Honors College, and design completion for the Animal Care Facility. He reported that the total Foundation funding for Oakland projects this year is \$2.4 million.

Recommendation for Naming Honors College Suite

Mr. Disend stated that one of the reasons the Foundation was able to donate so generously to the university this year was because of Dr. Alvin R. Larson, whose gifts during his lifetime and upon his death totaled over \$2.5 million. Mr. Disend reported that the Foundation determined that such munificence should be recognized on campus; thus, they are recommending that the Honors College Suite be named after Dr. Larson.

Mr. Disend submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Honors College Suite shall be named Dr. Alvin R. Larson Hall, in honor of Dr. Larson's munificence, which will fund the new facility in Vandenberg Hall.

Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Doyle, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Charter Schools Statement of Intent

Interim President Russi stated that the Charter Schools issue has been examined by various university committees over the last 18 months. He noted that the administration is seeking Board approval for a statement of intent authorizing the President to form an Ad Hoc Charter Schools Council to prepare a Board policy for submission to the University Affairs Advisory Committee in September and to the Full Board in October.

Interim President Russi submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following "Statement of Intent:"

WHEREAS, charter schools, as authorized by recent state legislation, provide a real mechanism for change by creating schools of choice within the public domain; and,

WHEREAS, the charter idea challenges most of the conventional ideas about how to provide public education and deserves the attention of Oakland University to help nurture innovation and experimentation in education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to establish an Oakland University Charter Schools Council that will develop and propose a policy on charter schools. The policy shall set forth criteria under which Oakland University will charter schools; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the President will present a proposed policy on charter schools to the Board of Trustees University Affairs Advisory Committee in September, 1995; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the President will present a proposed policy on charter schools to the Board of Trustees at the October, 1995 meeting; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the Oakland University Policy on Charter Schools, the university will seek proposals for charter schools.

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

In response to a question raised by Trustee Sims concerning one of the committees, Interim President Russi stated that the members of the Ad Hoc Blue Ribbon Committee were the Acting Dean of the School of Education and Human Services, the Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Chair of the Senate Planning Review Committee, two faculty members from the School of Education and Human Services, the Acting General Counsel, the Chief Accountant, and the Manager of Risk Management.

Trustee Sims noted that in the position papers of each committee the central issue was raised that whatever initiative Oakland takes on charter schools, it should be at no additional cost to the institution. He also noted that no financial information was provided with the charter schools material. Trustee Sims requested that, due to the university's limited resources, the policy recommendation should have sufficient financial projections and information so that it can be reasonably concluded that there will be no additional cost to the university. Interim President Russi stated that the financial information will be provided with the policy.

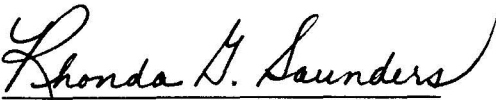
Trustee Schlaybaugh agreed with Trustee Sims, but requested that the financial report address whatever fiscal implications there are to the university, in case a proposal is presented at only a nominal cost to the institution but with other benefits for the university.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Other Items that May Come Before the Board

Trustee Schlaybaugh, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved adjournment of the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted,



Rhonda G. Saunders
Administrative Assistant
Board of Trustees

Approved,



David T. Fischer
Chairman
Board of Trustees