

Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
March 3, 1992

Present: Chairman Howard F. Sims, Trustees Andrea L. Fischer, Phyllis Law Googasian, David Handleman, L. Brooks Patterson, and Stephan Sharf. Trustee James A. Sharp, Jr. joined the meeting as noted in the minutes.

This special meeting of the Board of Trustees to interview presidential candidates was called to order at 8:05 a.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center by Chairman Howard F. Sims. He gave a brief overview of the procedure for the day and stated that each presidential candidate would be given a two hour block of time for the purpose of being interviewed by the Board of Trustees. Chairman Sims expressed appreciation to the four candidates for being part of this meeting. He stated that each candidate was asked to open with a twenty minute statement on a higher education issue of their choice and how it would apply to Oakland University. After the candidates' opening statements, the Board will address questions to the candidates, and midway through each two hour session, there would be a ten minute break. Chairman Sims advised that time would also be allotted for some questions from members of the audience, and there would be a ten to fifteen minute break between each interview segment.

Trustee James A. Sharp, Jr. joined the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Interview Session of Dr. Luis M. Proenza

(Dr. Proenza currently serves as vice chancellor for research and dean of the graduate school at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and as science advisor to Governor Walter J. Hickel of Alaska.)

At this point Chairman Sims welcomed the first candidate, Dr. Luis M. Proenza, and thanked him for being available for this meeting.

Dr. Proenza commenced his speech at 8:08 a.m. by thanking Chairman Sims, the Board, the faculty, and the members of the university community, and he expressed pleasure to be back at Oakland University. He introduced his wife, Theresa, and extended appreciation to everyone for their gracious hospitality and for sharing with him their many needs, concerns, and hopes for Oakland. His speech topic was "Quality of Change" and it concluded at 8:29 a.m. (The full text of Dr. Proenza's presentation and

the Board's questions are available on tape in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

The Board of Trustees proceeded to ask Dr. Proenza approximately fifteen questions after which Chairman Sims called a recess at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Sims reconvened the meeting at 9:10 a.m., and Dr. Proenza continued to answer approximately twenty more questions from the Board.

Chairman Sims concluded the interview of Dr. Proenza by asking him if the position of president of Oakland University were offered to him, were there any circumstances that would cause reluctance on his part to immediately accept. Dr. Proenza stated that there was only one, and he would like to discuss it in private with Chairman Sims.

The interview of Dr. Proenza concluded at 9:50 a.m.

Interview Session of Dr. Richard S. Meyers

(Dr. Meyers is president, professor of education psychology and foundations, and professor of music, Western Oregon State College, Oregon State System of Higher Education.)

At this point Chairman Sims opened the second interview at 10:04 a.m. and repeated the opening comments made prior to the beginning of the first interview. He advised that Dr. Richard S. Meyers has asked for a few minutes to make a closing statement, therefore, the questions would end at 11:45 a.m.

At this point, Chairman Sims introduced Dr. Meyers.

Dr. Meyers commenced his speech at 10:06 a.m. by stating that he was most pleased to be a part of this meeting. He chose "reform issues" and proceeded to address this topic as it affects education and Oakland University. His speech concluded at 10:25 a.m. (The full text of Dr. Meyers' presentation and the Board's questions are available on tape in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

The Board of Trustees proceeded to ask Dr. Meyers approximately twelve questions after which Chairman Sims called a recess at 11:06 a.m. Chairman Sims reconvened the meeting at 11:17 a.m., and Dr. Meyers continued to answer approximately fifteen more questions from the Board and the audience.

Chairman Sims concluded the interview of Dr. Meyers by asking him if he were offered the position of president of Oakland University, were there any circumstances that would cause reluctance on his part to immediately accept. Dr. Meyers stated that there were none.

After making his closing statement, the interview of Dr. Meyers concluded at 11:54 a.m.

Chairman Sims adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. for a lunch recess.

Interview Session of Dr. Sandra Packard

(Dr. Packard is provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of curriculum and instruction, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.)

Chairman Sims opened the afternoon sessions at 1:03 p.m., and prior to commencing the third interview, he briefly went over the meeting format for the benefit of those not present during the morning sessions. Chairman Sims advised the audience that Dr. Packard has provided a recap of her speech which was available for distribution. After Chairman Sims advised the audience that this interview would conclude at 2:45 p.m., he welcomed Dr. Sandra Packard.

Dr. Packard commenced her speech at 1:05 p.m. by stating that it was her privilege to be invited back to speak to the Board. She chose "New Partnerships for the 21st Century" as the theme of her speech, and she concluded her presentation at 1:22 p.m. (The full text of Dr. Packard's presentation and the Board's questions are available on tape in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

The Board of Trustees proceeded to ask Dr. Packard approximately fifteen questions after which Chairman Sims called a recess at 2:01 p.m.

At this point, Chairman Sims stated that he was asked to announce that there would be a special meeting of the University Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 1992, at 8 a.m. in the West Crockery of the Oakland Center. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Senate and other interested parties of the final steps the Board will employ to select the president.

Chairman Sims reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m., and Dr. Packard continued to answer approximately fifteen more questions from the Board and the audience.

Chairman Sims concluded the interview of Dr. Packard by asking her if she were offered the position of president of Oakland University, were there any circumstances that would cause reluctance on her part to immediately accept. Dr. Packard stated that there were none.

The interview of Dr. Packard concluded at 2:47 p.m.

Interview Session of Dr. Claire Van Ummersen

(Dr. Van Ummersen is chancellor, University System of New Hampshire.)

Chairman Sims opened the fourth session of this meeting at 3:04 p.m. and again went over the meeting format for those not present during the previous sessions. Chairman Sims advised the audience that Dr. Claire Van Ummersen has provided a recap of her speech which was available for distribution. After Chairman Sims advised the audience that a break was scheduled for 4 p.m., he introduced Dr. Van Ummersen.

Dr. Van Ummersen commenced her speech at 3:05 p.m. by stating that it was her privilege to be invited back to speak to the Board. Dr. Van Ummersen chose "A Model University for the 21st Century" as the topic of her speech which she concluded at 3:27 p.m. (The full text of Dr. Van Ummersen's presentation and the Board's questions are available on tape in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

The Board of Trustees proceeded to ask Dr. Van Ummersen approximately fifteen questions after which Chairman Sims called a recess at 4:03 p.m.

After Chairman Sims reconvened the meeting at 4:18 p.m., Dr. Van Ummersen continued to answer approximately fifteen more questions from the Board and the audience.

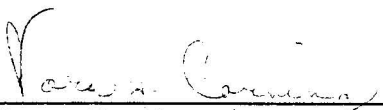
Chairman Sims concluded the interview of Dr. Van Ummersen by asking her if she were notified that she had been selected by the Board as president of Oakland University, were there any circumstances that would cause her to be reluctant to give an immediate affirmative response. Dr. Van Ummersen replied that there were none.

Chairman Sims thanked Dr. Van Ummersen.

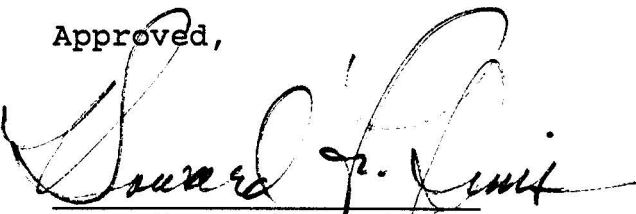
Chairman Sims expressed appreciation to the Board for a very long and productive day. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,



Nora J. Corning
Administrative Assistant
Board of Trustees



Howard F. Sims, Chairman
Board of Trustees