

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 12, 1986

Present: Trustees Donald Bemis, Phyllis Law Googasian, David Handleman, Patricia Hartmann, Alex Mair, Ken Morris and Wallace Riley. (Trustee Morris joined the meeting at the time noted in the minutes.)

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. in Lounge II of the Oakland Center by Chairman Wallace Riley.

Approval of minutes of February 12, 1986

Mr. Riley urged the Trustees to read the portion of the February 12, 1986, minutes relating to the admissions status report of Mr. Jerry Rose, Director of Admissions and Scholarships. He commended Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, on his summary of the report. Mr. Riley asked for any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Bemis, seconded by Mr. Morris, moved to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gifts and grants list of March 12, 1986

Mrs. Hartmann stated that the University Affairs Committee recommended approval of the gifts and grants amounting to \$514,877.50. She moved, seconded by Mr. Mair, to accept the gifts and grants. The motion was unanimously approved.

Faculty personnel actions

Mr. Kleckner asked approval of the following faculty personnel actions:

Appointment

Altan, Osman D., Adjunct Associate Professor of Engineering, effective January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1987.

DeGiusti, Dominic, Adjunct Professor of Biological Sciences, effective January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986.

Feeman, Lynn, Adjunct Instructor in Nursing, effective January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1987.

Mosher, Cynthia M., Adjunct Applied Nursing Instructor, effective January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1987.

Shumaker, Bryan P., Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physics,
effective January 1, 1986, through August 14, 1988.

Leave of Absence

Heberle, Gerald C., Associate Professor of History,
sabbatical leave from August 26, 1986, through April
25, 1987 (with half pay).

Monahan, Melodie J., Assistant Professor of English,
sabbatical leave from August 26, 1986, through December
13, 1986 (with half pay).

Tsui, Sze-kai, Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences,
sabbatical leave from August 26, 1986, through December
13, 1986 (with full pay).

Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mr. Handleman, to approve the faculty
personnel actions as presented. The motion was passed unani-
mously.

Faculty promotion actions

Mr. Kleckner stated that the reviews for the faculty promotions
were conducted in accordance with the Faculty Agreement, and
asked approval of 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. Special Instructor with job security considered for
promotion to the rank of Associate Professor with
tenure, effective August 15, 1986.

Arts and Sciences

Marvin D. Holladay	Music	Promote
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B. Associate Professors with tenure considered for
promotion to the rank of Professor, effective August 15,
1986.

Arts and Sciences

Peter J. Binkert	Linguistics & Classics	Promote
David W. Daniels	Music	Promote
Esther M. Goudsmit	Biological Sciences	Retain in rank

Paul A. Ketchum	Biological Sciences	Retain in rank
Louis J. Nachman	Mathematical Sciences	Promote
Helen J. Schwartz	English	Promote
<u>Economics and Management</u>		
Alice C. Gorlin	Economics	Promote
Miran Stano	Economics & Management	Promote
<u>Engineering and Computer Science</u>		
David E. Boddy		Promote

Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mrs. Googasian, to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morris joined the meeting at this time.

Approval of name change for the School of Economics and Management

Mr. Riley called on Mrs. Hartmann, Chair of the University Affairs Committee. Mrs. Hartmann stated that the Committee discussed the proposed name change for the School of Economics and Management at length, and recommends approval of the proposed change. She moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Over 94% of the majors in the School of Economics and Management are in business-related fields, and fewer than 6% are in economics; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the credit hours in the School of Economics and Management are in business-related fields; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Assembly of the School of Economics and Management and the Senate of Oakland University to have the name of the School reflect its current programs and mission; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the renaming of the School of Economics and Management to the School of Business Administration.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Handleman. Mr. Kleckner stated that Mr. Ronald Horwitz, Dean of the School of Economics and Management, was present to answer questions.

Mr. Riley asked if the name "School of Business" had been considered. Mr. Horwitz replied that it had been considered, but "School of Business Administration" was preferred because it more appropriately reflects the broad scope of programs offered by the

School. There are extensive administrative programs with governmental and health agencies, and the use of the word "administration" is more descriptive. Mr. Riley called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Prime Computer purchase for Department of Mathematical Sciences

Mr. Riley stated that the proposed purchase of a Prime computer for the Department of Mathematical Sciences had been considered by the Finance and Personnel Committee for fiscal reasons and by the University Affairs Committee for program concerns. Both committees recommend approval of the purchase.

Mr. Kleckner stated that the computer purchase, and the laboratory in which it will be used, center around two major contracts and a grant program the University has with Ford Motor Company. Prime, Inc., has given Oakland a very competitive price and Ford Motor Company will make available a substantial quantity of software without charge, a major advantage. Mr. Kleckner asked approval of the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, The research and instructional programs of the Department of Mathematical Sciences in applied statistics and computer graphics will be substantially advantaged by the acquisition of additional computing capacity; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company has agreed to make available to the University without charge its extensive graphics design software; and

WHEREAS, This highly versatile Ford software is currently written for only the PRIMOS operating system on PRIME computers; and

WHEREAS, PRIME Computer, Inc., has offered to provide its equipment to the University at very favorable prices; now be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to contract with PRIME Computer, Inc., for the purchase of a PRIME 9655 computer system with peripherals and associated software as specified, at a cost not to exceed \$190,000.

Mrs. Hartmann moved, seconded by Mr. Mair, to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Hartmann requested that, in the future, when agenda items contain abbreviations, definitions of the abbreviations should be included in the materials.

Approval of residence halls budget and fee increase for 1986-87

Mr. Riley stated that the proposed residence halls budget and fee increase for 1986-87 have been considered by the Finance and Personnel Committee, and approval is recommended. Mrs. Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, Vice President for Student Affairs, stated that the proposed increase in fees, 1.98 percent, is very modest. It is necessitated in large measure because of the anticipated need to replace the residence halls' high temperature hot water lines next year. Further, students have expressed a preference that the laundry service, which has been an optional cost, should be included in the room and board fee schedule. The prepaid laundry cost is \$20, and brings the total proposed increase to 2.7 percent. For comparative purposes, Ferris State College's residence halls rates will remain the same next year, but the other institutions will be increasing their rates on an average higher than Oakland. She asked approval of the recommendation set forth below:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the following new residence halls rates:

1. Regular academic year current room and board, nineteen (19) meal plan is \$2,682.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$53 (1.98%).

Recommended increase for laundry service is \$20 (.75%).

Total recommended increase is \$73 (2.7%).

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$2,755.

2. Regular academic year current room and board, fourteen (14) meal plan is \$2,570.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$50 (1.95%).

Recommended increase for laundry service is \$20 (.75%).

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$2,640.

3. Regular academic year current room and board, nine (9) meal plan is \$2,492.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$48 (1.93%).
Recommended increase for laundry service is \$20 (.80%).
Total recommended increase is \$68 (2.7%).

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$2,560.

4. Regular academic year current room only is \$1,702.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$26 (1.5%).
Recommended increase for laundry service is \$20 (1.1%).
Total recommended increase is \$46 (2.7%).

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$1,748.

5. Current summer session room and board rate is \$679.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$15 (2.2%).
Recommended increase for laundry service is \$5 (.75%).
Total recommended increase is \$20 (3.0%).

Total rate for summer 1986 would be \$699.

6. Current spring session room and board rate is \$606.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$13 (2.18%).
Recommended increase for laundry service is \$5 (.83%).
Total recommended increase is \$18 (3.0%).

Total rate for spring 1987 would be \$624.

7. Current summer session room only rate is \$410.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$9 (2.2%).
Recommended increase for laundry service is \$3 (.73%).
Total recommended increase is \$12 (3.0%).

Total rate for summer 1986 would be \$422.

8. Current spring session room only rate is \$424.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$10 (2.4%).

Recommended increase for laundry service is \$3 (.71%).

Total recommended increase is \$13 (3.0%).

Total rate for spring 1987 would be \$437.

9. Current Matthews Court Apartment monthly rent is \$300.

Recommended increase for operating expense is \$7 (2.3%).

Recommended increase for laundry service is \$3 (1.0%).

Total recommended increase is \$10 (3.0%).

Total monthly apartment rent would be \$310.

Mr. Bemis noted that the increase is modest, but he expressed concern that the new assessment for prepaid laundry service was included in the increase percentage figures. He stated that a newly instituted service charge requested by the students should not be considered part of the rate increase. The actual increase is only 1.98 percent, not 2.7 percent. He stated that he would vote for the recommendation if the wording of the recommendation is amended to clarify this point.

President Joseph E. Champagne suggested the wording be changed to "recommended assessment for prepaid laundry service", and that the laundry fee not be included in the percentage of increase. Mrs. Ray-Bledsoe concurred in Mr. Bemis' conclusion. In response to a question by Mr. Riley regarding the reasons for such a low increase in rates, Mrs. Ray-Bledsoe stated that full residence halls occupancy is the reason that such a modest rate increase is possible.

Mr. Bemis moved, seconded by Mrs. Googasian, that the recommendation be approved as amended to read:

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Recommended rate for prepaid laundry service is \$20.

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$2,755.

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Recommended rate for prepaid laundry service is \$20.

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$2,640.

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Recommended rate for prepaid laundry service is \$20.

Total rate for the 1986-87 academic year would be \$2,560.

4. Regular academic year current room only is \$1,702.

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Total monthly apartment rent would be \$310.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Ray-Bledsoe stated that as part of the residence halls agenda she wished to recommend the clarification of the terms under which a student can be released from a residence halls contract without cause. Currently, the causes for release from the contract under Section V of the agreement are financial hardship, medical health, psychological health, withdrawal from the University, marriage or graduation. On occasion, there may be justification for releasing a student for reasons unrelated to those listed. The adjustment to dormitory life may be a problem. She asked approval of the following recommendation:

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the following policy regarding the release of students from the terms and conditions of residence halls contracts:

Residence Halls Contract Release Without Cause

Students who request and are denied release from a residence halls contract under Section V of the Terms and Conditions may still be considered for release from the terms of the contract. A student may gain release from the conditions of the agreement if approved by the

appropriate designee of the President, who has the authority to grant such a release if the action does not prejudice the financial commitments of the University or the budget commitments of the residence halls operation.

It is understood that the University may terminate consideration of the process for release under this provision at any time. If approval is granted, such action shall be conditioned on the payment of the established daily rate, as determined by the University, for the number of days in the contract period prior to the effective date of release, as determined by the University, plus twenty-five percent (25%) of the remaining contractual obligation under this agreement. In addition, all other applicable conditions, such as damage payments and the return of keys, shall also be a part of this commitment.

Mr. Bemis stated that he was under the impression that the proposed change was to be an addendum to the residence halls contract, rather than a University policy, so that the signer of the contract would be aware of the policy. President Champagne replied that the Finance and Personnel Committee's recommendation was to have the change included in the contract. After further discussion, it was determined to treat this item as a policy matter.

Mr. Bemis stated that students should be made aware of the policy and of their contractual obligations before signing the residence halls contract. President Champagne, Mrs. Ray-Bledsoe and Mr. Jack Wilson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, replied that students will receive notice of the policy.

Mr. Bemis moved, seconded by Mrs. Googasian, that the recommendation be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

Approval of degree candidates - December 18, 1985

Mrs. Hartmann stated that the University Affairs Committee recommends approval of the degree candidates listed in the agenda materials under the date of December 18, 1985. Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mrs. Googasian, to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was unanimously passed. (The list of degree candidates is on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

Presentation regarding the Michigan Association of Governing Boards

Mr. Riley stated that Dr. Clare G. Johnson, Trustee at Ferris State College and a member of the Michigan Association of

Governing Boards (MAGB), wished to make a brief statement regarding the activities of the MAGB. Mr. Riley asked Mrs. Googasian, Oakland's representative to the MAGB, to introduce Dr. Johnson.

Mrs. Googasian stated that Dr. Johnson has served as a Trustee on the Ferris State College Board for several years and is now Vice Chair of that body. She noted that he is a medical doctor, a pharmacist and a lawyer. He also serves as Vice Chair of the MAGB. He has chaired the MAGB annual Awards Convocation for the past three years. At this event two faculty members and two students from each Michigan public university and college are honored for their outstanding contributions to their institutions.

(Dr. Johnson's comments are paraphrased and edited below. The first person presentation is retained for ease of reading.)

I would like to talk about what the MAGB does, the upcoming Awards Convocation and the April Trustees Workshop. Those of us who are officers in the MAGB are trying to address the boards of the public institutions in the State to talk about what we do, answer questions, provide an update on what has been happening with the MAGB, and to provide information about the upcoming workshop program.

The MAGB is an organization consisting of representative trustees from fourteen public colleges and universities in the State. The organization was formed eight or nine years ago because of a perceived need by board members to be educated concerning how to better govern our institutions. Further, members seek to achieve the most effective and efficient way to increase a public awareness of higher education in Michigan.

The MAGB is one of the premier state organizations in the country. The national organization (the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities - AGB) has many good things to say about what the Michigan chapter has accomplished. The AGB has even asked us to join it in sponsoring a seminar on September 18 and 19, 1986, to educate and share information with board members throughout the State.

On April 9, 1986, the MAGB will hold its annual workshop at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. All trustees are encouraged to attend. The agenda includes such subjects as (1) a discussion of the information compiled from the MAGB survey on board organization and operation, (2) "The Board Member, Advocate or Judge?", (3) "Faculty Discontent", and (4) "New Academic Rules and Drug Testing for College Athletes". Luncheon roundtables will be held so participants will be able to confer with the speakers.

There will be two concurrent sessions in the afternoon, one concerning Michigan State Representative Mary Brown's bill on Title IX issues, and the other meeting will be on the problem of increased insurance costs and decreased coverage.

The evening Awards Convocation will offer an opportunity for board members to participate in the recognition of two students and two faculty members from each institution. I understand that you have a board meeting on the same evening, and would like to "lobby a little" to see if that meeting could be changed to another date. If this is impossible, we would appreciate your attendance during the day sessions. I shall be glad to answer questions after tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Bemis thanked and commended Dr. Johnson for his willingness to take his valuable personal time to visit various institutions on MAGB matters, in addition to serving as a member of the Ferris State College Board of Trustees.

Chairman Riley also expressed to Dr. Johnson the appreciation of the Board of Trustees.

Approval of proposed changes in Intercollegiate Athletic Program

President Champagne stated that Mr. Paul Hartman, Director of Athletics, is not present because he is in Florida with Oakland's swim teams for the national championships. In Mr. Hartman's absence, President Champagne stated that he would give a brief report on the status of the wrestling program and the recommendation to discontinue the activity.

President Champagne noted that the University Affairs Committee recommends approval of the proposed change, and that Mr. Hartman was present at the meeting of the Committee to provide supplemental information for the Committee's deliberations.

President Champagne explained that, while Oakland has had some outstanding wrestlers over the years, the team has been unsuccessful in achieving the kind of quality effort desired by Oakland in its intercollegiate athletic program. Individual wrestlers have had outstanding records, but as a team, Oakland has had difficulty recruiting enough wrestlers to achieve a full-fledged program. The President stated that there are ten basic weight classes in wrestling and that there should be several team members in each category. This past year, for example, the team began with sixteen wrestlers and ended the season with only nine. This is one wrestler less than the number of weight classes. It is Mr. Hartman's recommendation, based upon his analysis of the entire athletic program, that Oakland should consider discontinuing wrestling. President Champagne

said that he concurs with Mr. Hartman's recommendation based upon extensive discussions regarding budget requirements to bring the wrestling program up to a desirable level.

Mrs. Hartmann, Chair of the University Affairs Committee, stated that, after a lengthy discussion, the Committee's general opinion was that Oakland simply was not drawing the number of wrestlers necessary to make it a viable sport on campus. The Committee also discussed briefly a related issue and that is the need to consider adding a replacement sport to remain eligible for Conference participation. Mrs. Hartmann then moved approval of the following recommendation:

It is recommended that wrestling be deleted from the intercollegiate athletic program at Oakland University effective this year, and that existing scholarship recipients will continue their scholarship grants at Oakland for another year if they do not transfer.

Mrs. Googasian seconded the motion.

Mr. Riley called on Mr. Michael Ozga, wrestling coach, who had requested to be recognized.

(The following is a paraphrase and edited report of Mr. Ozga's comments. The first person presentation has been retained for ease of reading.)

I want to state that the fact that we lost half of our roster is more of a rule than an exception in wrestling. In regard to roster numbers, Ashland College, which was fourth in the country last year, finished with eight people on their roster this year. Lake Superior College, which has been in the top twenty colleges the last five years, started the season with twenty-five men and finished with fourteen. It is not unusual to have a roster reduction in even the successful wrestling programs.

I find it hard to understand how Oakland can justify dropping the program when the last two years have been the most successful. We finished nineteenth and eighteenth respectively. On the national level, we have attained four All-American awards in the last two years, which is the exact number produced at Oakland in the ten years prior to my arrival. I do not see how dropping a program when it is on the upswing can be justified. It is a fact that we are on the low end as far as who we compete against in the region. It does not take that much more to have a successful program. I am not trying to compare us with the Division 1 perennial powers. Wrestling is one of three athletic

programs which have brought national attention to Oakland in the two years I have been at Oakland. Money is "poured" into other programs, while you are considering deleting wrestling. I find that hard to understand.

Mr. Riley asked Mr. Ozga to comment on the difficulty encountered in recruiting wrestlers. Mr. Ozga responded that part of the recruiting difficulty is that Oakland has higher academic standards than the schools we compete against. It is not unusual for teams to wrestle with fewer than the ten weight classes. A number of teams this year, including Iowa (which has been national champion the last nine years) have wrestled with less than ten weight classes.

Mr. Morris stated that the "central point" of his concern has not been discussed. He noted that we started our program in 1976. If a program is offered to students, we should follow through on our commitment, even if attendance and participation are low. If Oakland wishes to eliminate the wrestling program, students should be informed that after a specific date, wrestling will no longer be offered. The program should continue until those persons who have committed themselves to the program have an opportunity to finish.

Mr. Handleman concurred that those students on scholarships should be protected.

Mr. Morris stated that the connotation of the reference in the agenda to minimal attendance at meets is that this fact had some influence on the recommendation to eliminate the wrestling program. Oakland has an obligation to live up to its commitment to students even if there is only one wrestler. Mr. Morris then expressed his opposition to eliminating the wrestling program.

Mr. Riley asked Mr. Ozga how many wrestlers will be back next year. Mr. Ozga replied that of the nine men remaining, all are eligible to come back, including six who were injured and unable to participate this year. In response to other questions, Mr. Ozga stated that eight of the nine are on scholarships, but that none of the eight are on full scholarship.

Mr. Handleman stated that the students who are on scholarships should be protected and allowed to continue.

Mr. Riley stated that the problem with targeting a termination date for the wrestling program is that no one would come to Oakland for wrestling if they knew the program were to be dropped after a specified date.

Mr. Ozga stated that six wrestlers were lost to injuries this year, which is an exception. He added that one of the criteria

given him when he was first employed at Oakland was to show some improvement in the wrestling program. Prior to his arrival, Oakland never had a top twenty finish. In the last two years, Oakland finished in the top twenty.

Mr. Riley asked Mr. Ozga if he had discussed his position with Mr. Hartman because Mr. Ozga's statements are at variance with Mr. Riley's perception of the situation after meeting with Mr. Hartman. Mr. Riley said that Mr. Hartman convinced him that now would be the best time to drop the program, since the budget would have to be doubled to make the program more attractive to prospective wrestlers. Mr. Ozga responded that he is not asking that the budget be doubled; he is saying that it does not take a large financial commitment to have a successful wrestling program. He said he was "told before the University Affairs Committee met that the Board members were in favor of dropping wrestling".

Mr. Bemis stated that as a Board member he wished to go on record that he has had no discussion with anyone on this topic. He said he wished to make it clear that "the Board" has not decided anything on this issue. He also said he feels uncomfortable discussing this subject, and Mr. Hartman's statements, in Mr. Hartman's absence.

Mrs. Hartmann suggested that the matter be tabled so that Mr. Hartman and Mr. Ozga could appear before the Board committees to consider all aspects of the issue.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Handleman, to table the proposal to eliminate wrestling from the intercollegiate athletics program at Oakland.

Mr. Ozga stated that he needs assistance with the dilemma of what to tell the students he has been recruiting for next year because of the possibility of losing them to other schools while deliberations are conducted.

Mr. Bemis stated that he is not ready to vote on the issue. If he must vote tonight, he would vote in favor of the administration's recommendation to do away with the wrestling program. If there is additional information or if there are questions to be answered, the item should be tabled. He stated that he did not believe that Mr. Ozga desired to press the Board into a vote tonight.

Mrs. Hartmann asked Mr. Ozga if April 9, the date of the next Board meeting, would be too late for a decision. Mr. Ozga replied that April 1 is the date the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) commits wrestlers to programs at each institution. If Oakland's program is still in question on April 1, the

program may as well be dropped, since the good wrestlers will be signed by other schools.

Mr. Riley called for a vote on the motion to table since it is not debatable. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Morris asked whether it would be feasible, given the timing issue, for the Board Chair to appoint a committee to meet with Mr. Hartman and raise some of the questions discussed this evening. He said that he had additional questions he would like answered regarding the future of athletic programs at Oakland. He hoped that such a review process would result in a decision on such matters prior to the sign-up deadline for athletes.

President Champagne stated that the University Affairs Committee is the designated committee on the subject of athletics, but the Chair could appoint an ad hoc committee for this purpose, perhaps a member of the Finance and Personnel Committee to review the financial aspects of the recommendation, and a member of the University Affairs Committee to consider the programmatic implications of the elimination of the wrestling program.

Mr. Handleman stated that he did not favor the appointment of an ad hoc committee, but rather that Mr. Hartman and Mr. Ozga appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee on April 2 for budget issues and the University Affairs Committee on March 25 for program issues.

Mrs. Googasian asked for clarification that April 1 is the first date scholarships can be offered to wrestlers. Mr. Ozga replied that the date is not as crucial with the marginal wrestler, but the most desirable wrestlers will have schools "standing in line" to sign them.

Mr. Handleman suggested going forward with the planned Committee action, which was agreeable to all of the Board members and Mr. Ozga.

Approval of appointment of auditor for review of 1985-86 fiscal year accounts

Mr. McGarry stated that it is the policy of the Board of Trustees that the University's financial statements be examined each year by an independent public accounting firm. Policy also requires that the public accounting firm be retained for no more than seven years. Arthur Andersen & Co. was engaged for the 1984/85 audit at a fee of \$30,000. They have offered to perform the 1985/86 audit which would be their second for a fee of \$35,000.

Mr. Bemis stated that at the February 12, 1986, Board meeting he moved to table the appointment of an auditor for review of the 1985-86 fiscal year accounts until this meeting.

Mr. Morris stated that action could not be taken at the February 12 Board meeting because there were four affirmative votes plus his abstention vote. Five votes are required for action. He said that there was no additional information presented on the item to change his vote of abstention. Mr. McGarry stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee reconsidered the matter at their last meeting on March 5 and again recommended approval of Arthur Andersen & Co.

Mr. Bemis moved, seconded by Mrs. Googasian, approval of the recommendation set forth below:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes Arthur Andersen & Co. to conduct the audit of the University's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 1986, at a fee of \$35,000.

The motion was passed by six affirmative votes. Mr. Morris abstained.

Proposed revision in agreement with City of Auburn Hills regarding payments in lieu of special sewer assessment charges

Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, stated that at the February 12, 1986, Board meeting the Trustees granted approval to the administration to negotiate with the City of Auburn Hills for either a total refund of the amount paid by the University under a contract dated December 14, 1983, regarding payments to the City in lieu of special sewer assessments, or to purchase sewer services for the proposed Kresge Library at the current lower rates and to be refunded the difference.

A presentation was made to the Auburn Hills City Council on February 24, 1986. The Council graciously agreed to approve "in principle" a broader right to the University to apply any or all of its funds to the payment of sewer charges at the rate established immediately prior to March 1, 1986, if the funds remained with the City. (This action will permit the University to obtain sewer rates at a cost of \$1000 per unit as opposed to \$2500 or possibly a higher rate at some future date.) The Council asked for one additional consideration, in view of their willingness to make this concession, and that is that the agreement between the City of Auburn Hills and Oakland University be amended so that the University would not be entitled to the payment of eight percent interest after March 1, 1986, for any amount of money that the University wishes to have refunded at some future date. The Council understandably raised an objection to the possibility that the University would delay on their decision and then request payment years in the future with the interest rate commitment. The Council was advised that the University administration did not have any authority to commit the institution in this manner since this action would have to be approved by the Board of

Trustees. The only authority granted by the Board of Trustees was to make a payment on the library with a refund of the balance. It was generally understood by the Council that this action could still be an option but, as expressed by the Auburn Hills City Manager, the University would be better served by the proposed action of the Council.

This matter was reviewed by the University administration and by the Finance and Personnel Committee. The committee recommends that the City's offer be accepted because it appears that funds would be saved by virtue of the fact that future structures are contemplated for the campus.

Mr. De Carlo asked approval of the recommendation set forth below:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees concurs in the action taken by the City Council for the City of Auburn Hills whereby the agreement of December 14, 1983, shall be amended to permit Oakland University to leave those funds paid under the contract with the City of Auburn Hills as an advance payment for sewer charge units and at such time as the University wishes to apply these funds to any construction in the City of Auburn Hills, the unit charges shall be at the rate no higher than that charged immediately preceding March 1, 1986, which rate was \$1000 per sewer unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, in recognition of this consideration by the City, waives its right under the contract to receive any interest payment beyond March 1, 1986, for any funds held under the contract by the City, for which the University requests repayment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the University General Counsel is authorized to negotiate such an agreement with the City which may be executed on behalf of the University by the President or his designee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to the City of Auburn Hills for its willingness to once again work cooperatively with the University in the resolution of a mutual problem.

Mr. Riley asked for clarification that the only cost to Oakland would be the eight percent interest lost after March 1 on the permits not immediately required.

Mr. De Carlo verified that the interest after March 1 would be the only cost to the University.

Mr. Handleman added that the real advantage of the arrangement would be the ability of Oakland to purchase sewer services at a much lower cost than projected for the future. The City would have the advantage of retaining the funds.

Mr. Handleman moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

Trustees Bemis and Handleman left the meeting at this point due to previous commitments.

Presentation on University Congress activities for 1985; and
presentation on goals of University Congress

Mr. Riley recognized Mr. Mike Carbone, Past President of the University Congress.

(What follows is an edited paraphrase of Mr. Carbone's comments. The first person presentation is retained for ease of reading.)

I wish to thank the Board for the opportunity to report on the Congress activities for 1985. I would like to call the Board's attention to the two booklets distributed immediately prior to the meeting, Student Activity Fee Report 1959-1985, and University Congress 1985 Year End Report. I would like to highlight some of the main points contained in the year end report.

First, I wish to formally thank Ms. Cameron Brunet-Koch, Congress advisor, who reviewed and edited the documents. Also, I want to thank Karen Higgins, who spent a great deal of time preparing and typing the documents.

University Congress has worked diligently to respond to student concerns and issues this past year. The basic composition of Congress is 22 students, two of whom serve by virtue of their positions as Area Hall Council President and Commuter Council President. The other 20 students are elected representatives. In addition, there are two faculty representatives and one administrative-professional representative. The Congress has several standing committees: the Student Program Board, the Student Activities Board, the Steering Committee, the Elections Commission, and the newly-formed Legislative Affairs Committee.

I would like to thank President Champagne and Mr. De Carlo for their hard work with our legislators in response to the Governor's Commission Report on the Future of Higher Education. After the report was released, we had an opportunity to meet with our legislators personally. The Legislative Affairs Committee has been formulated to ensure that in the

future we may keep in constant communication with legislators so that students, through University Congress, can lobby for student rights and issues that impact on students. The Committee is modeled after Michigan State University's Legislative Affairs Committee. It was President Tony Boganey's efforts that resulted in the establishment of this Committee, and he will speak on this facet of the Congress.

Another issue that came before the Board of Trustees related to the proposed closing of the Graham Health Center. There was considerable concern among the students about this issue, and I want to urge everyone involved to thoroughly analyze the implications of such a move before taking any action.

In 1985 the Board approved an increase in the student activity fee, which has proven to be of benefit to students since more and better programs can be offered to students by the Student Program Board. To indicate the quality of programs being offered, three of the five entertainers brought to campus have been nationally-recognized personalities. In addition, graduate student organizations now have the opportunity to request funds from the Student Program Board.

During the summer, the Congress worked on the Student Buying Power Card, which enables students to receive discounts at area stores. This activity helps Congress develop a relationship with the business community.

Also during the summer, we developed the Student Directory. I would like to note the fact that a Student Directory waiver appears in the Schedule of Classes. If a student wishes to keep his or her name from being printed in the Directory, the processing of this waiver will accomplish that result. It is each student's responsibility to read the Schedule of Classes thoroughly because it contains enough information to answer most student questions.

Another issue that came before the students was the faculty strike in September. I am very pleased that I personally had the opportunity to serve as Congress President during that troubled time. I believe the Congress proved itself as a student advocate and demonstrated what can be accomplished with initiative. Congress distributed information, passed resolutions, and transmitted memos to administrators. I believe that this experience paved the way for students to come to the Board, the faculty and the administration at the beginning of a labor relations problem rather than at the end. I believe that the administration, the faculty and the students dealt with the situation in a very mature manner and relationships were strengthened.

Another issue Congress faced was the practice of apartheid in South Africa. Students had the opportunity to work with the Board of Trustees, and I believe this kind of relationship is very important.

An issue that came before Congress which was not resolved during my term concerns extending student life scholarships to commuter students. I hope that this issue will continue to be addressed by this year's Congress.

One of the most successful committees formed last year was the President's Council, which was developed as a "think tank". It was conceived through Congress, Greek Council, Area Hall Council, Commuter Council and the Association of Black Students. The presidents of these organizations work together toward common goals with the assistance of President Champagne.

Finally, in 1984, due to a Veteran's Administration requirement, two minutes were added to each class period on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This resulted in an eight minute period to move from one class to the next. The Handicap Awareness Committee investigated different areas of the campus from the standpoint of accessibility for handicapped students. Noted in that Committee's report is the fact that traveling from a class in Varner Hall to a class in Wilson Hall takes more than eight minutes. The Committee brought this issue before the Faculty Senate, and deliberations are taking place to arrive at a solution. This is important because it signifies the first time an issue from the students was brought to the attention of the faculty, and the faculty assumed responsibility to act on the matter. The Senate has provided students with the opportunity to voice their concerns and bring them to resolution.

The experience of being the Congress president was an incomparable experience for me that has proven that avenues exist at Oakland University to work together toward a common goal. The students of Oakland University are lucky to have high quality administration and faculty, and a Board of Trustees that displays its responsiveness to students through the resolutions it passes.

Mr. Morris complimented Mr. Carbone on his report.

Mr. Riley called on Mr. Tony Boganey, President of the University Congress.

(What follows is an edited paraphrase of Mr. Boganey's remarks. The first person presentation is retained for ease of reading.)

I would like to introduce my Executive Staff and those Congress members present at this meeting: Rob Waters, Executive Assistant; Kate Moser, Financial Assistant; Randy Straughen, Legislative Affairs Director; Jim Prehn, Student Activity Board Chair; Jeanine Andreski, Public Relations Director; Colleen Ochoa, Student Program Board; and Sue Jazewski, Steering Committee Chair. I would like the members of Congress in the audience to stand.

Let me give a brief description of Congress. University Congress is the central student government for Oakland University. Congress' responsibilities are to provide for and to guarantee the integrity of Oakland students, to advocate policies that best serve the students of the University, and to protect and defend the rights of students within the University. The primary responsibility of the Congress is to represent the students. The Congress is to seek out and research student concerns, and to present information and recommendations on those concerns. Each Congress member also sits on at least one Senate or University-wide committee, thereby allowing student input during decision-making processes.

Congress' goals for this year are on two levels: an overall goal which we hope to accomplish by the end of the semester, and a number of smaller goals which we hope to achieve during the course of the year and which will allow the achievement of the overall goal. The overall goal of Congress this year is to further the betterment of student life on Oakland's campus while improving the efficiency of Congress. The smaller goals, some of which have been achieved, are as follows:

1. An orientation workshop for the newly-elected Congress members. In the past, when new Congress members were elected in December, they were thrown into their roles as Congress members and expected to function as if they automatically knew what was expected of them. When that was done, Congress usually was not effective until February or March. This year we decided to have an orientation for the Congress members early in January, and I feel that this workshop has been effective.
2. A working Legislative Affairs Committee. The structure of this committee was put together last semester under Mr. Carbone's administration. This semester the director of the committee and his workers are gathering information from Lansing and Washington which affects students, informing students of that information, and taking student concerns back to Lansing and Washington.

3. Internal reorganization of office files and documents in the Congress office.
4. Guideline revisions. Starting this year, all revisions are coming through the Steering Committee.
5. Improve individual Congress members' involvement in the setting of goals. Some of the goals currently under consideration are: implementation of a legal aid program, increased accessibility to Student Activity Board funds, resolution of voting procedure problems, a voter registration drive, sponsoring a leadership training conference for University student leaders, involvement-type scholarships for commuter students, and a comprehensive calendar for student organizations. Two ongoing goals are the Student Directory and increasing the number of merchants involved in the Student Discount Card.

Mr. Boganey stated he would be glad to answer any questions and then invited the Board members to join University Congress members for a reception in the Oakland Center.


Mr. Mair and Mrs. Hartmann commended Mr. Boganey on his presentation.

Mrs. Hartmann left the meeting at this point for a previous commitment.

President Champagne stated that an effective Congress makes the role of University administrators much easier, because it facilitates immediate awareness and action on issues of student concern. He said he is pleased to be a part of the President's Council, which has become a student advisory board to the President of the University. Meetings are held once a month and the Council has been able to effectively resolve some difficult issues on an informal basis. He commended Mr. Carbone and Mr. Boganey for their efforts in this direction.

Mr. Riley asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board, or if any member of the audience wished to speak. In the absence of response, Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved,



John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Wallace D. Riley, Chairman
Board of Trustees