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Proposed 2005 budget presented at BOT meeting

An overview of Oakland University's proposed general fund budget and a discussion of a proposal to end outsourcing of some custodial services on campus highlighted the May 5 working session of the **Board of Trustees**.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer gave a **presentation** that outlined the current proposed general fund budget for fiscal year 2005, which included proposed tuition and fee rate increases. The discussion also focused on contingencies in the event that more budget cuts from the state are imminent. Director of Government Relations Rochelle Black offered her estimate of the timing of the state appropriations bill, which is crucial to the board and administration as they establish a general fund budget for next year.

Schaefer then introduced a proposal that would end outsourcing of some custodial services on campus and would replace Aramark custodial services with Oakland University employees. The proposal would save the university \$1 million over several years, Schaefer said. Several board members expressed concern that entering into a long-term contract with unionized services rather than a vendor company would cause the university potential financial problems in the future.

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil presented a proposal to slightly amend certain language in the constitution of the university library so it brings the constitution up to date.

Director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Gloria Sosa presented a proposal for continued funding of the Trustee Academic Success Fund, a program designed to expand the cultural horizons of students through scholarships and campus-wide programs that enhance diversity.

President Gary Russi presented his report, which included recognition of:

- Employee of the Month for February 2004 Mike Rossi, the aquatic coordinator in the Office of Campus Recreation;
- Employee of the Month for March 2004 Maurini Strub, a library assistant II at Kresge Library;
- Employee of the Month for April 2004 Linda Oliver, assistant director of information technology in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Moudgil presented two faculty members with faculty recognition awards:

- Mark Simon, associate professor of management in the School of Business Administration;
- David Dulio, assistant professor of political science in the Department of Political Science.

Russi introduced the two new student liaisons to the Board of Trustees:

- Stefanie Marshall, a biology major from Rochester Hills;
- David Lauber, a political science major from Auburn Hills.

Schaefer gave the treasurer's report, which showed that Oakland University's pooled cash reserve and endowment fund showed increases in both quarterly and fiscal year-to-date earnings.

Outgoing student liaisons Rhonda Hanna and Lenwood Compton each gave their final **student liaison reports**. Student Congress president Jonathan Parks gave the student congress report, recapping successes from his first year in office and promising more success in the year to come.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, in Elliott Hall Auditorium. For more information, visit the **Board of Trustees** Web site.

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