

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of the  
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 8, 1986

Present: Trustees Donald Bemis, Phyllis Law Googasian, David Handleman, Patricia Hartmann, Alex Mair, Ken Morris, Wallace Riley and Howard Sims

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. in Lounge II of the Oakland Center by Chairman Wallace Riley. Mr. Riley announced that the agenda is available in advance of the meeting, and anyone wishing to address the Board should complete an information card indicating their name, address and agenda topic of interest. Any person completing a card will be called upon at the time of discussion on the agenda item noted. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman will ask if anyone has any other topic they wish to bring before the Board.

Approval of minutes of December 11, 1985

Mr. Riley asked for any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the Board meeting of December 11, 1985. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Bemis, seconded by Mr. Handleman, moved to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gifts and grants list of January 8, 1986

Mr. Robert Swanson, Vice President for Developmental Affairs, drew the Board's attention to the \$18,600 in gifts to support the Alumni Fund. He also noted the \$18,800 in gifts to support the Department of Athletics, and the \$42,800 in gifts in support of Meadow Brook Hall.

Mr. Keith Kleckner, Provost and Senior Vice President, drew the Board's attention to the \$30,000 grant to the School of Economics and Management from the Chrysler Corporation. He stated that he hoped that this grant was the beginning of an extended relationship with Chrysler. He also pointed out the \$39,000 grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts for the Meadow Brook Theatre.

Mr. Riley called the Board's attention to the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company gift of \$1,000 in support of the Athletic Department. He stated that appreciation for this contribution should be extended to former Trustee Richard Headlee.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mrs. Hartmann, to accept the gifts and grants with gratitude. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of faculty personnel actions

Mr. Kleckner asked approval of the faculty personnel actions set forth below:

Appointment

Kaltenborn, Freddy M., Clinical Professor of Physical Therapy, effective August 15, 1985, through August 14, 1986.

Larson, Cathy A., Clinical Instructor in Physical Therapy, effective January 1, 1986, through August 14, 1987.

Change of Status

Dawson, James E., from Associate Professor of Music to Associate Professor of Music and Acting Chair, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, effective January 6, 1986, through April 25, 1986.

Frederick, Elizabeth Ann, from Instructor in Management to Assistant Professor of Management, effective December 1, 1985.

Change of Status Withdrawn

Facko, Robert I., from Associate Professor of Music to Associate Professor of Music and Acting Chair, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, effective January 6, 1986, through April 25, 1986. (Supersedes previous Board action of November 13, 1985.) This action withdraws the appointment as Acting Chair at Mr. Facko's request so that he may devote more time to research.

Leave of Absence

Cutts, John P., Professor of English, sick leave from September 5, 1985, through March 4, 1986 (with full pay), and leave from March 5, 1986, through August 14, 1986 (with no pay). (Supersedes previous Board action of October 10, 1985, which placed Mr. Cutts on a sick leave for the period September 5, 1985, through October 31, 1985.)

Eliezer, Isaac, Professor of Chemistry and Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, administrative leave from June 1, 1986, through August 31, 1986, and June 1, 1987, through August 31, 1987 (with full pay).

Gorlin, Alice C., Associate Professor of Economics, sick leave from November 5, 1985, through April 25, 1986 (with full pay).

Mr. Sims, seconded by Mrs. Hartmann, moved to approve the faculty personnel actions as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### Approval of faculty reappointments

Mr. Kleckner stated that the faculty listed in the recommendation to the Board of Trustees have been reviewed under the terms of the faculty agreement with evaluation by faculty colleagues and academic administration. He asked approval of the recommendation set forth below:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the following personnel actions which have been formulated by the Provost with the advice of the dean and faculty colleague review body in accordance with the specified tenure review process.

1. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to a final two-year probationary term as assistant Professor, effective August 15, 1986.

#### Arts and Sciences

Kevin Andrews	Mathematical Sciences	Reemploy
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#### Nursing

Mary Ann Krammin		Reemploy
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Elizabeth Pinkstaff		Do Not Reemploy*
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\*Termination effective August 14, 1986

2. Assistant Professor eligible for reemployment to a final probationary term as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 1986. The normal two-year term is to be extended one year, in accordance with provisions of the Faculty Agreement.

#### Health Sciences

John R. Stevenson	Exercise Science	Reemploy
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Mr. Handleman, seconded by Mrs. Hartmann, moved to approve the faculty reappointments as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

At this point in the meeting Chairman Riley verified that all Board members had received a copy of the letter from Professor Daniel Fullmer, President of the Oakland University American Association of University Professors, thanking the Board for the policy statement on academic freedom adopted at the last Board meeting in regard to the actions of the organization Accuracy in Academia. He asked Mr. Fullmer if he had any comments. Mr. Fullmer responded by thanking the Board for its prompt action of December 11, 1985, regarding the University's position on academic freedom.

#### Acceptance of security transactions report

Mr. Sims stated that acceptance of the gift of stock from Mr. George R. Halleman which is set forth in the security transactions report was accomplished by the Board's acceptance of the gifts and grants list. Mr. Robert McGarry, Vice President for Finance and Administration, stated that Mr. Sims was correct and no action is necessary. The security transaction report is an information item.

#### Other Items to come before the Board

Trustee Patricia Hartmann, Chair of the University Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee met on January 6, 1986, to discuss critical space needs at Meadow Brook Hall. The basis for the discussion was a report submitted by Mr. Lowell Eklund, Executive Director of Meadow Brook Hall, and Ms. Margaret Twyman, Managing Director of Meadow Brook Hall, regarding the Hall's growing need for additional conference space adjacent to, or in conjunction with, Meadow Brook Hall. After extensive discussion, the Committee requested additional supportive information, which was promptly supplied by Mr. Eklund and Ms. Twyman. The Committee met again this afternoon on this subject. The information included figures indicating the number of revenue producing events and conferences the Hall is unable to accommodate because of a lack of adequate facilities. Mrs. Hartmann then read the following Committee recommendation as a motion:

The University Affairs Committee which is charged with the review of campus facilities, planning, the Meadow Brooks, and Sunset Terrace, has reviewed the conference needs of Meadow Brook Hall. It has determined that additional meeting space is required, and that the need for an annex, such as Sunset Terrace, which could accommodate small meetings, receptions, and our many growing campus conference activities, for which appropriate space is no longer available, is critical. The executive staff at Meadow Brook Hall has demonstrated that a facility such as Sunset Terrace is the natural and appropriate site because of its location, character and association with Mrs. Matilda Wilson. This is the only available

structure which can meet this need, and it has been determined that it is financially feasible to support such a facility by the actual and projected demand for such space currently experienced by Meadow Brook Hall. Additionally, given the fact that the cost of operating Sunset Terrace as a residence without income is inordinately high, it is financially desirable to have Sunset Terrace become income producing to offset these costs. Its size (13,000 square feet), far exceeds the University's residential requirements for the President and makes it more suitable to the purposes stated above than use as a residence.

Therefore, the University Affairs Committee recommends that Sunset Terrace be converted into a meeting and reception annex to meet Meadow Brook Hall's critical shortage of space for conferences and meetings. Since the President and his family would thus be displaced from Sunset Terrace, the Committee recommends that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to arrange for alternate and appropriate housing for the President and his family subject to final approval of the Board.

Mr. Mair seconded the motion.

Mr. Riley asked Mr. Eklund if he wished to make a statement regarding the use of Sunset Terrace by Meadow Brook Hall.

Mr. Eklund stated that the fact that Meadow Brook Hall must turn away groups that could be hosted if adequate space were available is significant. Also, there are certain programs that the Hall is obligated to host that, if alternate space were available, could be diverted to Sunset Terrace to allow space at the Hall to be used for revenue producing programs that would be more appropriate to the Hall's setting.

Mr. Riley asked about the use of the Carriage House. Mr. Eklund responded that the Carriage House is in regular use. However, the Carriage House is separated from the main Hall and when a conference is held at the Hall, serving meals to conferrees is a problem. Sunset Terrace has a kitchen and could accommodate conferences requiring food service.

Mrs. Hartmann asked about future bookings at Meadow Brook Hall. Mr. Eklund responded that, with the exception of January and part of February, which are traditionally low trade periods for conferences, weekends for the coming year are completely booked at the Hall and programs are being turned away on a daily basis. The booking process operates a year to eighteen months in advance.

Mr. Morris stated that he believes the proposal to be an excellent idea because Sunset Terrace is far more suited to the pro-

posed use for conferences than as a residence. This facility will add to the University's attractiveness as a conference center.

Mr. Riley asked Ms. Twyman if she wished to comment on the matter. Ms. Twyman stated that Meadow Brook Hall's overhead is approximately \$2,200 a day. Sunset Terrace should have less cost per day and be far more efficient to operate as a conference center for small meetings than the Hall.

Mr. Riley called for a vote on the motion which was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Googasian extended the Board's appreciation to Mr. Eklund and Ms. Twyman for their prompt and thorough report on this matter.

Mrs. Hartmann added her commendation of the Meadow Brook Hall staff.

### President's Report

President Joseph E. Champagne stated that he wanted to publicly acknowledge some recent events affecting Oakland University. The capital outlay bill has been signed by Governor James J. Blanchard and Oakland's library addition project has been approved in the amount of \$9 million with \$7 million to be provided by the State with \$2 million to be raised by Oakland University. President Champagne stated that the Alumni Association has pledged \$1 million toward the project and that he is optimistic that the remaining \$1 million will be forthcoming in the near future. The architect is currently engaged in the planning process and it is hoped that the construction will start in 1986. The addition will double the size of the Kresge Library. This project was first approved by the State in 1974, and President Champagne extended the thanks of the University to Governor Blanchard and the Legislature.

President Champagne stated that the Capital Outlay Bill also reauthorized the status of a Science Building for planning consideration. This project is Oakland's next major capital outlay priority project. The concept for this project received preliminary approval five years ago and it is hoped that it will receive final approval in the not-too-distant future.

President Champagne said that Oakland's proposal regarding the Research Excellence and Economic Development Fund has been approved by the State at the requested level of \$500,000. The University administration is very pleased to be the recipient of the highest amount of research funding for all colleges and universities except for the four designated state research institutions.

President Champagne commended the Meadow Brook Hall staff; Mr. and Mrs. David Scott, Chairpersons of the 1985 Christmas Walk; and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCarthy, Honorary Co-chairpersons, for the very successful Christmas Walk program. The event produced net income in excess of \$160,000 with over 30,000 visitors. People came from many parts of the United States to visit the Hall this Christmas, and an article covering the event even appeared in a Dallas newspaper. The President thanked the Meadow Brook Hall staff for its efforts and efficiency, not only because of the Hall's financial success, but the good will created by its activities.

In response to President Champagne's request, Mr. Kleckner informed the Board of Trustees that Spring enrollment increased between 4% and 5% over Winter enrollment which was also up 4% to 5% from the previous semester. Most of the increase is in the teacher education area.

Mr. Riley asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Receiving no response, adjournment was moved by Mr. Mair and seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved,



John De Carlo, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

Wallace D. Riley, Chairman  
Board of Trustees