

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
April 1, 2009**

**Present:** Chair Jacqueline S. Long; Vice Chair Henry Baskin; and Trustees Monica E. Emerson, Richard A. Flynn, Michael R. Kramer, Ann V. Nicholson, Dennis K. Pawley, and Ganesh V. Reddy

**Also Present:** President Gary D. Russi; Senior Vice President Virinder K. Moudgil; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Susan Davies Goepf, Mary L. Otto, and Mary Beth Snyder; Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi; and Student Liaisons Samir R. Hanna and Tawnee S. Milko

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Jacqueline S. Long called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

**B. Roll Call**

Mr. Victor A. Zambardi, Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all of the Board members were present. Trustee Henry Baskin was present via teleconference.

**C. Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. John W. Beaghan, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report as set forth in the agenda item.

Chair Long thanked Mr. Beaghan for his report.

**Meadow Brook Hall Budget Status Report**

Mr. Geoffrey Upward, Executive Director, MBH, presented the Meadow Brook Hall Budget Status Report as set forth in the agenda item.

Chair Long thanked Mr. Upward for his report.

D. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Consent Agenda

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University Personnel Actions

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions below.

**I. Administrative Appointments**

Machmut-Jhashi, Tamara, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Art History with tenure, effective February 17, 2009 pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Tamara Machmut-Jhashi and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

Piskulich, C. Michelle, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure, effective February 9, 2009 pursuant to the Employment Agreement between C. Michelle Piskulich and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and requirements of the University General Counsel.

**II. Academic Appointments**

Bee, Mary Tracy, Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences with tenure (\$120,000), effective May 1, 2009.

**III. Faculty Promotions**

The faculty bargaining agreement requires that certain reviews for possible promotion be completed by April 15. The following recommendations are made by the President and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost:

**Optional Promotions – Effective August 15, 2009**

**Associate Professors with tenure considered for promotion to full Professor:**

Li, Keyu	Mechanical Engineering	Promote
Seeley, John V.	Chemistry	Promote
Smith, Michael B.	Linguistics	Promote

#### IV. Emeritus Appointments

Gendell, Julien, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, effective January 27, 2009.

#### Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of January 1 through February 28, 2009

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts and pledges to Oakland University identified in the Gifts and Pledges Report, Attachment A, for the period of January 1 through February 28, 2009.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

#### Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of January 1 through February 28, 2009

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of January 1 through February 28, 2009.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

#### Final Undergraduate School and Graduate School Reports Fall 2008 – December 13, 2008

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Final Undergraduate School Report and the Final Graduate School Report, each dated December 13, 2008.

(A copy of the Final Undergraduate School Report and the Final Graduate School Report, each dated December 13, 2008, is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Trustee Dennis K. Pawley, seconded by Trustee Ann V. Nicholson, moved approval of the Consent Agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

#### E. New Items for Consideration/Action

##### Appointment of Distinguished Professor

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Appointment of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Judith K. Brown, Professor of Anthropology, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2009.

After discussion, Trustee Ganesh V. Reddy, seconded by Trustee Michael R. Kramer, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund Proposal for 2009-10**

Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, called on Mr. Omar Brown-El, Director, Office of Center for Multicultural Initiatives, who presented the Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund Proposal for 2009-10 recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the President to direct the Center for Multicultural Initiatives to expend up to \$280,000 from the Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Fund as described in the Attachment for the 2009-10 academic year.

After discussion, Trustee Monica E. Emerson, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Commendation of Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award**

Dr. Snyder presented the Commendation of Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award recommendation as set forth in the agendum items.

**Commendation of Alfred G. Wilson Award to Mr. Jeffery David McDonald**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Jeffrey David McDonald for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Jeffrey David McDonald for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

After discussion, Trustee Richard A. Flynn, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Commendation of Matilda R. Wilson Award to Ms. Renee Marie Blackburn**

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Renee Marie Blackburn for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Renee Marie Blackburn for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

After discussion, Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Emerson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Commendation of Human Relations Award to Mr. Matthew James Kelly**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Matthew James Kelly for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Matthew James Kelly for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

After discussion, Trustee Flynn, seconded by Trustee Reddy, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Ancillary Activities Operating Budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010**

Mr. Beaghan called on the respective administrators to present the Ancillary Activities Operating Budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010 as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2010 budgets for Campus Recreation, Graham Health Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, Lowry Early Childhood Center, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland Center and University Housing with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the expense total for each unit summarized on Appendix I, except as next set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenditures and transfers beyond the approved expense total must have the prior approval of the President or his designee and these amounts will be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees.

After discussion of the FY2010 budget for Intercollegiate Athletics, Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Reddy, moved to postpone the Intercollegiate Athletics budget pending a further report from the Director of Athletics, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

After discussion of the FY2010 budget for University Housing, Trustee Nicholson, seconded by Trustee Pawley, moved approval of the University Housing budget, and the motion was approved with six positive votes and two opposing votes by Trustees Baskin and Flynn.

After discussion of the remaining FY 2010 Ancillary Activities Operating budgets, Trustee Reddy, seconded by Trustee Pawley, moved approval of the Campus Recreation, Graham Health Center, Lowry Early Childhood Center, Meadow Brook Music Festival and Oakland Center budgets, and the motion was approved with seven positive votes and one opposing vote by Trustee Baskin.

### **Identity Theft Prevention Program Policy**

Mr. Beaghan presented the Identity Theft Prevention Program Policy recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the attached Identity Theft Prevention Program Policy.

After discussion, Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

(A copy of the attached Identify Theft Prevention Program Policy is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

### **Custodial Services Contract**

Mr. Beaghan presented the Custodial Services Contract recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with ARAMARK for custodial services for Pawley Hall, Elliott Hall, Biomedical Research Support Facility, Lowry Child Care, Science and Education Building and the Recreation and Athletics Center; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the five-year cost of the Contract will not exceed \$4,100,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Contract provide a contingency to upgrade Recreation and Athletic Center services if deemed necessary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement will be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations, and conform to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

After discussion, Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.



**F. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board**

Karen Miller, Executive Committee of the AAUP, addressed the Board asking the administration to accept the recent Administrative Law Judge's decision resolving an unfair labor practice charge filed by the Oakland Chapter, American Association of University Professors and not to extend this process by appealing the decision to the full MERC board.

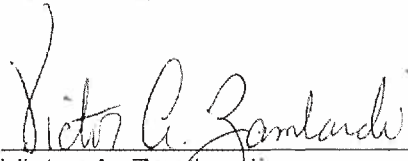
Richard Feldman addressed the Board, referring the Board to a video entitled "Credo of Support," and stated that the University's administration continues to refuse to meet and discuss alternatives to the policy regarding dormitory living for individuals in the OPTIONS program and noted that the policy was created before the OPTIONS program was created. He also advised the Board that he would be submitting a Freedom of Information Act request for the University's legal costs of defending against the litigation initiated by Micah Feldman.

Micah Feldman addressed the Board regarding living in the dorms and questioned how the University wants him to be remembered. He stated that he voted for the student body president and he can do everything else other students can do. He would like to know why he is still not recognized as an OU student.

**G. Adjournment**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted,

  
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Victor A. Zambardi  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved,

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Jacqueline S. Long  
Chair, Board of Trustees