



Thursday, April 4, 2002

Distinguished professor status conferred

Oakland University officially conferred distinguished professor status upon three long-time professors at its Board of Trustees meeting April 3.

Professors **Sheldon Appleton**, **Ronald Cramer** and **Jane Donahue Eberwein** join just seven other Oakland faculty members who have been honored with this prestigious status. The faculty rank of distinguished professor was created by the Board of Trustees in 1988. The criteria is based on preeminence in scholarship, teaching and public or professional service.

Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president of Academic Affairs and provost, presented the agenda item to the board by summarizing the great academic and community contributions all three faculty members have made to Oakland.

Professor Appleton joined the Oakland faculty in 1960 after earning degrees in history and political science at New York University and the University of Minnesota. Professor Cramer is a widely published and recognized authority on the teaching of language arts and is considered a builder of Oakland's School of Education and Human Services. Professor Eberwein joined OU immediately upon receiving her doctorate in American civilization from Brown University in 1969.

Other board action:

- Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Students Affairs, introduced a resolution honoring this year's Wilson Award Winners. Adam Kochenderfer received the Alfred G. Wilson Award, Lani Morgan received the Matilda R. Wilson Award and Napoleon Harrington received the Human Relations Award. All three students are graduating seniors.
- The board passed a resolution to approve a contract agreement with Comcast Cablevision to provide cable television services to all residence hall and university apartment residents.
- The Oakland Center expansion project took another step forward when the board voted to authorize the development of schematic designs for the expansion. Vice President Snyder will report on progress in this area at the next board meeting in May.
- The board approved a two-month extension of the university's current contract with ARAMARK Educational Services Inc. to provide food service to residential and retail areas on campus.
- The repair and expansion of Parking Lot 11, located near the George T. Matthews Apartments, was approved by the board. The lot will provide 170 more parking spaces for students.

The next Board of Trustees meeting, set for Wednesday, May 1, at 2 p.m. in the Elliott Hall Auditorium, will be a working session.

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