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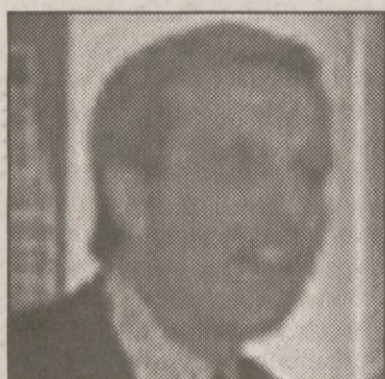
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Russi recommends Esposito for VPAA



By LIDIJA MILIC
News Editor

VPAA/Provost search, take two.

The new vice president of academic affairs and provost should take his post at OU June 1, 1999.

Louis Esposito, economics professor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, formerly vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost from 1994-97, has accepted the offered position.

He was recommended for the OU position at the Thursday Board of Trustees meeting by OU President Gary Russi. The four present trustees voted unanimously in favor of offering Esposito the job, which he accepted.

According to VPAA/Provost search committee chair Kevin Murphy, Russi did not make a visit to Esposito's campus prior to making the decision.

"Many reference phone calls were made," Murphy said. "You won't find a person who'd say something a bad thing about him."

After the three top candidates visited campus at the end of February/beginning of March, the search committee submitted a report pointing out perceived strengths and weaknesses of each, Murphy said.

According to Murphy, the com-

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FINALIST: Russi recommended Esposito to the Board.

OU trustee votes down \$400,000 consultation

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

One negative vote of a bare quorum of OU's Trustees Thursday stalled a \$400,000 contract to review the proposed Multi-Purpose Conference Center. The purpose of the review, would evaluate the benefits and uses of a proposed conference center, performing arts center, ice hockey arena and hotel on campus.

The recommendation, submitted to the Board by Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer, would enable OU to enter into a contract with the developing team of The Smith Group and Ernst & Young Kenneth Lavinthal (SG/EYKL) for up to \$400,000 for consulting services.

These services are necessary according to the resolution, since "OU does not have the depth of experience or expertise on staff to conduct market and financial feasibility studies and other analysis required to fully evaluate the feasibility and economic return of a multi-purpose complex."

"We want to evaluate whether this is good for the university's academics, and good for the university financially," Doyle said.

Board Chair David Doyle and trustees Ann Nicholson and James Sharp, Jr. voted in favor of the recommendation.

Trustee Henry Baskin refused, because according to him, the cost of the services should be paid by SG/EYKL, the company that approached OU with the consultation idea.

Baskin was concerned about campus becoming a "private enterprise for individuals."

In other Board action, the fate of late-paying students was finally

resolved when the trustees approved the resolution to restructure OU's registration, billing and collections process.

The resolution, created by the administrative Tuition and Fees Committee, would no longer drop students if they fail to make a payment.

A one-and-a-half percent late balance fee per month and financial counseling would be implemented in place of the current \$10 late fee.

Attached to the resolution was a provision made by Board Chair David Doyle to review it after 12 months.

With approval, OU becomes one of the seven Michigan public universities that do not cancel student registration for non-payment, said Steve Roberts, associate vice president of finance and administration, and tuition and fees committee chair.

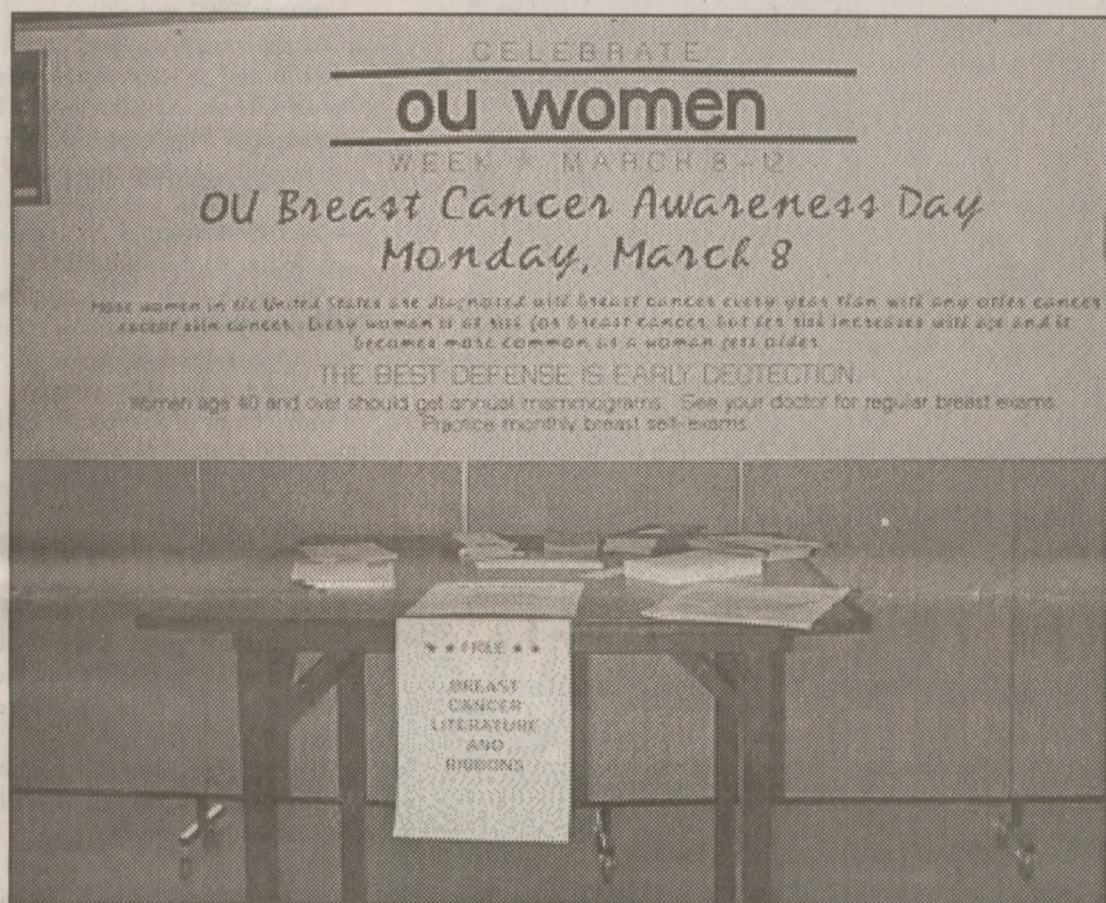
In other Board actions, Russi recommended Louis Esposito for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, as well as a professor of economics with tenure, effective June 1, 1999.

An approval was given for the development of a \$400,000 master plan, \$2.4 million for a plan to renovate North Foundation Hall, and a \$255,000 Trustee Academic Success Fund.

Student voices were also heard when the Board's student liaisons LaShanda Evans and political science junior Linda Hickmott presented their report.

Evans and Hickmott stated that the goals of a liaison is to "Build Bridges" between the Board of Trustees, the President, faculty, staff, administration and the student body, in order to communicate ideas about ways to increase the level of (OU's) student identity and spirit."

Celebrate Women's Month



The OU community invites all to celebrate the Women's History Month throughout March.

The activities that marked the event this week included the Breast Cancer Awareness Day Monday.

See related story on page A9.

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Congress hires external counsel to advise on firing of SAFB chair

By SHAJAN KAY
Staff Writer

At Monday's Student Congress meeting a number of issues were touched upon, ranging from appointment of new members to the Student Activities Funding Board, to proposing a resolution to disband Congress.

Congress President Scott Andrews, who is acting as the SAFB chair in place of recently fired Carina Moore, brought forward five nominees to become members of SAFB.

While no questions were asked of the nominees, the appointment of the individuals was nearly postponed due to the fact that only two of the people showed up to the meeting. Nevertheless, all five were approved. They are Joe Mierzewski, Michael Collis, Nicole Cook, Phil Fredrick, and

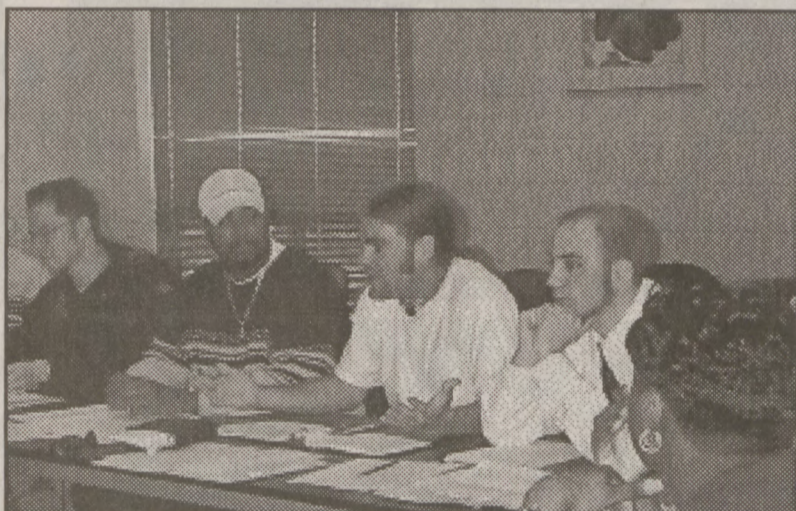
Brett Hammer.

After appointing the five individuals to the SAFB, Andrews distributed a legal opinion from an attorney Congress has hired to consult them on the controversial matter of Moore's firing.

The opinion which was given by David Cahill, attorney at law based in Ann Arbor, supported the official position taken by Congress.

Members of Congress, on numerous occasions, have addressed a concern that the OU administration has been meddling in the affairs of student government.

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DEBATES: Student leaders asked for Congress support in diversity promotion event. The issue remained unresolved.

ernment." Cahill goes on to say that it is his opinion that the OUSC "is an entity separate and distinct from Oakland University."

Cahill also stated that in his analysis, "the Chair of the SAFB

would have no claim of 'wrongful discharge' ... because at the time of her dismissal she had no right to employment."

Moore has submitted an appeal

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noon-1p.m. with Associate Music Professor Lettie Alston, Assistant Education Professor Maria Cseh, Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis, and others.

The discussion will take place in the Heritage Room, OC. Refreshments will be served.

- Issues Facing Women in College panel discussion Thursday from noon-1p.m. with

Diversity and Compliance Director Sharon Abraham, Graham Health Center Coordinator Karen Olsen, University Counseling Center Psychologist Brenda Hartman, Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism Special Lecturer Susan Baker, and others.

The discussion will be in Gold Room A, OC.

Refreshments will be served.

- OU Women Recognition Day display all day Friday in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

OU women faculty, staff and students will be featured with the purpose of recognizing contributions.

- Advising Resource Center's Major Exploration Workshop will be presented in three parts Wednesday, Mar. 24 from noon-

1p.m., room 126, OC; Wednesday, Mar. 31 from noon-1 p.m. in room 128, OC; and Wednesday, April 7, from noon-1p.m., room 126, OC.

Call (248)-370-3227 to reserve a seat.

- University Senate Meeting will be held Thursday at 3:10 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, OC.

FAST

FACTS

- OU Women Week in celebration of Women's History Month will include:
- Accomplished OU Women panel discussion today from

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Student Affairs Student Affairs EVENTS

UPDATING OU

- **CONGRATULATIONS 1999 M.A.G.B. AWARD RECIPIENTS** Mychal Thom and Kristen DeRemer!
- **CONGRATULATIONS 1999 ALFRED G. and MATILDA R. WILSON AWARD RECIPIENTS** Darrin Hanna and Becky O'Connell and **1999 HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD RECIPIENT** Barry Gray!
- **MARCH - NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH!** You are what you eat. Prevent cancer according to the American Cancer Society by consuming at least 6 fruits or vegetables a day!!
- **Don't delay... return your Alcohol and Drug CORE SURVEY today!** If you are one of the 1500 students asked to complete the CORE SURVEY, this means that you have a chance to provide important information about how much alcohol and drug use is happening on our campus. Is it still true that 36.5% of OU students do NOT drink alcohol? Is it still true that 29.4% of OU students binge drink? Only you can say. Make your voice heard and return your CORE SURVEY today! We need to hear from you!
- **PREVENT OSTEOPOROSIS!** Consume 3-4 servings of milk, yogurt or cheese per day OR calcium supplements to total 1000mg/day. Call Graham Health Center for more info at (248) 370-2341.
- **STUDENT LIAISON TO OU BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Applications and nominations for this position are still available at the following locations: Student Affairs Office, 144 OC, Student Congress, 100 OC or Center for Student Activities, 49 OC. **Completed applications are due** at the Student Affairs Office **March 31, 1999.** Call (248) 370-4200 for more info.
- **ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER.** 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215 - Free Tutoring services, old math exams for review, math review video tapes. STOP BY! Looking for campus work? Tutors are paid to work in the Academic Skills Center. STOP BY!
- **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER.** Are you experiencing "career confusion?" If you are, please stop in at the Career Resource Center in North Foundation Hall. Our hours for Winter 1999 are **Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Appointments are optional. To make an appointment, call (248) 370-3250 (Dept. of Placement & Career Services).
- **CAREER COALITION.** Explore a career through Career Coalition. Contact OU alumni and other resources. Contact the Placement & Career Services web site at: <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/connect/career.htm>.
- **General Motors Production Supervisor Alternating Co-op Program.** GM is currently looking for students who are majoring in Business, HRD, HRM, Engineering or Arts & Sciences. Please contact Placement & Career Services, Experiential Education, at 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213) to find out more on this exciting opportunity with GM.
- **ATTENTION ACCOUNTING & FINANCE STUDENTS.** Experiential Education has an OPPORTUNITY waiting for YOU!! Call (248) 370-3213 for session times and days.

THIS WEEK

- **FEELING THE STRESS OF COLLEGE LIFE?** Have you been experiencing tenseness or anxiety, phobias, test anxiety, excessive worrying, social anxiety, sleeplessness, poor concentration? Are you interested in learning about anxiety disorders? Take a test that will change your life. Sign up or just come and participate in the **Anxiety Disorders Screening Program** sponsored by the Counseling Center on March 18 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information and registration, contact the Counseling Center at 370-3465.
- **PEER COUNSELORS AND TUTORS NEEDED!** Room and Board and Stipend. Summer Institute: June 27-August 19, 1999. Peer counselor/tutor training will be June 21-25. Apply to the Department of Special Program, Student Success Services, 375 West Vandenberg Hall, 370-3262. Application deadline is **March 15, 1999.**
- **PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT RECRUITING.** On-campus recruiting continues. Contact Placement & Career Services (370-3250) for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **EDUCATOR'S RECRUITING DAY.** The Educator's Recruiting Day will be held on **Monday, May 3, 1999.** Teaching candidates and graduates are invited to participate. Nearly 30 districts and schools are expected to attend and will conduct interviews on campus. Bidding begins March 15, 1999 and students must be registered with Placement & Career Services to participate. Contact 370-3250 for details.
- **JOB QUEST 1999.** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 5!** Nearly 75 employers are expected and they will be looking specifically for Liberal Arts students and graduates for a variety of full-time, part-time and career-related positions. Contact Vicki McNiff for details at 370-3250.
- **THE MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE JOB FAIR** is being held on **March 26, 1999** at Burton Manor in Livonia, Michigan. Nearly 200 employers are expected to attend. To obtain an updated list of registered companies, check the "Upcoming Events" section of the Placement & Career Services web page at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> or call 370-3250 for details.

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“Celebrate” the Decades” Party

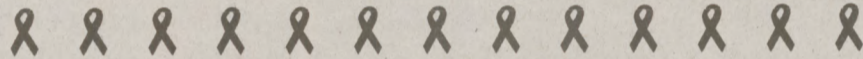
St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday, March 17

8:00 p.m. - 11:00
p.m.

Recreation Center
Social Lounge

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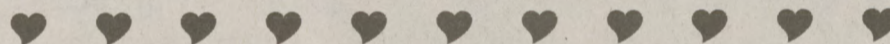


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Room 125 OC

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Congress

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However, according to Cahill, “there is no provision of (Congress) Constitution which gives any University staff member the authority to interpret, cancel, veto, modify or suspend the Constitution or any action taken by any part of the student government.”

Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students, said there will be a meeting regarding the grievance Moore filed with Student Life office after Dean of Students David Herman returns from vacation.

Of Cahill's letter, Lloyd said, “With all due respect to the people who sought the opinion, (they are entitled to do that) but it's not going to impact the actions of this office.”

According to Andrews, Cahill is reimbursed for his opinion from Congress president's discretionary account. Andrews gets a discretionary account from student activities money each semester. Student Body Vice President Hemant Mahamwal indicated that the amount to be paid to Cahill is between \$500 and \$700.

At the meeting, Andrews also distributed a letter apologizing to an OU student for listing her name and telephone number in an ad published in this paper on Feb. 17 issue. Andrews was asked by Congress to formally apologize to the student.

The next item discussed was the potential allocation of money to support purchasing the advertising for a diversity event.

Barry Gray of Kappa Alpha Psi and Phil Hall of Theta Chi fraternities addressed Congress asking for support with an Inter-Group Dialogue their groups are sponsoring to promote diversity understanding. There was a heated debate as to whether the item should be on the agenda. The item will come up for vote next week.

The next resolution addressed the desire of legislator Phil Hall to disband Congress.

According to the resolution he proposed, “the administration has infringed upon the power of the student representation by making certain decisions, such as the golf course, firing of cabinet members, the SPB casino trip, and anything that does not fit the goals of the administration. Let it therefore be resolved, that the Oakland University Student Congress disband indefinitely.”

The resolution focused on the frustration about “the administration ... continuously (intervening) with student's affairs.”

The resolution to disband Congress failed with 11 against and four abstentions.

The last item on the agenda was a resolution to increase the Student Activities Fee. According to the proposal, the fee has not been increased since 1993 and student groups as a result have not been able to do as much because of inflation.

The fee, currently \$15 per semester, would be increased by \$5 for Fall and Winter and by \$2.50 for Spring and Summer. The Student Activities Fee funds the Student Program Board, SAFB, University Student Congress, WXOU, the Oakland Post, and the Forensics team.

The Resolution passed and will be voted on by the student body in the upcoming Student Congress elections.

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