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OU to host Michigan Senate budget hearing

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Oakland University will welcome members of the Michigan Senate Higher Education Subcommittee for the first of four budget hearings for fiscal year 2004-05. The public hearing is Friday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

Oakland University President Gary Russi, members of the **Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan**, and the presidents of Wayne State, Western Michigan and the University of Michigan-Dearborn will address subcommittee members about the impact of recent reductions in state appropriations to Michigan's public universities and the potential impact of Governor Jennifer Granholm's recent "tuition pledge."

"It's always important to have the opportunity to publicly state the university's case regarding state appropriations," said OU Director for Government Relations Rochelle Black. "The hearing also gives Oakland University the chance to showcase different areas of distinction and the achievements Dr. Russi is most proud of."

Subsequent subcommittee budget hearings will take place on the following Fridays: Feb. 27 at the University of Michigan-Flint, March 5 at Cornerstone University and March 12 at Lake Superior State University.

The **Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan**, based in Lansing, is a nonprofit, higher education association serving Michigan's 15 state universities. The council provides the chief executive officers an opportunity to deliberate on a wide range of topics that have potential implications for higher education.

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