

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
June 26, 2023**

**Present:** Chair Robert Schostak; Vice Chair Joseph Jones; and Trustees Brian N. Calley, David Kramer, Dennis Muchmore, Colleen Ochoa Peters, Trina Scott (via Zoom), and Stefen F. Welch

**Also Present:** President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Provost Britt Rios-Ellis; Vice Presidents Rochelle A. Black, Boyd C. Farnam, Stephen W. Mackey, Glenn McIntosh, John O. Young; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; and Student Liaisons Mallory Kean and Red Douglas

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Robert Schostak invited Oakland University Student Liaison Mallory Kean to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Call to Order**

Chair Schostak called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center.

**C. Roll Call**

Dr. Joshua D. Merchant, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all of the Board members were present.

Chair Schostak recognized President Pescovitz as the recipient of this year's Michiganian of the Year.

President Pescovitz expressed her thanks and gratitude and stated her selection as Michiganian of the Year is a tribute and credit to the University community, largely to the Center for Civil Engagement. She also extended, on behalf of the Oakland University community, deepest sympathies to the families of Darryl Blackburn, Calandra Green and Patrice Wilson. Darryl, Calandra and Patrice were all graduates of Oakland University.

**D. President's Report**

President Pescovitz presented the President's Report. The report included updates on Points of Pride including in appreciation of Dr. Suha Kridli; the introduction and welcoming of Christopher Coleman, the new Dean, School of Nursing; Sustainability Initiative - OU Credit Union \$1M gift; the opening of the Augmented Reality Center (ARC); and Stewards of Place - Oakland University is the recipient of AASCU's inaugural Excellence and Innovation Awards, which highlights the

impact of the OU-Pontiac Initiative.

Dr. Kevin Ball, Dean, School of Health Sciences, presented an update on the School of Health Sciences, including a video on the ECLIPSE Leadership Initiative. The School's slogan is "in Purpose for Health."

President Pescovitz expressed her appreciation to the Board of Trustees, including recognition of Chair Schostak, an OU alumn, recipient of Distinguished Alumni Award, established the Schostak Family Foundation Endowed Fund supporting Judaic Studies program and is a strong supporter of OUWB School of Medicine, serving on the Medical Management Committee, and along with Chair Schostak's wife Nancy, most recently naming the Wilson Hall Conference Room. She also expressed her gratitude to the Schostaks for their latest act of generosity and vision in the area of public policy at OU. The program is named for one of the most inspiring and selfless public servants in Michigan for the past several decades, Trustee Dennis Muchmore. The "Dennis Muchmore Public Policy Series" is an annual series designed to discuss timely, critical issues in a constructive, open and civil public conversation and is presented by the Oakland University Center for Civic Engagement. Trustee Muchmore is recognized across the political spectrum for his commitment and expertise in government affairs. President Pescovitz expressed her appreciation for Trustee Muchmore's time, service and enormous wisdom.

Dr. Dave Dulio, Director, Center for Civic Engagement, presented an update on the New Program from Center for Civic Engagement, including recognition of Trustee Muchmore. He expressed his gratitude to Chair and Mrs. Schostak for their generous gift to launch and support "The Dennis Muchmore Public Policy Series." He stated one of the goals of the Center is to make OU known as a convener of conversations about issues of public importance. "The Dennis Muchmore Public Policy Series" and Trustee Muchmore's reputation in Michigan politics will take this effort to a new level. The first addition of the Series will come to campus in the fall and feature former Michigan governors Rick Synder and James Blanchard for a discussion about the current state of Michigan and national politics.

President Pescovitz introduced the two Advisory Boards: Honors College Board of Visitors and the Golden Grizzlies Champions Club (GGCC) Advisory Board, to present on their activities in support of Oakland University. Mr. Aaron Helander presented an update on the Honors College Board of Visitors. Mr. Helander is a double alum having graduated in 2017 and 2020 and was just recently named one of OU's 10 within 10 Young Alumni Award recipients. Mr. Rob Ray presented an update on the Golden Grizzlies Champions Club. Mr. Ray received his bachelor's degree in finance in 2005 and is a former alumni Spirit Award recipient.

## **E. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action**

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the June 26, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

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University Personnel Actions

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

**I. New Appointment**

**Effective April 3, 2023**

Stewart, David C., Assistant Professor of Foundational Medical Studies (non-tenured) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

**II. Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Standard Appointments, effective June 26, 2023.**

The following standard appointments in the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine are for three years, commencing on June 26, 2023, and are renewable. These standard appointments are without salary support from Oakland University and are not tenured positions. Appointees must maintain an active affiliation with Beaumont Health or Oakland University, meet all applicable School of Medicine Participation requirements, and maintain the continued support of their Department Chairs, who are responsible for assessing their performance. Appointees' standard appointments may also be terminated at any time, upon the recommendation of their Department Chair, or for reasons that are at the exclusive discretion of the Dean of the School of Medicine:

McAuley, Robert	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Foundational Med Studies
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**III. New Appointments**

**Effective November 7, 2022**

Burke, Constance	Associate Professor without Tenure
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**IV. Administrative Appointments**

Shively, Joe. Senior Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, effective 5/1/2023, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Joe Shively 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 conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Battistuzzi, Fabia Ursula. Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, effective 5/1/2023, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Fabia Ursula Battistuzzi 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 conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

**V. Emeritus Appointments**

**Effective June 26, 2023**

Cahlon, Baruch, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, College of Arts & Sciences.

Li, Ledong, Associate Professor of Education, Department of Reading & Language Arts, School of Education & Human Services.

Schluter Tardella, Sally, Associate Professor of Art, Department of Art & Art History, College of Arts & Sciences.

**VI. Administrative-Professional Appointments**

Wadsworth, Michael. Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Diversity and Dean of Students, effective 11/7/2022, appointed administrative-professional reclassified at level V, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

**Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of April 11, 2023 through June 13, 2023**

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 April 11, 2023 through June 13, 2023.

(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 March 1 – April 30, 2023**

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 March 1 – April 30, 2023.

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

**Intercollegiate Athletics Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2024 Budget for Intercollegiate Athletics, with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the total as reflected in the attached budget, except as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any expenditure level in excess of the approved amount that is not funded by a direct revenue increase must have the prior approval of the President or his/her designee and those amounts shall be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that subject to satisfaction of the requirements set forth in all applicable Board of Trustees policies, the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Vice Presidents, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2024 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2024 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any and all such contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to 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 of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the attached budget is on file in the Board of Trustee Office.)

**Meadow Brook Estate Operating budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2024 Budget for Meadow Brook Estate, with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the total as reflected in the attached budget, except as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any expenditure level in excess of the approved amount that is not funded by a direct revenue increase must have the prior approval of the President or his/her designee and those amounts shall be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Executive Director, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2024 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2024 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to 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 of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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

**Oakland Center Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2024 Budget for the Oakland Center, with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the total as reflected in the attached budget, except as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any expenditure level in excess of the approved amount that is not funded by a direct revenue increase must have the prior approval of the President or his/her designee and those amounts shall be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that subject to satisfaction of the requirements set forth in all applicable Board of Trustees policies, the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Vice Presidents, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2024 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2024 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any and all such contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to 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 of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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

#### **Approval of Extension of Exclusive Branch Financial Institution**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to negotiate and execute agreements and resolutions necessary to extend the agreement with the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union as Oakland University's exclusive on-campus branch financial institution for an additional 10 years through December 2033; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all agreements and resolutions 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 University policies and regulations, and conform to legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Trustee Kramer seconded by Trustee Muchmore, moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

#### **F. New Items for Consideration/Action**

##### **Resolution Honoring Mallory M. Kean, Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees**

Mr. Glenn McIntosh, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer, presented the Resolution Honoring Mallory M. Kean, Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes the fact that Ms. Mallory M. Kean has served as a Student Liaison with dedication and distinction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Kean for her outstanding academic achievements, involvement in diverse extracurricular activities at Oakland University, and service as a Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ms. Kean to convey the esteem in which she is held by the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees publicly expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Kean and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

After discussion, Trustee Muchmore, seconded by Trustee Ochoa Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Ms. Kean stated she will be attending Michigan State University's College of Law in August. Chair Schostak wished Ms. Kean the best and thanked her for her work on behalf of the University.

### **Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence**

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost presented the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Engineering and Computer Science to offer a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence degree program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Provost Rios-Ellis introduced Dr. Hua Ming, Associate Professor and Academic Programs Coordinator, School of Engineering and Computer Science. Dr. Ming gave a brief presentation on the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence presentation.

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

### **Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Engineering and Computer Science to offer a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence degree program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Dr. Ming gave a brief presentation on the Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence presentation.

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

### **Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Health Sciences to offer a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Provost Rios-Ellis called on Dr. Kevin Ball, Dean, School of Health Sciences, Dr. Melissa Reznar, Associate Professor of Health Sciences, and Dr. Amanda Lynch, Associate Professor of Health Sciences. Dr. Reznar give a brief presentation on the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems.

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

### **Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Science**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Science recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the College of Arts and Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Science degree program; and, be it further



RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Science degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Provost Rios-Ellis introduced Dr. Fabia Battistuzzi, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Battistuzzi gave a brief presentation of the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Sciences.

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

### **Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Education and Human Services to offer the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Provost Rios-Ellis called on Dr. Jon Margerum-Leys, Dean, School of Business Administration, and Dr. Ambika Bhargava, Associate Professor of Education, Human Development & Child Study. Dr. Bhargava gave a brief presentation on the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.

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

### **General Fund Budget and Tuition Rates for FY2024**

Mr. Stephen W. Mackey, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the General Fund Budget and Tuition Rates for FY2024 recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2024 General Fund Budget at an expenditure level of \$291,411,624 (see Attachment A) and approve encumbrances and carry-forwards from the June 30, 2023 fund balance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Schedule of Tuition Rates Effective Fall Semester 2023 (see Attachment B for details); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the spending of revenues generated in excess of budget to adequately cover the instructional, programmatic, and operating expenditures necessary to support the strategic plan.

(A copy of Attachments A and B are on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

After discussion, Trustee Muchmore, seconded by Trustee Kramer, moved approval of the Tuition Rates for FY2024 recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

After discussion, Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Ochoa Peters, moved approval of the General Fund Budget recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

#### G. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board

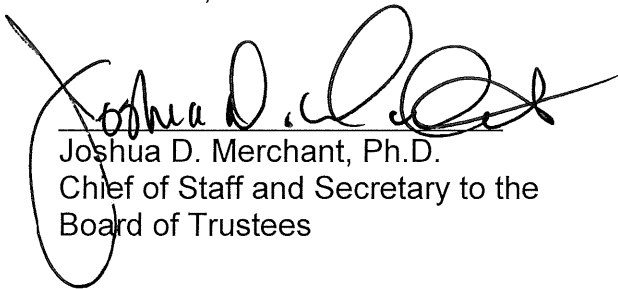
Red Douglas, Student Liaison, introduced and welcomed new Student Liaison Payton Bucki.

#### H. Adjournment

Chair Schostak adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,



Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.  
Chief of Staff and Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees

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Robert Schostak  
Chair, Board of Trustees