

**Minutes of the Special Formal Meeting  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
March 6, 2003**

**Present:** Chair Henry Baskin; Trustees Penny M. Crissman, David J. Doyle, David T. Fischer, Dennis C. Muchmore, and Ann V. Nicholson

**Absent:** Trustees Dennis K. Pawley and Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr.

**Also Present:** President Gary D. Russi; Vice Presidents Susan Goepf, Lynne C. Schaefer and Mary Beth Snyder; Interim Vice President Virinder K. Moudgil; General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi and Assistant Rhonda G. Saunders; and Student Liaisons Rhonda R. Hanna and David M. Jewell

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Henry Baskin called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

**II. Roll Call**

Mr. Victor A. Zambardi, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call. All of the Board members were present except Trustees Dennis K. Pawley and Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr.

**III. Action Items**

**A. Approval to Purchase FEI Morgagni 268 Electron Microscope**

Dr. Moudgil, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, stated that seven extramurally funded Oakland University scientists in the Department of Biological Sciences, Physics and Eye Research Institute wrote and were awarded a \$266,000 grant from the National Center for Research Resources to purchase a state-of-the-art FEI Morgagni 268 TEM (Electron Microscope). He noted that this award fully covers all costs associated with the TEM acquisition, installation, training and a one-year service contract. Dr. Moudgil stated that since the instrument costs more than \$200,000, in accordance with Board policy the purchase is subject to Board approval.

Dr. Moudgil reported that the instrument is highly specialized and currently available from only three manufacturers (FEE, FEI, Hitachi and JOEL). The FEI Morgagni 268 was selected based on its unparalleled capability to offer TEM

methodology to the widest user base at the lowest-price. He added that the FEI Morgagni is usually built-to-order in the Czech Republic and shipping normally delays delivery up to four months. At this time, this equipment is available to be shipped, and if the University delays it will be another four months before it is acquired, significantly delaying research in these units.

Dr. Moudgil presented the following recommendation to the Board for approval:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Vice-President for Finance and Administration to execute a requisition for a FEI Morgagni 268 transmission electro microscope for Oakland University. The purchase order will incorporate the terms of FEI Company's quotation and includes instrument delivery, installation, training and one-year service contract, including parts and labor.

Trustee David Fischer moved, and Trustee Ann V. Nicholson seconded, approval of the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Chair Baskin adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

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Victor A. Zambardi  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Henry Baskin  
Chair, Board of Trustees