



Monday, July 12, 2004

Board discusses budgets, athletics recertification

The **Oakland University Board of Trustees** held a working session July 7 to discuss a variety of issues, including proposed operating budgets for eight ancillaries and the results of a self-study by the Department of Athletics and its subsequent certification for continued participation in NCAA Division I athletics competition.

OU President Gary Russi gave his president's report and announced the May and June Employees of the Month:

- Ed Nolan, an assistant controller in the Department of Finance and Administration, was named Employee of the Month for May.
- Frank Cox, experimental machinist in the Department of Chemistry, was named Employee of the Month for June.

Provost Virinder Moudgil announced the recipients of this month's Faculty Recognition Awards:

- Kathy Galloway, physical therapist and assistant professor in the School of Health Sciences;
- Arik Dvir, assistant professor of biological sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The agenda then moved to a discussion of items that will come up for board action in the August meeting. Moudgil introduced the proposed academic calendar for 2005-2006 and presented a list for approval of board members for OU's public school academies.

Vice President of University Relations Sue Goepp introduced a proposal for changes in the Alumni Association bylaws.

Athletic Director Jack Mehl presented the results of OU's first-ever self-study for NCAA Division I athletics certification. Mehl outlined four issues that drove the self-study:

- 1) an evaluation of the rules-compliance program;
- 2) revision to the athletics mission statement and an amended policy on intercollegiate athletics;
- 3) approval of a gender equity plan for the future;
- 4) approval of a minority opportunity plan for the future.

Mehl reminded those in attendance that all materials relative to the self-study can be viewed on the **OU NCAA Athletic Certification** Web site.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer introduced the proposed ancillary activities budgets for fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Directors from Campus Recreation, Graham Health Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, Lowry Early Childhood Center, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Meadow Brook Theatre, the Oakland Center and University Housing all gave brief presentations outlining the details of each proposed budget.

Schaefer presented a proposal to contract with Aramark to provide custodial services for a two-year term, with a one-year extension at the university's option.

The next formal meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 2 p.m. in Elliott Hall Auditorium.

For more information, see the **Board of Trustees** Web site.

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