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OU Board of Trustees to meet March 6

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The Oakland University **Board of Trustees** will hear a report on the **University Student Research Scholar Program** and receive information on the Distinguished Professors Program at a special formal meeting and working session on Wednesday, March 6, at 2 p.m. in Elliott Hall Auditorium.

New board member Linda Hotchkiss also will be present for her first meeting. Governor John Engler appointed Hotchkiss to the board in December to replace Trustee Robert Cooper, who resigned from the board last year when he moved out of state.

University Student Research Scholar Program

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Virinder Moudgil will report on the **University Student Research Scholar Program**, which was created in fall 2001 to support student research. OU has earmarked funds to give 20-40 \$1,000 student awards annually.

The program will introduce OU's outstanding juniors and seniors to the challenges and excitement of research. Exceptional proposals from other undergraduates and graduate students also will be considered. Because each project must have the endorsement of a faculty member, the program will further develop one of OU's historic strengths – the ability and desire of faculty to teach through hands-on experience.

Distinguished Professors Program

Among the items to be presented to the board for action at April's formal BOT meeting is the Distinguished Professors Program, which also will be presented by Moudgil.

The university created the faculty rank of Distinguished Professor in 1988. Appointment of this rank has, in part, depended on the application of rigorous criteria, including preeminence in scholarship, teaching, and public and professional service. Only seven individuals have been appointed Distinguished Professors in the history of OU, and those upon retirement.

The board is being asked to enable the appointment of Distinguished Professors who are still in active service.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- **Comcast Cablevision Service Agreement** — The Board of Trustees meeting will open with a special action item concerning approval of a new Comcast Cablevision service agreement, which will be presented by Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder. If approved, Comcast will provide cable service to all the residence halls, including the George T. Matthews Apartments and new student apartments.
- **Treasurer's Report** — Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer will detail the fiscal year 2002 general budget performance, central budget monitoring process, pooled cash investment performance, endowment investment performance, Web payment for students, and year-to-date budget performances for Meadow Brook Theatre and Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.
- **Energy Service Report** — Schaefer will present the third annual report submitted by Viron Corporation, which designed and constructed a number of energy conservation measures for the university beginning in March 1997. Schaefer will present the fiscal year 2001 report and discuss future energy plans and budgetary implications.
- **Affirmative Action Report** — Director of University Diversity and Compliance Sharon Abraham will detail activity in faculty and staff minority hires during fiscal year 2001.
- **Public School Academies Fifth Annual Report** — Moudgil will report on the progress made by the Office of Urban Partnerships and Public School Academies.
- **April Board Action Items** Besides the Distinguished Professors Program, several other items will be presented to the board

for action at April's formal BOT meeting. Those items include:

- **Food Service Management Firm Contract** — Snyder will present a report that requests authorization to contract with ARAMARK Educational Services Inc. for residential and retail campus food services.
- **Oakland Center Expansion Request for Design Services** — Snyder will present a report that requests authorization to proceed with completing the design for an expansion of the Oakland Center. The proposed expansion includes a dining area/multipurpose space, a coffee shop/lounge, restroom expansion, catering space improvements, student organization and activity offices and event space, a 24-hour computer lab and lounge, and renovated and expanded kitchen and catering areas.
- **Repair/Expansion of P-11** — Schaefer will present a report that requests authorization to contract for the repair and expansion of the parking lot located at the upper playing fields across from the George T. Matthews Apartments.
- **Utility Metering/Monitoring System** — Schaefer will present a report that requests authorization to contract for the installation of utility metering and an automated utility monitoring system.

For more information on the board and to see the March 6 meeting agenda, visit the [Board of Trustees](#) Web site.

SUMMARY

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