

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
October 3, 2007**

**Present:** Chair Dennis K. Pawley; Vice Chair Jacqueline S. Long; and Trustees Henry Baskin, Penny M. Crissman, and David T. Fischer

**Absent:** Trustees Monica E. Emerson, Ann V. Nicholson, and Ganesh V. Reddy

**Also Present:** President Gary D. Russi; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Susan Davies Goepp, Mary Beth Snyder, and Virinder K. Moudgil; General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi and Assistant Rhonda G. Saunders; and Student Liaisons Samir R. Hanna and Aaron L. Kochenderfer

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Dennis K. Pawley called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. in the Auditorium of Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

**B. 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 Monica E. Emerson, Ann V. Nicholson, and Ganesh V. Reddy. Trustees Henry Baskin, Penny M. Crissman, and David T. Fischer were present via teleconference.

**A. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action**

**Tab 1. Consent Agenda**

Chair Pawley asked if any of the Trustees wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion, and there were no requests.

Chair Pawley then presented the following Consent Agenda recommendations for Board approval:

**Tab 2. Minutes of the Formal Session of September 12, 2007**

**Tab 3. University Personnel Actions**

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

New Appointments, effective August 15, 2007

Bird, Aaron J., Assistant Professor of Occupational Safety & Health (\$68,000.00) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Cibic, S.L. Rebecca, Assistant Professor of Education (\$50,000.00) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Grobbe, Claudia C., Special Instructor in Nursing (\$61,950.00) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Pittiglio, Laura I., Assistant Professor of Nursing (\$65,000.00) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Administrative Appointments

Huth, Tracy A., Athletics Director, effective October 3, 2007 (\$125,000) pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Tracy A. Huth and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the office of the General Counsel prior to execution and is in compliance with the law and university policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Board of Trustees.

Department Chairs

<u>Chair</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Term</u>
Gary C. Barber	Mechanical Engineering	August 15, 2007 – August 14, 2010 (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)

Administrative Salary Increase

Russi, Gary D., President: Increase current annual salary to \$250,000 retroactive to July 1, 2007, together with a \$10,000 performance incentive and an additional \$10,000 deferral to be added to the minimum compensation scheduled to be deferred for fiscal-year 2007-2008, pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions contained in the current Employment Agreement and Deferred Compensation Agreement between Dr. Gary D. Russi and Oakland University.

Change of Status

Gao, Qian, from Instructor in Chinese to Assistant Professor of Chinese, effective August 15, 2007.

Levinson, Lisa B., from Instructor in Linguistics to Assistant Professor of Linguistics, effective August 15, 2007.

Mendoza, S. Lily L., from Assistant Professor of Communication, effective August 15, 2007 to Assistant Professor of Communication, effective January 1, 2008.

Polis, Michael P., from Professor of Engineering to Professor of Engineering and Interim Chair, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, effective September 1, 2007.

Towner, Terri L., from Instructor in Political Science to Assistant Professor of Political Science, effective August 15, 2007.

Yumibe, Joshua L., from Instructor in English to Assistant Professor of English, effective August 15, 2007.

Zheng, Yin, from Instructor in Music to Assistant Professor of Music, effective August 15, 2007.

**Tab 4. Acceptance of Gifts to Oakland University for the Period of August 1 through August 31, 2007**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts to Oakland University identified in the attached Gift and Pledge Report, Attachment A, for the period August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007.

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

**Tab 5. Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of August 1 through August 31, 2007**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the attached Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of August 1 through August 31, 2007.

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

**Tab 6. Acceptance of Meadow Brook Subdivision Financing Guarantee Report**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the Meadow Brook Subdivision Financing Guarantee Report dated October 3, 2007.

**Tab 7. Award of an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities, *Honoris Causa*, to Elie Wiesel**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities, *Honoris Causa*, to Elie Wiesel.

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

**D. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board**

Chair Pawley called on Ms. Uni Susskind, Chair, Meadow Brook Subdivision Association, who requested to address the Board. Ms. Susskind spoke on behalf of the residents of the Oakland University Meadow Brook Subdivision. She advised the Board that the University has served notice that it will soon begin to demolish a home in the Meadow Brook Subdivision. The residents are naturally upset and worried, since it appears that this may be the first of a series of homes that may be razed. She asked the Board not to demolish the home and to preserve the community.

Chair Pawley thanked Ms. Susskind for her comments, noting that the Board just guaranteed over \$350,000 in mortgages in the Meadow Brook subdivision which indicates continued support for the subdivision.

There were no other items presented to the Board.

**E. Adjournment**

Chair Pawley adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

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Victor A. Zambardi  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Dennis K. Pawley  
Chair, Board of Trustees