



Thursday, November 6, 2003

Reports part of busy Board of Trustees meeting

The **Oakland University Board of Trustees** met Nov. 5 for both a brief formal session and a working session to hear several reports and to discuss a variety of proposals facing the board at its December meeting.

Board Chair Henry Baskin called the formal meeting to order, at which four action items were passed:

- The recently reached contract agreement between the university and the Oakland University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). A tentative agreement on a three-year contract was reached over Labor Day weekend and ratified several weeks later by the AAUP.
- A contract agreement between Oakland University and the Oakland University Police Officers Association of Michigan.
- An agreement between Oakland and the Oakland University Police Officers Labor Council (representing the OUPD sergeants).
- A proposal to give all non-represented university employees a one-time \$1,030 lump sum payment for this fiscal year.

The Board then moved into the working session, which included the treasurer's report and a detailed recap of the university's purchasing activities for the year. The annual energy report showed a savings of more than \$500,000 in energy costs due to the switch from Detroit Edison to Quest Energy. Similar savings could be expected next fiscal year as well. Overall, utility expenditures fell 4 percent over last year, despite a 14-percent increase in usage (university square footage also increased 14 percent during the year).

The following items were discussed briefly and will be voted on at the next board meeting, a formal voting session, on Dec. 3:

- The conferral of an honorary degree for U.S. Senator Carl Levin.
- The approval of new board members for public school academies that Oakland University charters.
- The operating budgets for the Golf and Learning Center for fiscal years 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, which, once approved, will be submitted to the State of Michigan's Department of Management and Budget (DMB).
- The proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Outlay budget request, which, once approved, also will be sent to the State of Michigan DMB.
- Proposed amendments to the personnel manual that would combine all administrative and individual contract university employees into a single employee group.

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