

**TRUSTEE EMERITUS RANK AND PRIVILEGES**

**A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Board of Trustees
2. **Introduction:** Oakland University Trustees are appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan with the advice and consent of the Michigan Senate to serve eight year terms. The Board of Trustees has provided in its Bylaws that Trustees serve without compensation and receive only actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties of their office.

Trustees serve as fiduciaries of the University who govern within the long-standing tradition of responsibility for the public trust, for the University, and for the University's students. Trustees also willingly serve as visible advocates on behalf of the University and its priorities, and enthusiastically participate in crucial initiatives to facilitate the University's mission, vision and goals, such as fund-raising activities.

It is therefore beneficial to the University to encourage a continuing relationship with the Trustees who have completed their appointments and formal service to the University, by honoring them for their long-term contributions and maintaining their interests and engagement with the University.

3. **Previous Board Action:** On December 12, 1996 the Board of Trustees adopted a policy on Trustee Emeritus Rank and Privileges; and on September 28, 2010, established the position of Trustee Emeritus Advisor.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** Former Trustees continue to be ambassadors of the University educational mission even after their terms of appointment end.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Board Chair.

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
Trustee Emeritus Rank and Privileges  
August 3, 2015**

**8. Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopts the following revised policy on Trustee Emeritus Rank and Privileges:

In recognition of their leadership and active participation in the affairs of the University, a former member of the Board of Trustees who served no less than four consecutive years of the member's expired appointment will become a Trustee Emeritus.

Trustee Emeritus rank will carry with it all the privileges extended by the Board of Trustees to those Trustees whose terms have not yet expired and are currently serving.

Trustee Emeriti will maintain such rank at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees, and additional privileges may be conferred by the Board of Trustees from time-to-time at its discretion.

**9. Attachments: None.**

Submitted to the Board of Trustees  
on August 3, 2015 by

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Chair of the Board of Trustees