

**Minutes of the Formal Session
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
February 6, 2023**

- Present:** Vice Chair Joseph Jones and Trustees Brian N. Calley (via Teleconference), David Kramer (via Teleconference), Colleen Ochoa Peters, Trina Scott, and Stefen F. Welch (via Teleconference)
- Absent:** Chair Robert Schostak; and Trustee Dennis Muchmore
- Also Present:** President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Provost Britt Rios-Ellis; Vice Presidents Rochelle A. Black, Boyd C. Farnam, Stephen W. Mackey, Glenn McIntosh, Michael J. Westfall, John O. Young; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; and Student Liaisons Mallory Kean and Red Douglas

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. Call to Order

Vice Chair Joseph Jones called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center.

C. Roll Call

Dr. Joshua D. Merchant, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all of the Board members were present, except Chair Robert Schostak and Trustee Dennis Muchmore.

D. Advisory Board Reports

Vice Chair Jones invited the three Alumni Boards: Meadow Brook Estate Advisory Board, School of Business Board of Visitors and School of Health Sciences Board of Advocacy and Resource Development, to present on their activities in support of Oakland University.

Meadow Brook Estate Advisory Board

Mr. William Matt, Executive Director, MBE, introduced Mr. Patrick Brown, Chair. Mr. Brown is a 1992 Oakland University graduate and managing partner of Sanford Rose Associates Rochester. Mr. Brown gave a brief presentation on the Meadow Brook Estate Advisory Board.

School of Business Board of Visitors

Dr. Charles Pierce, Dean and Professor of Management, SBA, introduced Mr. Bryan Kieler, Board Member. Mr. Kieler is senior vice president and market manager for community development banking at PNC Bank. He is a two-time OU alum with a bachelor's degree and MBA from the School of Business. He has been on the School of Business Board of Visitors for four years. Mr. Kieler gave a brief presentation on the School of Business Board of Visitors.

Trustee Calley joined the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

School of Health Sciences Board of Advocacy and Resource Development

Dr. Kevin Ball, Dean, School of Health Sciences introduced Dr. Ewa Matuszewski, Chair. Dr. Matuszewski received a doctorate from OU this past December. Dr. Matuszewski is the CEO and founder of MedNetOne (Medical Network One). She is a champion of innovative primary care and chronic care initiatives throughout Southeast Michigan. Dr. Matuszewski gave a brief presentation on the School of Health Sciences Board of Advocacy and Resource Development.

E. President's Report

President Pescovitz presented the President's Report, first by acknowledging the memory of Maggie Allessee, a legendary philanthropist dedicated to the arts, health care and education and nonprofits. Ms. Allessee received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities from OU. She was the recipient of the OU Alumni Association's Honorary Alumna Award and the SON Board of Visitors' Legend Award. She was Director of the OU Foundation; member of Campaign Steering Committee and MTD Committee; and, inspired MTD's MaTiDa Awards. She also funded OU's first endowed chair at the School of Nursing and founded the annual Nightingale Awards.

President Pescovitz introduced and welcomed two new Trustees, Ms. Colleen Ochoa Peters and Mr. Stefen J. Welch. Trustee Peters is Founder of Meaningful Impact Consulting; supports "Vision to Learn" and is Vice President of M1 Concourse Checkered Flag Foundation. Trustee Peters has a BA in Communications from OU and is former chair of the OUAA Board of Directors. She has a MA Degree in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University. Trustee Welch is Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Detroit Pistons. Trustee Welch has a BA in Communications from OU and received the OU Alumni Association Community Service Award. He has a MA in Community Development from the University of Detroit Mercy.

President Pescovitz's report also included a performance by Dr. Mark Stone, Professor of Music, World Music and Percussion, and Arts Area Leader, OU/Pontiac Initiative. Professor Stone performed with preeminent musicians from Uganda, Ghana, South Africa, India, Trinidad, Ecuador, and the United States.

Her report also included updates on Fall Commencement; Honorary Degrees; recognition of Pete Hovland, OU Head Swimming and Diving Coach; OU Strategic Goals; Community Engagement; History Comes Alive; Keeper of the Dream; Barry M. Klein Center for Culture & Globalization; and

the Cis Maisel Center for Judaic Studies & Community Engagement.

Dr. Polly Boruff-Jones, Dean, University Libraries, and Dr. Graeme Harper, Dean, Honors College, presented on the 60th Year Anniversary of the Naming of Oakland University and The Historical Context of OU's Mission. Dr. Boruff-Jones also presented on the OU Libraries vision, mission and values.

F. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Consent Agenda

Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the February 6, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Formal Session of December 5, 2022

University Personnel Actions

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

I. Administrative Appointments

Groomes, Darlene. Associate Dean for the School of Education and Human Services, effective 1/3/2023, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Darlene Groomes and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Banes-Berceli, Amy. Associate Provost for Academic Operations, effective 1/1/2023, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Amy Banes-Barceli and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Landis-Piwowar, Kristin. Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, effective 1/1/2023, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Kristin Landis-Piwowar and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Mukherji, Nivedita. Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, effective 1/1/2023, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Nivedita Mukherji and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in

compliance with the law and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

II. Administrative-Professional Appointments

Luongo, Domenico. Director of Research Compliance and Integrity, effective 01/03/2023, appointed administrative-professional classified at level U, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Khan, Siraj. Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, effective 11/30/2022, appointed administrative-professional classified at level X, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Yan, Song. Associate Vice President for Institutional Research, Assessment and Data Analytics, effective 12/01/2022, appointed administrative-professional classified at level W, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of November 18, 2022 through January 19, 2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts and pledges to Oakland University identified in the Gifts and Pledges Report, Attachment A, for the period of November 18, 2022 through January 19, 2023.

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

Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of November 1 – December 31, 2022

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of November 1 – December 31, 2022.

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

Approval of Honorary Degree for Curtis Armstrong

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Arts *Honoris Causa* to Curtis Armstrong.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Eugene Gargaro

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

Approval of Honorary Degree for Lainie Friedman Ross

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities *Honoris Causa* to Lainie Friedman Ross.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Michael Trese

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* to Michael Trese.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Wendel A. White

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Arts *Honoris Causa* to Wendel A. White.

Amendment to the Constitution of the Library

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding any provision of the proposed, amended Constitution of the Library, the Board of Trustees reconfirms its legal authority to grant, modify and rescind internal constitutions when the Board determines such action to be in the interest of the University or required to comply with its legal obligations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, under the conditions set forth above, approves the amended Constitution of the Oakland University Library, attached hereto, effective February 6, 2023.

(A copy of the amended Constitution of the Oakland University Library is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Approval of Agreement to Provide Bookstore Services

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer be authorized to negotiate and execute an online bookstore agreement with eCampus.com and a campus store agreement with University Gear Shop for a five-year period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2028, with an option for the University to extend on a year-to-year basis for an additional five years; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the agreement be reviewed and approved by the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations, and conform to legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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

G. New Items for Consideration/Action

Appointment of David Dulio to the Rank of Distinguished Professor

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Appointment of David Dulio to the Rank of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of David Dulio, Professor of Political Science, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2023.

After discussion, Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Appointment of Huirong Fu to the Rank of Distinguished Professor

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Appointment of Huirong Fu to the Rank of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Huirong Fu, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2023.

After discussion, Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Appointment of Ravindra Khattree to the Rank of Distinguished Professor

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Appointment of Ravindra Khattree to the Rank of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ravindra Khattree, Professor of Statistics, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2023.

After discussion, Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Health Sciences to offer a Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences degree program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Dean Ball introduced Dr. Dale Telgenhoff, primary author of the Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences degree program, and Dr. Sumit Dinda, chairperson of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences. Dr. Telgenhoff gave a brief presentation on the Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences degree program.

After discussion, Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Engineering and Computer Science to offer a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity degree program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Provost Rio-Ellis introduced Dr. Marouane Kessentini, Professor and Chair, Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Dr. Kessentini gave a brief presentation on the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity degree program.

After discussion, Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

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

There were no other items for consideration/action presented to the Board.


Vice Chair Jones recognized and thanked the student liaisons for their presence at the meeting.

I. Adjournment

Vice Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,



Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.
Chief of Staff and Secretary to the
Board of Trustees

Joseph Jones
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees