

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
August 2, 2024**

**Present:** Chair Joe Jones; Vice Chair Brian N. Calley; and Trustees Dennis Muchmore, Colleen Ochoa Peters, Robert Schostak, and Trina Scott

**Absent:** Trustees David Kramer and Stefen F. Welch

**Also Present:** President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Interim Provost Kevin J. Corcoran; Vice President Boyd C. Farnam, Vice President Stephen W. Mackey, Senior Vice President Glenn McIntosh, Vice President Michael Westfall, Vice President John O. Young; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; and Student Liaison Xavier Iriarte and Student Liaison Joshua Kobus

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. via Zoom.

**B. 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 Trustees David Kramer and Stefen F. Welch.

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

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Formal Session of June 28, 2024**

**University Personnel Actions**

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

**I. Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Promotions**

Pursuant to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine's Criteria for Appointment and Promotion, evaluations of candidates seeking promotion and/or tenure are completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The following recommendations are made by the Provost, and standard review processes were followed.

A. Promotion (standard appointments)

1. Associate Professor eligible for promotion to Professor, effective July 1, 2024.

Dalal, Bhavin D.	Internal Medicine	Promote
Park, Daniel K.	Orthopaedic Surgery	Promote
Chaiyasate, Kongkrit	Surgery	Promote

2. Assistant Professor eligible for promotion to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2024.

Felice, Brian K.	Emergency Medicine	Promote
Patalinghug, Erwin	Family Medicine	Promote
Rollinger, Kathleen M.	Family Medicine	Promote
Rubino, Ida J.	Family Medicine	Promote
Yedavally-Yellayi, Srikala	Family Medicine	Promote
Calvo-Ayala, Enrique	Internal Medicine	Promote
Mina, Nader	Internal Medicine	Promote
Alhousseini, Ali	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Promote
Hafez-Khayyata, Said	Pathology	Promote
Taylor, Jaime L.	Pediatrics	Promote
Chamberlain, Christine C.	Physical Medicine	Promote
Sessa, Gino R.	Physical Medicine	Promote
Al-katib, Sayf	Radiology	Promote
Novotny, Nathan	Surgery	Promote
Zwaans, Bernadette	Urology	Promote

II. **Administrative Appointments**

Corcoran, Kevin. Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective 7/8/2024, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Kevin Corcoran 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.

III. **Emeritus**

**Effective August 15, 2024**

Graves, Paul, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences

IV. **Administrative-Professional Appointments**

McIntosh, Jacqueline. Senior Director of Philanthropy for School of Nursing, effective 04/01/2024, appointed administrative-professional reclassifies at level U, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Hutchins, Lisa. Interim Director of Internal Audit, effective 6/6/2024, appointed administrative-professional classifies at level V, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

## V. Faculty Reappointments

The faculty agreement requires that certain reviews for possible reemployment and promotion be completed by August 15, 2024. The following recommendations are made by the President. Standard review processes were followed.

### A. Reappointments (with Tenure)

1. Assistant Professors eligible for granting of tenure with promotion to the rank of associate professor, effective August 15, 2024.

AlSalman, Zeina	Economics	Reemploy & Promote
Arzu-Carmichael, Felicita	Writing and Rhetoric	Reemploy & Promote
Avery, Adam	Chemistry	Reemploy & Promote
Aydas, Osman	Decision and Information Sciences	Reemploy & Promote
Chaudhuri, Malika	Management and Marketing	Reemploy & Promote
Cholis, Ilias	Physics	Reemploy & Promote
Djavadghazaryans, Angineh	Modern Languages and Literatures	Reemploy & Promote
Eldredge, Cody	Political Science	Reemploy & Promote
Gram, David	Dept of Theatre	Reemploy & Promote
Greiner, Michael	Management and Marketing	Reemploy & Promote
Horvath, Tamas	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy & Promote
Kim, Sungeun	Political Science	Reemploy & Promote
Rabii, Watoii	Sociology and Anthropology	Reemploy & Promote
Rohn, Edward	Interdisciplinary Health Sciences	Reemploy & Promote
Smith Bohannon, Maria	Art, Art History and Design	Reemploy & Promote
Prieta, Raquel	Modern Languages and Literatures	Do Not Reemploy

2. Assistant Professors considered for optional granting of tenure with promotion to the rank of associate professor, effective August 15, 2024.

Chen, Jun	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Reemploy & Promote
Tonui, Betty	Sociology and Anthropology	Reemploy & Promote
Kies, Bridget	English, Creative Writing and Film	Reemploy & Promote

3. Special Instructor eligible for promotion to associate professor with tenure effective August 15, 2024.

Berishaj, Kelly	Nursing	Reemploy & Promote
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B. Reappointments (Probationary)

1. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to second, two-year probationary terms as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 2025 through August 14, 2027.

Bae, Junhyun	Decision and Information Sciences	Reemploy
Borton, Kelley	Interdisciplinary Health Sciences	Reemploy
Espitia, Nicolaus	Sociology and Anthropology	Reemploy
Fausone, David	Human Movement Science	Reemploy
Figueiredo, Vandre	Biological Sciences	Reemploy
Gerini Romagnoli, Marco	Mechanical Engineering	Reemploy
Gorman, August	Philosophy	Reemploy
Jones, Melissa	Human Movement Science	Reemploy
Kiefer, Laura	Chemistry	Reemploy
Kothari, Pratik	Accounting and Finance	Reemploy
Malik, Ali Ahmad	Industrial and Systems Engineering	Reemploy
Rodriguez-Franco, Oscar	Public and Environmental Wellness	Reemploy
Sandhu,		
Ramandeep Kaur	Decision and Information Sciences	Reemploy
Sosa Jones, Giselle	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy
Wagner, Nicole	Biological Sciences	Reemploy
Wiacek, Alycen	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Reemploy

2. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 2025 through August 14, 2027.

Bianchette, Thomas	Chemistry	Reemploy
Boni, Rebecca	Nursing	Reemploy
Caushaj, Eralda	Decision and Information Sciences	Reemploy
Chen, Yu-chuan	Art, Art History and Design	Reemploy
Delorme-Axford, Elizabeth	Biological Sciences	Reemploy
Kaur, Amanpreet	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Reemploy
Kinney, Zacharias	Chemistry	Reemploy
Kranak, Michael	Human Development and Child Studies	Reemploy
Monroe, Ryan	Mechanical Engineering	Reemploy
Overfelt, Jason	Linguistics	Reemploy
Rusakov, Alexander	Chemistry	Reemploy
Wang, Zhe	Chemistry	Reemploy
Yang, Ankun	Mechanical Engineering	Reemploy
Yang, Guolan	Communication and Journalism	Reemploy
Yoon, Yongsoon	Mechanical Engineering	Reemploy

3. Special Instructors eligible for reemployment to second, two-year probationary terms as Special Instructor, effective August 15, 2025 through August 14, 2027.

McCulloch, John	Accounting & Finance	Reemploy
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Van Hees, Edmond	Chemistry	Reemploy
White, Benjamin	Philosophy	Reemploy
Wyatt, Randal	Sociology and Anthropology	Reemploy
Beverly, Hydeen	Sociology and Anthropology	Reemploy

4. Special Instructors eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as Special Instructor, effective August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2027.

Bowers, Katherine	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy
Dibble, Terry	Human Movement Science	Reemploy
Grace, Tammy	Decision and Information Sciences	Reemploy
Louis, Steven	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Reemploy
Martin, Robert	Dept of Organizational Leadership	DoNot Reemploy

C. Reappointments (with Job Security)

1. Special Instructors eligible for reemployment with job security, effective August 15, 2024.

Holka, Kimberly	Nursing	Promote & Reemploy
Bazinski, Stephen	Mechanical Engineering	Promote & Reemploy
Wenson, Jennifer	Dept of Organizational Leadership	Promote & Reemploy

**Department of Communication and Journalism Name Change to the Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in program and degree title from the Department of Communication and Journalism approved a name change to the Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations.

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology Name Change: Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in program and degree title from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology approved a name change to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice.

Trustee Muchmore seconded by Trustee Calley, 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**

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

**E. Adjournment**

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Submitted,



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

Approved,

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Joe Jones  
Chair, Board of Trustees