Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
August 6, 2012

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. VIRINDER K. MOUDGIL

A Recommendation

- 1. <u>Division and Department:</u> President Division and Academic Affairs.
- **2.** <u>Introduction:</u> Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil's tenure as an Oakland University (University) faculty member and executive concluded on June 29, 2012. The following resolution is being presented to formally recognize Dr. Moudgil's contributions to the University.
- 3. <u>Previous Board Action:</u> The Board of Trustees regularly honors those leaders who have concluded their terms of appointment with a resolution honoring their commitment and service to the University.
- 4. Budget Implications: None.
- 5. Educational Implications: None.
- 6. Personnel Implications: None.
- 7. <u>University Reviews/Approvals:</u> The Board Chair and University President present resolutions honoring former university leaders for adoption by the Board of Trustees.
- **8.** Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil served Oakland University for 36 years, joining the University as an Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences in 1976 after receiving his master's degree and doctorate from Banaras University in India; and after completing his postdoctoral fellowship at the Mayo Clinic and serving as a visiting scientist at institutions in Paris and Belgrade; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moudgil was promoted to full Professor and was named Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences in 1994; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in July 2001; and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in April 2008; and

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WHEREAS, during Dr. Moudgil's tenure as Provost, Oakland University's academic program offerings increased from 114 undergraduate and 82 graduate programs in 2003 to 133 undergraduate and 128 graduate offerings today; online learning grew to 186 courses and nearly 20 programs; concurrent enrollment programs were established with Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College, St. Clair County Community College and Mott Community College; and the Department of Professional Development and Continuing Education (PACE) and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning were established; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moudgil played an instrumental role in developing the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moudgil demonstrated immense passion and unfaltering dedication to building OU's reputation for research including maintaining a breast cancer research lab that recruited both graduate and undergraduate student research assistants by working long hours after completing intense workdays as Provost; and overseeing development of numerous research centers including the Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, Pediatric Retinal Research Laboratory, Prevention Research Center, Center for Integrated Business Research and Education, Automotive Tribology Center and the Fastening and Joining Research Institute; and

Whereas, Dr. Moudgil has dedicated roughly \$9 million in support of faculty research and programs, academic programs, laboratory improvements, and student research, including the Student Research Scholar program, over the last three years alone; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moudgil is the recipient of many honors, including the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities, Oakland University Foundation Research Excellence Award, and the Academic Excellence Award from Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil for his unwavering commitment to Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Dr. Moudgil for the quality of his leadership and extends to him best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

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9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the President on August 2, 2012 by

Susan M. Awbrey

Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on ______, 2012 to the Board for Approval by

Gary D. Russi

President