

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
February 13, 2026**

**APPOINTMENT OF SERGEY GOLOVASHCHENKO TO THE RANK
OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
A Recommendation**

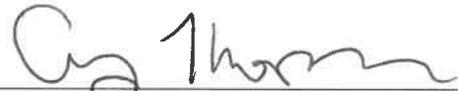
- 1. Division and Department:** Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
- 2. Introduction:** In 1988, the Board of Trustees (Board) created the faculty rank of Distinguished Professor. Upon recommendation of the President and Provost, the Board may appoint individuals to the rank of Distinguished Professor for the duration of the individual's active service at Oakland University. Appointments to distinguished professorships are based on the candidate's efforts and accomplishments in the areas of teaching, intellectual contributions and service, giving consideration to the programmatic and institutional setting of the candidate's work at Oakland and the nature of the candidate's assignments and responsibilities, the quality of the candidate's accomplishments and the relation of all the foregoing factors to the objectives of the area or departments, the goals of the college or school, and the mission and long-range vision of the University.
- 3. Previous Board Action:** The Board has periodically appointed individuals to the rank of Distinguished Professor at Formal Sessions of the Board.
- 4. Budget Implications:** A one-time salary stipend of \$2,500 plus an annual supplies and services allocation of \$1,500, up to five years, for the Distinguished Professor will be paid from the Provost's Discretionary Fund.
- 5. Educational Implications:** Recognition of a distinguished faculty member's long-standing dedication to the mission of the institution reinforces a culture that is devoted to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavor, and service.
- 6. Personnel Implications:** None.
- 7. University Reviews/Approvals:** A selection committee of his peers recommended Sergey Golovashchenko of the School of Engineering and Computer Science for approval to Dr. Amy Thompson, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, for the appointment of Distinguished Professor.

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8. **Recommendation:** RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Sergey Golovashchenko, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2026.

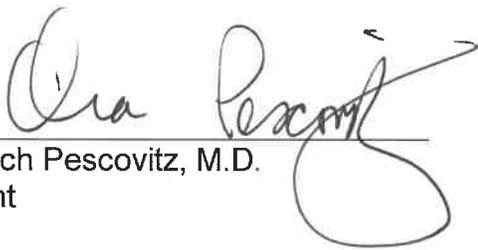
9. **Attachment:** Biography of Sergey Golovashchenko.

Submitted to the President
on Jan 26, 2026 by



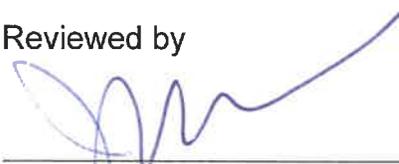
Amy Thompson, Ph.D., FESG, CHES
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommendation on 1/27, 2026
to the Board for Approval by



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

Reviewed by



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

Biography

Sergey Golovashchenko, Ph.D.

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Dr. Golovashchenko is a recognized expert in the field of Industry Sheet Metal Forming. He has earned national and international acclaim for his outstanding contributions to research. Prolific in scholarly publications, Dr. Golovashchenko has authored 1 book chapter, 89 journal articles, 69 conference papers, and 51 US patents. He has also delivered more than 100 presentations, research seminars, and keynote addresses in the US and abroad. His work has garnered widespread recognition within the scientific community. Notably, he has been listed in the prestigious Stanford database of the world's top 2% of scientists, based on citation metrics over the past five years. This distinction places Dr. Golovashchenko among the most influential and highly regarded researchers in his field.

Due to his exceptional professional achievements and expertise, Dr. Golovashchenko has received significant support for his research from both government agencies and industry. His research sponsors include General Motors, the National Science Foundation, Fiat Chrysler, Ford, the Auto/Steel Partnership, USCAR, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, and the Department of Energy. Since joining Oakland University in 2014, Dr. Golovashchenko has secured 68 external grants and contracts totaling \$3,321,308 as Principal Investigator (PI). Prior to joining Oakland University, he secured an additional \$5.348 million in external research funding as PI.

In addition to his success in securing research funding, Dr. Golovashchenko has played a pivotal role in advancing industrial applications of research. Over the past five years, in collaboration with teams from Ohio State University and the University of New Hampshire, he developed the NSF IUCRC Center for Sheet Metal Forming—a pioneering initiative that has set new standards in the metal forming industry. His leadership in this center has resulted in significant contributions to both academia and industry, fostering collaboration and innovation.

For his exemplary scholarly activities, Dr. Golovashchenko has received several prestigious awards, including the 2025 Auto/Steel Partnership (A/SP) Award of Excellence – Key Collaborator, the 2019 USCAR Research Partner Award, the 2017 SAE Myers Award for Outstanding Student Paper, and the 2020 OU SECS Outstanding Research Award. Before joining Oakland University, he was honored with numerous awards from Ford Motor Company, including the Ford Motor Company Publication Awards, the Ford Motor Company Patent Implementation Award, and the Ford Technical Achievement Award.

In summary, Dr. Golovashchenko has made significant contributions to Oakland University through groundbreaking research, leadership in securing substantial research funding, and advancements in industrial applications. His exemplary achievements demonstrate that he is an outstanding professor, and we honor him with the title of Distinguished Professor.