

**Minutes of the Special Formal Session
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
October 27, 2015**

Present: Chair Mark E. Schluskel; Vice Chair Richard L. DeVore (via Teleconference); and Trustees Richard A. Flynn, Michael R. Kramer, Ronald E. Robinson, Melissa Stolicker (via Teleconference) and W. David Tull (via Teleconference)

Also Present: President George W. Hynd (via Teleconference); Senior Vice President James P. Lentini; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Rochelle A. Black, Glenn McIntosh, John O. Young, Betty J. Youngblood; Interim Vice President Geoffrey C. Upward; Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi; and Student Liaisons Elizabeth J. Iwanski and Annie M. Meinberg

A. Call to Order

Chair Mark E. Schluskel called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. in the Auditorium of Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Victor A. Zambardi, Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all of the Board members were present.

C. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Consent Agenda

Approval of Honorary Degree for Nancy Elliott

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

Approval of Honorary Degree for Patti Finnegan Sharf

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities *Honoris Causa* to Patti Finnegan Sharf.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Florine Mark

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

Approval of Honorary Degree for Curt Tofteland

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Trustee Michael R. Kramer, seconded by Trustee Richard A. Flynn, moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

D. New Items for Consideration/Action

Approval to Establish the Position of Chief Operating Officer and Appointment

President George W. Hynd presented the Approval to Establish the Position of Chief Operating Officer and Appointment recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

WHEREAS, the Oakland University Board of Trustees' Contracting and Employment Appointment Authority Policy provides in relevant part that the establishment of high level positions are subject to the recommendation of the President and must be approved by the Oakland University Board of Trustees (Board); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the position of Chief Operating Officer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Scott G. Kunselman as Chief Operating Officer, pursuant to an employment agreement between Scott G. Kunselman and Oakland University that has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

President Hynd indicated that as he continues to be more engaged off campus, the idea of having someone to help him on campus to coordinate and facilitate the various offices has become more evident. After doing research and looking at other models at other universities, he proposed creating a position titled the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate and facilitate the various initiatives and the processes and procedures on campus. He also proposed that Scott Kunselman, with his extraordinary background as an engineer and vice president responsible for the coordination and facilitation of systems at Chrysler Corporation, be hired in the position of Chief Operating Officer at Oakland University.

Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Flynn, moved to amend the recommendation by splitting the agendum item into two votes, with one vote for approval of the position and the other vote to approve the appointment of Mr. Kunselman to the position but the amendment failed with Trustees Robinson and Flynn voting for the amendment and Trustees Devore, Kramer, Schluskel, Stolicker and Tull voting against the amendment.

Trustees Flynn and Kramer each endorsed Mr. Kunselman for the position having worked with him on the Board of Trustees.

In response to a question from Ms. Meinberg, President Hynd indicated that funding for the position would come from general fund reserves.

After discussion, Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Flynn, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was approved with Trustees Devore, Flynn, Kramer, Schlüssel, Stolicker, and Tull voting for approval and Trustee Robinson voting against approval.

Chair Schlüssel added that many universities are moving toward a structured environment that will benefit the students, faculty and the university as a whole and Oakland has taken a giant step to do the same thing.

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

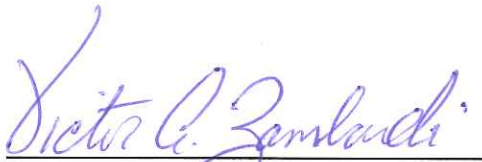
There were no other items for consideration/action presented to the Board.

F. Adjournment

Chair Schlüssel adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,



Victor A. Zambardi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mark E. Schlüssel
Chair, Board of Trustees