Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

Oakland University is seeking a dynamic leader as Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations and invites nominations and expressions of interest from highly qualified individuals. This VP will partner with an energetic new president and join a strong executive team committed to continuing the institution’s rise in national ranking. He/she will work with the president and the trustees to access, analyze and re-envision the role of philanthropy and alumni engagement, and then create strategies, programs and infrastructure to enable the new vision.

Oakland has enjoyed 21 consecutive years of enrollment growth and currently has over 20,700 students. Founded nearly 60 years ago through a gift from Matilda Dodge Wilson as Michigan’s public liberal arts university, it has rounded out its academic offering over time with a diverse group of award winning professional schools including Medicine, Health Science, Nursing, Engineering and Computer Sciences, Education and Human Services, and Business. Oakland County is among the nation’s top 10 “most affluent” counties, and hosts a number of international corporate headquarters. The area is a hub for innovative research and entrepreneurial activities. OU’s spectacular 1,440 acre campus sits at the edge of a corporate research park, and is nestled within two historic communities, Auburn Hills and Rochester. Located 30 miles north of Detroit, it is a beneficiary of the Renaissance reshaping the city and strengthening the region.

The VP will lead the Development and Alumni Relations teams (currently 45, plus part-timers), and the University’s next significant comprehensive campaign (the last campaign totaled $111 million, and concluded in 2009). The VP will carry and manage a high-level portfolio of leadership and principal gift prospects, and demonstrate an ability to work collaboratively across disciplines, and partner with Deans and campus leaders to raise the levels of engagement, credibility and productivity for all of Oakland’s philanthropic initiatives. The successful candidate will show evidence of successful management and campaign leadership experience, and exhibit excellent communication skills, both oral and written. A bachelor’s degree is required and an advanced degree is preferred.

The Committee is seeking nominations and applications from well prepared candidates. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. To assure full consideration, applications should be received by December 4, 2015, and must include a letter of interest, CV or resume, and the names, email addresses and phone numbers of five professional references (references will not be contacted without prior authorization from the applicant). For more information, individuals may call or write Jim Lanier at the address below. Applications and nominations should be sent electronically (MS Word or Adobe PDF) to: OaklandDevelopment@agbsearch.com.
Assisting with this search is AGB Senior Search Consultant Jim Lanier, jll@agbsearch.com, 202-580-5194.

To learn more about the position and the University, prospective candidates and nominators are encouraged to visit its website at: wwwp.oakland.edu, or the AGB Search website, www.agbsearch.com.

_Oakland University is an equal-opportunity employer and welcomes nominations and applications from women and minorities._