

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
February 7, 2022**

**Present:** Chair Robert Schostak; Vice Chair Joseph Jones (via Teleconference); and Trustees Brian N. Calley, David Kramer, Trina Scott (via Teleconference), Melissa Stolicker and W. David Tull

**Absent:** Trustee Dennis Muchmore

**Also Present:** President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Provost Britt Rios-Ellis; Vice Presidents Rochelle A. Black, Boyd C. Farnam, Glenn McIntosh, Michael J. Westfall, John O. Young; Interim Vice President James L. Hargett; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; and Student Liaisons Amanda Wewer and Ethan Bradley

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Robert Schostak invited Dr. David Dulio, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Civic Engagement, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Call to Order**

Chair Robert Schostak called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center.

**C. 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 Trustee Dennis Muchmore.

Chair Schostak again welcomed David Kramer to the Board. Trustee Kramer recently testified before the Senate and the Senate has confirmed his appointment to Oakland University's Board of Trustees. Chair Schostak, on behalf of the Board, looks forward to Trustee Kramer's involvement, engagement and leadership.

**D. President's Report**

President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz presented the President's Report, including Updates and OU Pride. Mr. Mike Westfall, Vice President, University Advancement, presented an update on the Office of University Advancement. Dr. Dulio presented an update on the Impact of Redistricting.



Malik, Ali Ahmad                      Assistant Professor of Industrial & Systems Engineering

**Effective January 5, 2022**

Neji, Sana                              Visiting Special Instructor of Computer Science & Engineering  
Kessentini, Marouane              Full Professor with Tenure of Computer Science & Engineering

**IV. Emeritus Appointments**

**Effective February 7, 2022**

Nelson, Dorothy. Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, College of Arts & Sciences

**V. Faculty Reappointments**

The faculty agreement requires that certain reviews for possible reemployment and promotion be completed by August 15, 2021. The following recommendations are made by the President. Standard review processes were followed.

**A. Reappointments (Probationary)**

1. Assistant Professor eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 2022 through August 14, 2024.

Geoffrey Louie, Wing-Yue    Electrical & Computer Engineering    Reemploy

**Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of November 30, 2021 through January 24, 2022**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts and pledges to Oakland University identified in the Gifts and Pledges Report, Attachment A, for the period of November 30, 2021 through January 24, 2022.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of November 1 – December 31, 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of November 1 – December 31, 2021.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Approval of Honorary Degree for Steven Kahn**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* to Steven Kahn.

**Approval of Honorary Degree for Dominic J. Mocerri, Jr.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Arts *Honoris Causa* to Dominic J. Mocerri, Jr.

**Approval of Honorary Degree for Sarah Collins Rudolph**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* to Sarah Collins Rudolph.

Trustee Tull, seconded by Trustee Calley, moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**F. New Items for Consideration/Action**

**Appointment of Andrea Eis to the Rank of Distinguished Professor**

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Appointment of Andrea Eis to the Rank of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Andrea Eis, Professor of Cinematic Studies and English, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2022.

After discussion, Trustee Stolicker, seconded by Trustee Kramer, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Appointment of Virgil Zeigler-Hill to the Rank of Distinguished Professor**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Appointment of Virgil Zeigler-Hill to the Rank of Distinguished Professor recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Virgil Zeigler-Hill, Professor of Psychology, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2022.

After discussion, Trustee Calley, seconded by Trustee Tull, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Schematic Design and Budget Approval for Meadow Brook Hall Visitor Center and East & West Garden Tent Venues**

Mr. William P. Matt, Executive Director, Meadow Brook Estate, presented the Schematic Design and Budget Approval for Meadow Brook Hall Visitor Center and East & West Garden Tent Venues recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Schematic Design (as may be immaterially amended during the continuing design and construction phases of the project) for the Meadow Brook Hall Visitor Center and Venue Project at a not to exceed cost of \$5.5 million; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the Visitor Center and Venue Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all said contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

After discussion, Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Tull, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

**Approval for Increased Costs of South Foundation Hall and Authorization to Complete Renovation and Expansion**

Mr. James L. Hargett, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Approval for Increased Costs of South Foundation Hall and Authorization to Complete Renovation and Expansion recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the project budget increase of \$4,200,000, for a total budget of \$44,200,000 for the South Foundation Hall Renovation and Expansion project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the South Foundation Hall Renovation and Expansion project and the ongoing administration of the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

After discussion, Trustee Tull, seconded by Trustee Stolicker, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

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

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the AAUP Faculty Liaison to the Board of Trustees:

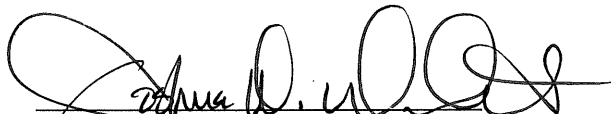
1. Mark Navin, PhD, HEC-C, Professor and Chair of Philosophy; Lecturer in Foundational Medical Studies
2. Karen Miller, President, Oakland University Chapter of the AAUP and Associate Professor, Department of History

**H. Adjournment**

Chair Schostak adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

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

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Robert Schostak  
Chair, Board of Trustees