

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
February 2, 2024**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR DANIEL SKOVRONSKY
A Recommendation**

1. Division and Department: Academic Affairs, Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

2. Introduction: In accordance with Article IX of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, honorary degrees may be awarded by the Board of Trustees in recognition of distinguished accomplishment and service within the scope of the arts and letters, sciences, professions, and public service as recognized and supported by the University. The awarding of honorary degrees reaffirms Oakland University's scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and ties the University to the community at large.

Daniel truly demonstrates the high level of achievement and service this award is meant to recognize, as evidenced by a strong track record of success and leadership as senior vice president and chief scientific officer at Eli Lilly and Company. For his outstanding achievements and discoveries in the field of neuroscience and pharmaceuticals we seek to honor Daniel through the conferral of an honorary degree from Oakland University.

Daniel earned a bachelor of science in molecular biochemistry and biophysics from Yale University, a doctor of medicine from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and a Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania. While still a graduate student, he founded Avid Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc., where he invented diagnostic technology to detect Alzheimer's disease in its early stages in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania. He also served as CEO. Avid Pharmaceuticals was acquired by Eli Lilly and Company in 2010 and Skovronsky stayed on. Since then, he guided the company in developing cutting-edge medicines. These include two antibody treatments that reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from Covid-19. Since assuming his role with Eli Lilly and Company, Daniel served as vice president of Tailored Therapeutics until 2014. He was promoted to senior vice president of clinical and product development later that year, a position he held until being named senior vice president and chief scientific officer in 2018. Eli Lilly, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company, currently employs over 10,000 individuals, and boasts annual revenue exceeding \$5 billion.

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Daniel's dedication to research and advances in pharmaceutical medicine have been recognized several times throughout his professional career. In 2009, he received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in the Emerging Company category. The Pennsylvania Drug Discovery Institute presented him with a lecture award in 2014 for his presentation, "My Drug Discovery Journey-from Pennsylvania Biotech to Big Pharma." And most recently, he received the Nucleus Commercialization Award from University City Science Center earlier this year. The impact of Daniel's leadership and research in medicine is evident in his demonstrated commitment to developing pharmaceutical solutions for real-world health concerns as shown in his response to the need for Covid-19 treatment options during the pandemic. Daniel has distinguished himself as a leader in research and education.

It is our suggestion, with your approval, that Daniel M. Skovronsky is awarded a Doctor of Science, honoris causa from the School of Health Sciences at the 9:00 AM ceremony on Friday, April 26, 2024. Should you determine that a more appropriate (different) degree be awarded or at a different ceremony, the Honorary Degree Committee supports your recommendation (without further review).

3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees periodically awards honorary degrees at its Formal Sessions.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The awarding of honorary degrees is an established tradition in academe, by which the University reaffirms its scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and its ties to the wider community.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost has recommended approval of the recipient to receive an Honorary Degree.
8. **Recommendation:**

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

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9. Attachments: None.

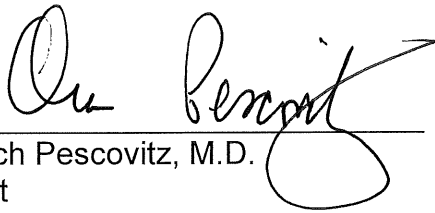
Submitted to the President

on 1/29, 2024 by



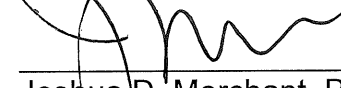
Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 1/29, 2024
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