Minutes of the Formal Session of the Oakland University Board of Trustees October 24, 2016

Present:

Chair Richard L. DeVore; Vice Chair W. David Tull; and Trustees

Tonya Allen, Marianne Fey, Ronald E. Robinson and Melissa Stolicker

Absent:

Trustees Mark E. Schlussel and Robert Schostak

Also Present:

President George W. Hynd; Chief Operating Officer Scott G. Kunselman; Senior Vice President James P. Lentini; Vice Presidents John W. Beaghan, Glenn McIntosh, Angie Schmucker; John O. Young, Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi; and Student Liaisons

Sean M. Foe and Cassandra M. Hock

A. Call to Order

Chair Richard L. DeVore called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.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, except Trustees Mark E. Schlussel and Robert Schostak.

C. Introduction of Trustees Allen and Fey

Chair DeVore introduced and welcomed Trustee Tonya Allen and Trustee Marianne Fey to the University.

Trustee Allen indicated that she is the President and CEO of the Skillman Foundation and has lived in Michigan all of her life. She believes that the economic power of our universities can transform the region and that what we do on the Oakland University campus will have an impact on every resident in the region. She has worked in philanthropy both locally and nationally and her areas of expertise are K-12 education, access to post-secondary education, as well as youth development, neighborhood revitalization, and public policy.

Trustee Fey is a director at a business consulting firm and has a long career in marketing and advertising, working for the world's largest advertising agency. She is an entrepreneur and works with other entrepreneurs in her current work. She is an Oakland University alumnae, who lived on campus. She has previously volunteered as an advisor to the Oakland University Alumni Magazine and was on the Oakland University Alumni Board, serving as its chair for many years. She also chaired the advisory council for the College of Arts and Sciences and worked on the prior capital campaign.

D. Treasurer's Report

Mr. John W. Beaghan, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report as set forth in the agendum item.

Ms. Rebecca Sorenson of UBS Financial Services discussed endowment returns for the past year. She spoke of the volatility in the markets which led to a 1.39% decrease in the portfolio but was pleased that it was up 3.6% for the last quarter. They have decreased international equities in the portfolio slightly and international fixed income due to negative interest rates in many of the developing countries.

Mr. John Speare of the Commonfund presented on the working capital portfolio. Returns are up 4.3% versus the goal over the past 27 months, with the goal being 150 basis points over treasury bills. They are overweighting to short duration, high quality fixed income waiting for a long and slow rate rising environment from the Federal Reserve. In response to a question from Trustee Robinson, Mr. Speare indicated that there is a heavy weight toward fixed income in this portfolio as the focus is to have necessary liquidity for working capital.

E. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Formal Session of August 8, 2016

University Personnel Actions

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions below.

I. New Appointments, effective August 15, 2016

Alawneh, Shadi, Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Arefifar, Seyed Ali, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Bagherzadeh, Mohammad, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$82,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Branson, Ashley N., Assistant Professor of Education (\$56,500) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Dean, Caress A., Assistant Professor of Health Sciences (\$60,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

DelVescovo, Daniel, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Hartsock, Katie E., Assistant Professor of English (\$55,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Hernandez, Joanna M., Assistant Professor of Nursing (\$72,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Hodge, Timothy R., Assistant Professor of Economics (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Jin, Man, Assistant Professor of Economics (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Jusela, Cheryl M., Assistant Professor of Nursing (\$72,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Lawlor, Michael R., Assistant Professor of Statistics (\$67,500) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Lee, Seungae, Assistant Professor of Journalism (\$56,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Leidel, James A., Special Instructor in Engineering (\$65,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Ligocki, Danielle T., Assistant Professor of Education (\$60,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Liu, Anyi, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$82,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Maisonneuve, Jonathan, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

May, Matthew, Assistant Professor of Sociology (\$58,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

McCarty, Susan M., Assistant Professor of English (\$55,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

McLarnon, Matthew J., Assistant Professor of Psychology (\$61,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Mohapatra, Anushaya, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (\$63,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Morsink, Paul M., Assistant Professor of Education (\$60,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Papadimitriou, Christina, Associate Professor of Health Sciences (\$76,800) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Petroulias, Patricia L., Assistant Professor of Nursing (\$72,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Prieta, Raquel, Assistant Professor of Spanish (\$56,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Rhee, Sang Hoon, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences (\$68,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Schoen, Megan E., Assistant Professor of Writing (\$59,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Stevenson, Laurel D., Assistant Professor of Health Sciences (\$60,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Su, Chiaoning, Assistant Professor of Journalism (\$56,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Thielen, Joanna E., Assistant Professor of University Libraries (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Tucker, Matthew A., Assistant Professor of Linguistics (\$56,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Uptegraff, Robert A., Special Instructor in Finance (\$85,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Wakabayashi, Tomoko, Associate Professor of Education (\$65,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Wu, Colin, Assistant Professor of Chemistry (\$63,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Wu, Zhijun, Special Instructor in Engineering (\$75,084) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Yang, Ziming, Assistant Professor of Chemistry (\$62,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Zhang, Wei, Assistant Professor of Physics (\$73,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

New Appointment, effective September 15, 2016

Rinaldi, Roberto L., Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences without tenure (tenure track) (\$94,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

II. Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Standard Appointments, effective October 24, 2016.

The following standard appointments in the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine are for three years, commencing on October 24, 2016, and are renewable. These standard appointments are without salary support from Oakland University and are not tenured positions. Appointees must maintain active status on the staff of Beaumont Hospital, meet all applicable School of Medicine Participation requirements, and maintain the continued support of their Department Chairs, who are responsible for assessing their performance. Appointees' standard appointments may also be terminated at any time, upon the recommendation of their Department Chair, or for reasons that are at the exclusive discretion of the Dean of the School of Medicine:

Davidovich, Isaac Grabowski, Christina Naoumi, Manhal Ohs, Danielle Persaud, Sase Aminova, Svetlana Davila-Grijalva, Hugo Fry-Riggins, Tangenilla Grasso-Knight, Giovi Kakish, Tariq Nair, Girish Snodgrass, Maunda Castillo, Francisco Obertynski, Tom Ahlgren, Bradley Papakonstantinou, John Papakonstantinou, Nicholas Rimmke, Nathan Prabhu, Anuradha Rubenstein, Mara Beth Ferris, Julie Brandenburg, Shawn Choromanska, Agnieszka Gupta, Gurpriya Smillie, Richard Wilson, Bradley Miguel, George	Assistant Professor Adjunct Assist. Professor Instructor Instructor Instructor Instructor Instructor Instructor Assistant Professor Instructor	Anesthesiology Biomedical Sciences Family Medicine Family Medicine Internal Medicine Ophthalmology Ophthalmology Orthopaedic Surgery Orthopaedic Surgery Orthopaedic Surgery Orthopaedic Surgery Orthopaedic Surgery Pediatrics Pediatrics Physical Medicine Radiology Radiology Radiology Radiology Radiology Surgery
Miguel, George	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Pentiak, Patricia Standring, Robert	Assistant Professor Instructor	Surgery Surgery

Killinger, Kim

Assistant Professor

Urology

Standard Appointments - One Year

Hannish, Majda Deshmukh, Ganesh Assistant Professor Assistant Professor Pediatrics Surgery

Standard Reappointments - Three Years

Andrzejewski, Tanja Benjamin, Joseph Cooper, Aharon Kowalenko, Terry Levasseur, Kelly Menoch, Margaret Triest, Jessica Fakhouri, Monty Klenczar, Melissa Lowe, Raluca Pinelis, Susanna Sayegh, Anthony Shajahan, Asha Zimny, Matthew Gowda, Sachi Malick, Farah Prasad, Navin Reher, Randall Madan, Ichchha Starr, Katherine McCormick, Eileen Gryzenia, Paul McLaughlin, Carol Priest, Stephen

Assistant Professor Instructor Instructor Professor Assistant Professor Assistant Professor Instructor Adjunct Assist. Professor **Assistant Professor** Assistant Professor Instructor Assistant Professor

Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine Emergency Medicine Family Medicine Family Medicine Family Medicine Family Medicine Family Medicine **Family Medicine** Family Medicine Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Internal Medicine OB/GYN OB/GYN **Pediatrics** Radiology Radiology Surgery

III. Change of Status

Dvir, Arie, from Interim Vice Provost of Research Administration to Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, effective August 8, 2016.

IV. Administrative-Professional Appointments

Richard W. Rachner, Assistant Vice President for Development and Principle Gifts, effective August 30, 2016.

Joi M. Cunningham, Assistant Vice President for Academic Human Resources, effective September 19, 2016.

Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of July 28, 2016 through September 30, 2016

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 July 28, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

(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 July 1 – August 31, 2016

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 July 1 – August 31, 2016 that was presented to the Board of Trustees.

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

<u>Fiscal Year 2018 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Outlay</u> Project Request

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the submission of the attached Fiscal Year 2018 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Outlay Project Request to the State of Michigan, State Budget Office, as representative of Oakland University's capital budget needs.

(A copy of the Fiscal Year 2018 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Outlay Project Request is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

<u>Final Undergraduate School and Graduate School Reports, Summer 2016 – August</u> 27, 2016

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Final Undergraduate School Reports and the Final Graduate School Reports, Summer 2016 – August 27,2016.

(A copy of the Final Undergraduate School and Graduate School Reports, Summer 2016 – August 27, 2016 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Acceptance of Meadow Brook Subdivision Guarantee Report

The Board of Trustees at its meeting of October 24, 2016, approved the Meadow Brook Subdivision Guarantee Report.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Ron May

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

Chair DeVore requested that Dr. Lentini talk about the recipient of the honorary degree, Ron May. Dr. Lentini indicated that Ron May was being honored for his visionary leadership in business, education and philanthropy. He has served as chair of the School of Engineering and Computer Science Advisory Board and has helped to attract 84 new corporate partners that have raised more than \$250,000 to benefit the School and its students. He has been named a distinguished leader by Leadership Oakland and an honorary alumnus of Oakland University. He has also served on the President's Campaign Council at Oakland University

Trustee Melissa Stolicker, seconded by Trustee Ronald E. Robinson, moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

F. New Items for Consideration/Action

Formation of Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee

Chair DeVore presented the Formation of Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Bylaws permits the Board to appoint committees and prescribe their duties, functions and limitations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee of the Board shall be and is hereby created with the respective members, duties and functions described below:

<u>Members</u>

The Trustee members of the Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee are:

Richard L. Devore – Chairman Ronald E. Robinson Mark E. Schlussel Melissa Stolicker

Four (4) more members will be appointed to the Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee by the Committee Chairman from various University constituencies.

Each member of the Committee shall observe strict and total confidentiality in the conduct of their work on the Committee and in connection with the presidential search. At no time can Committee business be discussed outside of the Committee without the consent of the Committee Chairman.

Charge to the Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee

The Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee is advisory to the Board; its role is to recommend final candidates for a new president to the Board. The Board alone will select and appoint the new president.

The Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee (Committee) will work in close coordination with the presidential search firm retained by the Board to represent the interests of the Board and the campus community to the presidential candidates. The Committee will exercise discretion and professionalism in their work on recruitment, applicant communications, and assessment of candidate compatibility.

The Committee shall:

- 1. Recommend the retention of a presidential search firm to the Board on <u>December 5, 2016</u> that will assist the Committee and facilitate the:
 (a) broad review of institutional strengths and weaknesses and current and future needs; (b) organization of the presidential search process and the Committee's work; (c) development of search strategies; (d) development of a presidential position profile; (e) identification and vetting of presidential candidates; (f) management of nominations and applications; (g) provision of advice and counsel to presidential applicants: (h) interviewing candidate references and performance of due diligence checks; (i) organization of candidate interviews; (j) benchmarking communications; and (l) delivery of other services identified by the Committee.
- 2. Adopt a timetable for the presidential search that will permit the Board to appoint a new president as soon as is practical but no later than August 13, 2017.
- Conduct an active national presidential search to attract a pool of strong highly qualified and diverse presidential candidates through advertisements and direct recruitment.
- 4. Develop procedures and protocols for the Committee to include without limitation: (a) setting an orderly schedule for meetings; (b) communication protocols; (c) reporting the status of the presidential search to the Board at Formal Sessions of the Board (d) reporting the status of the presidential search to the University community through periodic campus alerts and announcements; and (e) staff support and recordkeeping.
- 5. Conduct an analysis of the University's strengths and weaknesses and current and future needs.

- 6. Manage the presidential applicant pool and keep all presidential candidates aware of their status.
- Screen the presidential candidate pool and perform due diligence, including reference and background checks on presidential candidates.
- 8. Interview selected presidential candidates.
- 9. Plan and coordinate campus visits for up to three (3) qualified, thoroughly vetted, presidential candidates to make presentations to the University community at public forums.
- 10. Keep the Board apprised appropriately throughout the presidential search process.
- 11. Recommend to the Board an unranked selection of up to three (3) highly qualified, thoroughly vetted, presidential candidates from whom the board may select its next president.
- 12. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Committee Chairman from time to time.

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall comply with all applicable laws and Board policies while performing its duties.

Chair DeVore indicated that the goal is to have a new president in place by June, 2017 to allow for a smooth transition with Dr. Hynd though the first or second week of August. Trustees Schlussel, Stolicker, and Robinsion will be on the Committee which he will chair. Four other member will be added to the Committee with its first goal being to pick a search firm at the December 5, 2016 Formal Meeting. There will be a dean, faculty and campus community representation on the Committee. The Committee will err on the side of over communicating during the process. He indicated that that the process will be closed until two or three finalists are chosen at which point it will be open. There will be open forums at the beginning of the process with the search consultant. There will be diversity in the pool and on the Committee. The goal will be to have a five-year contract.

In response to a question from Mr. Foe, Chair DeVore indicated that there will not be a student as a member of the Committee but there will be someone from staff to represent students.

Dr. Karen Miller read a statement from the president of Oakland University's chapter of the AAUP, Dr. Ken Mitton, which stated:

We regard the process of selecting a president to be a preeminent responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The university president sits at the nexus between the

Board and the larger university community. As such, the president provides an important link of communication—negotiating the aspirations and the fears of the various constituencies. Presidents are certainly leaders, but their roles also require the ability to balance the varying interests within the community. We are strongly supportive of the Board's decision to continue the practice of including faculty members on the presidential search committee. Oakland's faculty is complex; it is critically important to consider a variety of faculty perspectives from the initial stages of the search through the final vetting of candidates. Stephen Trachtenberg, the former president of George Washington University and noted expert on the modern university, has argued:

Leaders in higher education must understand the nature of the academic enterprise. A college or university must be business-like in many of its functions, but it is not a business. Its missions are complex and sometimes conflicting. Its governance processes are built on a lively mix of consensual, political, and bureaucratic principles. Institutions of higher education are ventures in fact and faith, and most outcomes will not yield to a single data point performance evidence.

So that we may be confident in our next generation of leadership, it is important that all constituencies—including the faculty—have a voice in the process of selecting Oakland's next university president.

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

Financial Statements, June 30, 2016 and 2015

Trustee Robinson presented the Financial Statements, June 30, 2016 and 2015 recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the Financial Statements, June 30, 2016 and 2015, which were audited by the Board of Trustee's public accounting firm, Andrews Hooper Pavlik P.L.C.

Trustee Robinson indicated that the Audit Committee met earlier this month. The Audit Committee has been given the oversight responsibility for the integrity of the University's financial statements and its accounting and reporting process as well as the audit, although its oversight is not a substitute for the Board's and the individual members' responsibility for understanding the financials and asking any questions. The Audit Committee made a recommendation that this Board accept the Financial Statements as prepared.

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

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award Programs in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 Year Ended June 30, 2016

Trustee Robinson presented the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award Programs in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 Year Ended June 30, 2016 recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award Programs in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 Year Ended June 30, 2016, which was audited by the Board of Trustee's public accounting firm, Andrews Hooper Pavlik P.L.C.

Trustee Robinson indicated that the Audit Committee met with the auditors this month and has made a recommendation to the Board to accept the schedule of expenditures.

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

Anibal House and Fitzgerald House Renovations Construction Manager

Scott G. Kunselman, Chief Operating Officer, presented the Anibal House and Fitzgerald House Renovations Construction Manager recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and execute a construction management contract with DeMaria for the Anibal House and Fitzgerald House Renovation Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for all construction management services for the Anibal House and Fitzgerald House Renovation Project shall not exceed \$5,470,109 (comprised of a \$470,109 Construction Manager fee, including a 15% University controlled contingency, and subcontractor construction expenses that will not exceed \$5,000,000, including a 15% University controlled contingency), combined with soft costs (furniture, architectural services, and permitting) of \$529,891, for a total Project cost not to exceed \$6,000,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Chief Operating Officer, 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 Anibal House and Fitzgerald House Renovation Project and the ongoing administration; 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.

Mr. Kunselman indicated that the renovation of these two buildings will aid in the support of the University's mission. He noted that some renovations have already been made to Pryale House, and noted that the debt service for this project is already covered in our existing budget.

Mr. Terry Stollsteimer stated that the main thrust of the renovation is to allow access to the second floor of these building by an elevator to allow barrier free access. The buildings will be used for office space, and restrooms will also be renovated. An RFP resulted in bids which were narrowed down to three final bidders, and the recommendation is to use DeMaria on the project. Although it was not the lowest bidder, the additional cost of \$9,000 provides the University with full-time administration of the project, unlike the low bidder who would use staff on board in another campus project.

In response to a question from Chair DeVore, Mr. Stollsteimer indicated that DeMaria has been used on several projects on campus including the external skin renovation on O'Dowd Hall. He further indicated that the renovations at Anibal will start in April 2017 and will be finished in fall 2017. Fitzgerald will begin once housing moves out of the building, likely May of 2018, and will be done by the fall of 2018.

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

G. President's Report

Dr. Hynd began by welcoming Trustees Allen and Fey to the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

Oakland University is enrollment driven in terms of the budget, receiving only about 16-17% of its budget from the state. Fall 2016 credit hours are up just a small amount indicating that more students are taking a full load. About 75% of our students are taking a full-credit load which accelerates their path towards graduation. Overall, head count of students has decreased slightly. The high school graduate pool continues to shrink. The decline in high school graduates in the state of Michigan started in 2009. By 2016, there were 16,000 fewer students graduating than in 2009. Moving forward in time from 2017 to 2025, there will be 7,000 fewer students graduating. The University may have somewhat of an advantage being in the metropolitan area; however, there is a need to take enrollment recruitment seriously. Dr. Hynd provided information on efforts to attract and retain in-state, out of state, international, graduate and transfer students.

Dr. Hynd introduced David Stone, Vice Provost for Research, and highlighted some of the research being done on campus including National Institutes of Health grants received by Dr. Andrea Kozak and Dr. Randal Westrick, along with a National Science Foundation grant received by Dr. Huirong Fu.

Dr. Hynd highlighted some of the outreach and engagement projects on campus including the Applied Behavior Autism Analysis Clinic, OU Students Give Back, the OUWB Center for Community Engagement, Project Upward Bound, Focus on Pontiac, and the OU Math Academy.

H. Special Assistant to President and Provost Report

Dr. Maxfield reported on the Pontiac/Oakland partnership and began with summarizing the history of the relationship between Oakland University and the City of Pontiac. He then highlighted current projects including Upward Bound, Day of Service, the Wade McCree Scholarship, and Health Pontiac. A formalization of the relationship with Pontiac became a priority two years ago when Dr. Hynd became President. A joint meeting in November 2014 led to an emphasis on a comprehensive focus on college readiness. Economic and workforce development was seen as a key issue because it was part of the Mayor's already existing moving Pontiac forward plan but there was also Oakland's need for Pontiac-based internships and capstone projects for students from all disciplines as well as community- based volunteer opportunities. The collaboration has resulted in numerous projects including a pre-algebra workshop, Parent University, the Spirit of Pontiac Newsletter, internships with the Mayor, and Ideas to Business Project. By the end of June 2015, 32 different Oakland/Pontiac initiatives were identified.

One of the ideas that came out of last year's town meeting was to bring Pontiac fifth through eighth graders here to campus for a fine arts camp with the opportunity to live in the dorm, eat University food, and participate in classes and dance, drama, vocal music, band and improvised comedy. Ninety-two children were on campus last July for four days and presented an incredible performance in Varner Hall.

Dr. Mayfield indicated that Kevin Corcoran, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is presenting "Leaning to Dance Together without Stepping on Each Other Toes" which is based on the Pontiac/Oakland partnership at the Coalition of Metropolitan Universities Conference in Washington DC. December 3, 2016 is the Pontiac Day at the O'rena, and the hope is for 1,000-1,500 Pontiac students and their parents to be in attendance for that game. Dr. Maxfield also noted that the University is a sponsor of the Pontiac Holiday Parade on December 3, 2016.

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

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

J. Adjournment

Chair DeVore adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Submitted.

Approved,

Victor A. Zambardi

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Richard L. DeVore

Chair, Board of Trustees