

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
February 5, 2018**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR ANGELA F. BRALY
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs, Office of the Senior 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.

Angela Braly is a former health care executive, active corporate board member, philanthropist and nonprofit leader. The Honorary Degree Committee is impressed by Ms. Braly's success as a health care executive, her recognition as one of the most powerful female business executives in the country, her continued engagement in the business community and her philanthropic efforts. She serves as a role model for women who aspire to leadership positions in healthcare or business. The committee also is inspired by her philanthropic efforts and interest in creating a space for fact-based policy discussions for women who are seeking to influence public policy. Some of Ms. Braly's key accomplishments noted by the committee include:

- Former Chair, Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of WellPoint, Inc. a \$60 billion healthcare company whose products were accessed by 1 in 9 Americans and employing over 37,000 individuals. We especially noted her strategic decisions intended to assure the company's long term success.
- In her role as General Counsel and later as CEO, she guided the transition of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri from a non-profit to an investor-owned company.
- Her recognition by Forbes and Fortune as the 4th most powerful businesswoman in the U.S.
- Her recognition by Modern Healthcare as one of the Top 25 women in healthcare.
- Her recognition as one of the 100 most powerful people in Healthcare.
- Her use of the performance evaluation process to allow employees to identify their personal goals leading to a larger number of women in leadership roles at WellPoint.
- Her service to corporate boards of Fortune 500 companies providing her legal and leadership experience to discussions of strategy, risk and talent development.

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- While CEO of WellPoint, the WellPoint Foundation awarded more than \$135 million in grants to organizations that promote healthy living.
- Personally, through the Angela and Doug Braly Philanthropic Empowerment Match program, she created mechanism for the United Way chapters of Central Indiana and Greater St. Louis to inspire young women and new community and business leaders to get involved in United Way.
- She led a campaign that raised \$1.85 million and collected 700 healthy breast tissue donations to support research at the Susan B. Komen for the Cure Tissue Bank at the Indiana University Simon Cancer Center.
- Her work to establish The Policy Circle, a non-profit promoting woman's civic engagement and leadership by providing a space for policy discussion based on facts and focused on freedom.

The Honorary Degree Committee recommends Angela F. Braly as a candidate for the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* for her outstanding leadership, in business, in healthcare, and in the community. She has demonstrated a determination to lead strategically whether in the role of chief executive officer, philanthropist or as a civic leader. Her accomplishments have inspired countless young professionals throughout the country, and here in Michigan, to pursue their dreams with confidence, to take on leadership roles, and to make their voices heard around policy issues that affect families and communities.

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 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost has recommended approval of the recipient to receive an Honorary Degree.

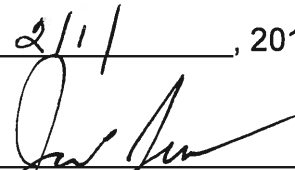
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8. **Recommendation:** RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* to Angela F. Braly.

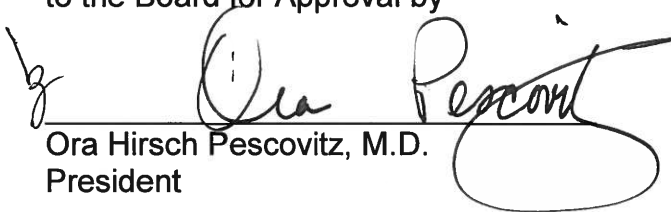
9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the President

on 2/1/, 2018 by


James P. Lentini, D.M.A.
Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 2/2, 2018
to the Board for Approval by


Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President