

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
December 9, 2010**

**APPROVAL TO NAME THE  
UNIVERSITY STUDENT APARTMENTS**  
**A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** President

2. **Introduction:** The Board of Trustees ensures that donors are thanked for their generous support by providing them with appropriate recognition and to encourage philanthropy by telling the community the crucial role gifts play for Oakland University. Naming a component of the University recognizes a donor's gift that has transformed the University in some way, and creates an association with a person in perpetuity.

Ann V. Nicholson was appointed to the Oakland University Board of Trustees on September 2, 1994, was reappointed on September 3, 2002, and served on the Board for 16 continuous years. During her tenure, Ms. Nicholson served the Board as vice chair and chair of the Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee and the Investment Advisory Committee, as a member of the University Affairs Advisory Committee, as a member of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee, as a member of the President's campaign council, as co-chair of the "Innovation and Opportunity – The Campaign for Oakland university", and as a member of numerous ad hoc committees of the Board.

Ms. Nicholson and her husband, James Nicholson, are members of the Meadow Brook Society that recognizes donors to the University who have contributed between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The Nicholson's have supported the fiscal well-being of the University through gifts to many departments and units of the University including those in support of: faculty incentives; the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine; the School of Nursing; the School of Business Administration; the Honors College; the Kresge Library; Music, Theatre and Dance; Women's Studies; Judaic Studies; Mathematics; Sports Medicine; scholarships for the College of Arts and Sciences, the Eye Research Institute; the performing arts; the Oakland University Alumni Association; Meadow Brook Hall; Meadow Brook Theatre; the Keeper of the Dream banquet; lecture series; and the Athletics Department.

In April 2001, Ms. Nicholson was instrumental in the development of the University student apartment project, serving as a Board Liaison directly to the project and working with the University's committee to design the student apartments to best serve the students and their needs. The University Student Apartments were completed in 2002 and serve as the University's model for student living in the future.

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To honor Ms. Nicholson's service as a Trustee, her commitment to the students of Oakland University and her generous gifts in support of so many University departments and units, the President recommends renaming the University Student Apartments the *Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments*.

**3. Previous Board Action:**

On March 2, 2010, the Board approved the comprehensive Gift Policy to replace the (i) Policy for Recognition of Donors approved May 18, 1987 and amended June 8, 1995 and October 3, 200; and (ii) the Gift Policy: Donor Recognition approved April 7, 1994 and amended December 16, 1999, October 3, 2001, August 7, 2002 and February 1, 2006. The Board retains the sole discretion to make specific gift opportunities available and to accept gifts, and this recommendation represents an exception to the technical requirements of the Gift Policy for naming gifts.

**4. Budget Implications: None**

**5. Educational Implications:** The Nicholson's' gifts have been used to further the academic mission of the University.

**6. Personnel Implications: None**

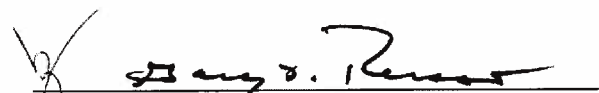
**7. University Reviews/Approvals:** This proposal was initiated by the President and supported by Board leadership.

**8. Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that to recognize Ann V. Nicholson's contributions to Oakland University, the University Student Apartments will be renamed the *Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments*.

**9. Attachments: None**

Recommended on November 9, 2010  
to the Board for approval by

  
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Gary D. Russi  
President