

**TRUSTEE EMERITUS ADVISOR**  
**A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** President
2. **Introduction:** The Oakland University Board of Trustees recognizes the value of utilizing the insights and judgment of experienced trustees whose terms have expired, but who possess a depth of knowledge about the University and who have participated in making important strategic decisions for the University during their tenures as trustees. In order to maximize the University's continued success, the Board believes it is appropriate to solicit advice from those trustees whose terms have expired, but who demonstrated the characteristics of exceptional integrity, experience, judgment and knowledge during their tenures on the Board. Therefore, the Board is formally establishing the position of Trustee Emeritus Advisor.
3. **Previous Board Action:** None.
4. **Budget Implications:** None. The Trustee Emeritus Advisor will serve without compensation.
5. **Educational Implications:** The Trustee Emeritus Advisor is expected to offer advice that will enhance the University's academic mission and programs.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This recommendation was conceived by Board Leadership, supported by the President and formulated by the Vice President for Legal Affairs.
8. **Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, the Oakland University Board of Trustees recognizes the value of utilizing the insights and judgment of experienced trustees whose terms have expired, but who possess a depth of knowledge about Oakland University and who have participated in making important strategic decisions for Oakland University during their tenures as trustees; and

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees (Board) establishes the position of Trustee Emeritus Advisor as follows:

- (1) Trustee Emeritus Advisors can be appointed for one, four-year term, but serve at the pleasure of the Board during that term in an advisory capacity only and without compensation.
- (2) Upon recommendation by the Board Chair and with the consensus of the Board, the Board Chair may call on the Trustee Emeritus Advisor to assist the Board at such times and in such manner as the Board shall determine.
- (3) A Trustee Emeritus Advisor shall have none of the authority, duties or responsibilities of a Trustee.
- (4) To be eligibility for appointment as a Trustee Emeritus Advisor, the former trustee:
  - (a) must have exhibited all of the foregoing characteristics; and
  - (b) the former trustee's term on the Board must have expired no more than two years before the appointment as Trustee Emeritus Advisor; and
  - (c) must have served on the Board for no less than eight years, which years do not have to have been consecutive;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, the Board reconfirms its legal authority to create and rescind the position of Trustee Emeritus Advisor and to modify and/or waive provisions, at any time at its sole and absolute discretion; and be it further

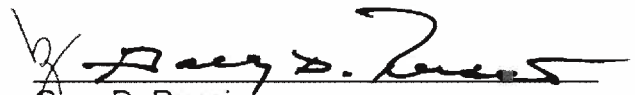
RESOLVED, that in recognition of Dennis K. Pawley's depth of knowledge about Oakland University; having been an Oakland University Trustee for 10 years and having participated in making important strategic decisions for Oakland University during his tenures as vice chair and chair of the Board and chair of the Board's Finance, Audit and Investment Committee where his unique professional expertise in innovative strategic planning, leadership and insight resulted in major capital improvements and sound fiscal management in spite of declining State support while at the same time keeping tuition

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increases low but maintaining Oakland University's core educational experience; and satisfying all the eligibility requirements for appointment as a Trustee Emeritus Advisor; the Board hereby appoints Dennis K. Pawley as its first Trustee Emeritus Advisor for a four-year term commencing on October 1, 2010 and ending on September 30, 2014.

9. Attachments: None.

Recommended on 9/21, 2010  
to the Board for approval by

  
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Gary D. Russi  
President