

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
April 24, 2026**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR GLENN MCINTOSH
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.

Glenn McIntosh's untimely and sudden passing has left a hole in the fabric of the Oakland University community. As we heard at the October Board of Trustees meeting, Glenn has had a lasting and incredibly broad impact on both Oakland University and our extended communities. The ripple effects of Glenn's leadership and impacts will be felt for generations to come.

Glenn dedicated over 31 years of outstanding service to Oakland University, including seven years as Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer. He provided visionary leadership within the university. As a transformative leader respected for his integrity and compassion, Glenn championed equity and belonging on our campus. He was instrumental in creating programs and opportunities that uplifted generations of students. He was a true mentor, advocate, and friend to countless colleagues and students. Glenn gave everything he had to encourage and support the success of everyone in our community; students always held a special place in his heart. It is no surprise that he was lovingly known as "Mr. OU," an icon whose name is synonymous with the spirit of Oakland University.

Glenn's influence extended well beyond the borders of Oakland University. He helped strengthen town-and-gown relationships through initiatives like the Pontiac Collective Impact Partnership, where he served as a council member to improve education and quality of life in the City of Pontiac. He was a driving force behind the OU-Pontiac Initiative. He also lent his leadership to various boards focused on youth and education, including Next Generation Fit Kids and Success Mile Academy Charter School. In professional circles, he was highly respected, holding memberships in the National

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Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Association for Student Judicial Affairs. Glenn understood that the university's mission is intertwined with community well-being, and he lived that mission through active civic engagement.

Perhaps Glenn's greatest legacy is the personal impact he had on students. He touched thousands of lives over the years and was universally admired as a wise, compassionate mentor who always put students first. Glenn had an open-door policy, as students and colleagues alike knew they could walk into his office and be met with a warm smile and a listening ear. He was often seen in the Oakland Center in his trademark sharp suit, greeting students by name and asking about their day, embodying the role of a caring mentor. As President Pescovitz noted, "for more than 30 years, Glenn gave everything he could to encourage, motivate and support the success of everyone in our campus community". Glenn made every student feel seen and valued. He had a habit of telling people, "I love you, and there's nothing you can do about it," a characteristically lighthearted way of expressing unconditional support and kindness. This genuine warmth and fatherly encouragement comforted countless students and inspired them to believe in themselves. Many alumni recall how Glenn personally encouraged them at pivotal moments, whether convincing a hesitant high schooler to choose OU, celebrating alongside graduates at commencement, or offering guidance during a personal crisis; he was always there. It is no exaggeration to say that Glenn was the heart of the OU family, quietly bringing people together and lifting up those around him when they needed it most.

While we continue to mourn Glenn's untimely passing, we also celebrate the extraordinary legacy he leaves behind. His impact will endure not only in the many programs he built and the policies he shaped, but above all in the culture of service, kindness, and inclusiveness he cultivated at Oakland University. Those of us who had the privilege to work with him feel a profound responsibility to carry forward his spirit. Glenn challenged everyone he knew to bring others together, support those in need, and make a difference in people's lives. This charge perfectly encapsulates his philosophy of servant leadership. Even in his absence, he continues to unite and inspire the OU community. The outpouring of love and tributes after his passing, from thousands of students, alumni, faculty, and community leaders, speaks to the scale of his influence and the depth of affection so many feel for him. Glenn McIntosh is not only remembered as an accomplished administrator, but as the very embodiment of Oakland University's values and ideals.

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Considering his unparalleled contributions, I can think of no candidate more deserving of an honorary degree from Oakland University than Glenn McIntosh. Through his life's work, Glenn exemplified the mission of our institution by fostering academic excellence, championing diversity and inclusion, and uplifting the community through service. Honoring him with an Honorary Doctorate would be a fitting tribute to a leader who devoted his entire career to this university and its people. It would recognize formally what we all know in our hearts: that Glenn's impact on Oakland University has been truly transformational. This honor would not only celebrate Glenn's legacy but also inspire current and future generations of Golden Grizzlies to follow in his footsteps of leadership, mentorship, and selfless service. It is our suggestion, with your approval, that Glenn McIntosh should be awarded a posthumous Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, from the College of Arts and Sciences at the 9 AM ceremony on April 30, 2026.

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 award the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters *Honoris Causa* to Glenn McIntosh.

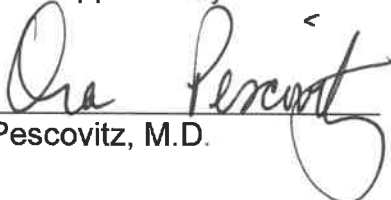
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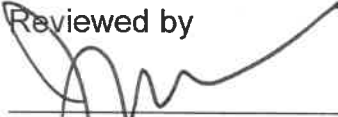
9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the President
on April 3, 2026 by


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Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 4/7, 2026
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