

AAUP OAKLAND UPDATE

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The next AAUP newsletter will be distributed the week after midterm break.

Status of the LCME Report

We have gained some limited information regarding the LCME accreditation material. Several weeks ago the administration provided a heavily redacted version of portions of the document that President Russi promised would be made available last November.

A careful reading of the document has revealed a number of issues.

- **It is obvious that information that is not subject to redaction under FOIA law has been inappropriately blacked out.**

When we asked President Russi to explain this, he said that the redaction was done in the SOM Dean's Office and he could not say whether the SOM had sought expert advice from university lawyers or Beaumont legal counsel.

- **All future undesignated gifts to Oakland University will be used to support the development of the School of Medicine.**

This permits large financial commitments to the SOM without spending any money from the general fund.

- **In addition to the three O'Dowd lecture halls that have already been designated for exclusive use by the SOM, as many as seven active laboratories, Meadow Brook Theater, and Varner Recital Hall have been designated as instructional space to be shared by the SOM.**

Despite the fact that these are heavily used facilities, this decision was made without the cooperation of the appropriate department chairs.

The university's lawyer continues to argue in court that the document is private and should not be released.

- **We believe it is necessary to defend the principle of transparency and shared governance. For that reason, we will continue to seek a complete and legally redacted version of the LCME accreditation report.**