

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

MICAH FIALKA-FELDMAN

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:08-cv-14922-PJD-VMM
Hon. Patrick J. Duggan

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD BERNSTEIN

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

)ss

COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I, Richard Bernstein, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am currently the vice chairman of the Wayne State University's Board of Governors.
2. As Vice-Chairman I am currently working with the faculty at Wayne State to create a program equivalent to Oakland University's OPTIONS program for students with cognitive impairments. Additionally, I will work to ensure this program includes an individual residential living component on campus for students as a part of the program.
3. As state-wide elected official, I see diversity and inclusion as an important public interest for our state universities. I believe that diversity means more than gender and race, it includes persons with disabilities. Both the Federal government and the State of Michigan have recognized persons with disabilities as a protected class under numerous civil rights laws.
4. I believe a diverse student body is necessary not only for persons with disabilities but for the rest of the student body as well. The experiences of living, working, and learning along side persons with disabilities are essential to prepare all students for their future employment in our increasing complex and diverse society.

5. I believe inclusion is more than making a university's campus physically accessible for students with physical impairments. True inclusion also means making modifications in policies procedures and rules that will allow students with cognitive and mental impairments to participate fully and completely in a university's community.

If called as a witness and sworn, I am competent and fully able to testify to the matters stated herein.

Richard Bernstein
Richard Bernstein

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11th of December, 2008.

Karen Irene Kahn
Karen Irene Kahn, Notary Public
Wayne County, State of Michigan

My Commission expires: 12-13-2012

