

Oakland University Senate

Second Meeting
October 21, 1999
Oakland Center Oakland Room
3:10 p.m.

Agenda

Refreshments will be served.

Respectfully submitted by the Steering Committee.

A. Approval of the minutes of the [September 16, 1999](#) Senate meeting.

B. Information items.

1. General Education--Mr. Esposito
2. Academic Program Reviews--Ms. Awbrey

C. Old Business

None

D. New Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to adopt an amended Senate Constitution and to provide for transition rules. (Mr. Andrews)

MOVED, that the Senate propose to the Faculty, the President and the Board the adoption of the attached amended Senate Constitution

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MOVED, that should the proposed amendments be approved by the Faculty and the Board, the transition from the current Senate structure to the new Senate structure be governed by the following rules:

1. Election of the Senate President and Senate Steering Committee will take place at the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting following Board approval. The terms of the individuals so elected will expire in Sept 2001.
2. The results of Senate elections conducted by the organized faculties under the existing constitution in 1999 shall be used to fill seats in the newly constituted Senate in a manner that reflects the new eligibility and apportionment procedures. Should the results of such elections be insufficient to fill all allocated seats, then the organized faculty's usual procedures for filling vacancies shall be used to fill any such vacancies. The terms of all Senators in the initial term of the newly constituted Senate shall expire in Sept 2001.

First reading: Debatable, amendable and but not eligible for a final vote

Comment: Intensive discussions among the Board, the President, the Provost and the Steering Committee have resulted in the following amended version of the Senate Constitution, which may be found at <http://www.oakland.edu/senate/const99rv.html> New language in the attached amended Constitution is in italics; deleted language is struck through. The changes made in this version are needed to secure Board approval. A copy of what the Constitution would look like if the amendments are approved by the Faculty and the Board, e.g. "a clean copy", can be found at: <http://www.oakland.edu/senate/const99v2.html>.

There are four areas of change compared to the amended version approved by the Faculty in May, 1999:

1. Changing the title of the Senate from University Senate to Faculty Senate.
2. Changing the composition of the Senate from 50 elected faculty senators and 3 other senators to 50 elected faculty senators only.
3. Changing the language of Article III par iv.
4. Changing the title of the chair of the Graduate Council from Vice-Provost to Provost or his/her designee.

2. Motion from the Academic and Career Advising Committee to revise its membership (Ms. Sieloff)

MOVED that the membership of the Academic and Career Advising Committee be revised as follows:

Membership: Five faculty, four students, and two administrative professionals; and the Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee), ~~the Director of Academic Services and General Studies~~ *the Director of the Advising Resource Center, the Director of General Studies, the chair of the Advising Resource Network, and the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, all ~~three~~ five* ex-officio and non-voting.

First reading: Debatable, amendable but not eligible for a final vote.

Comment: Academic Services and General Studies were split last year and now are two separate organizations with two administrators. The Academic and Career Advising Committee has requested that both be represented on the committee along with the addition of the Chair of the Advising Resource Network. The text to be deleted is lined out, additions are in italics.

3. Procedural motion from the Steering Committee to staff Senate standing committees (Mr. Riley)

MOVED that the persons listed below be appointed to Senate standing committees or as chair for the terms specified:

A. ACADECMIC CONDUCT COMMITTEE

John Seeley (Department of Chemistry) --1999-2001

B. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Geoffrey Brieger (Department of Chemistry) to replace John Tower (School of Business Administration) --1999-2000

C. HONORARY DEGREE COMMITTEE

Dagmar Cronn (Department of Chemistry) --1999-2002

D. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT

Christine Hansen (Department of Psychology) as chair, 1999-2000

Procedural motion: Debatable, amendable and eligible for final vote.

Comment: Veteran senators will not be surprised to find corollary motions on subsequent agendas to replace members who will be on leave. Faculty who wish to volunteer for Senate standing committees may still make their wishes known to the Steering Committee and will be considered as vacancies arise. When considering the overall balance of these committees, it is important to remember that most have student and administrative members as well as faculty elected by the Senate. The membership rosters of the 1999-2000 Senate Committees can be viewed at <http://www.oakland.edu/senate/members.html>.

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