



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, February 9, 1984
3:10 p.m.
128, 129, 130 Oakland Center

AGENDA

Respectfully submitted by Keith R. Kleckner for the Steering Committee.

A. Old Business:

1. Motion from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction and the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to revise the undergraduate grading system (Ms. Eberwein; Ms. Boulos).

MOVED that for undergraduate students:

- a. the grade N be eliminated for numerically-graded courses and replaced by the grade 0.0, which grade will carry no credit, will enter into the grade point average, and will appear on the academic transcript;
- b. the grade N be eliminated for S/N graded-courses and replaced by the grade U (unsatisfactory), which grade will carry no credit or numerical equivalent and will appear on the academic transcript;
- c. the grades WS and WN be eliminated;
- d. the P grade, if not removed within a calendar year of its assignment, be changed to a numeric grade of 0.0;
- e. the period for granting the W (withdrawal without assessment of progress) grade be extended to nine weeks in fourteen-week courses and to five weeks in seven-week courses;
- f. in the case of severe hardship beyond the control of a student which occurs after the cut-off date for use of the W grade and which prevents the student from completing course requirements, the I (incomplete) grade be utilized;
- g. completion of work to remove an I grade is to be accomplished during the first four weeks of the next semester (Fall or Winter) for which a student registers, unless an extension is requested by the student and approved by the instructor and

the dean of the appropriate School or College. The I shall be changed to a grade of 0.0 at the end of that semester if the work has not been completed. If more than three terms intervene before the student next registers at Oakland University, the I shall be changed to a grade of 0.0; and

h. the effective date for implementing these changes shall be September 1, 1984.

Second Reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

B. New Business:

1. Motion from the Research Committee to modify membership (Mr. Brown).

MOVED that the membership of the Research Committee be:

Eight faculty appointed by the Senate

Two faculty appointed by the Graduate Council

The Director of Research and Academic Development (ex officio and non-voting)

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: The present membership array is:

Six faculty appointed by the Senate

Two faculty appointed by the Graduate Council

The Director of Research and Academic Development (ex officio and non-voting)

The Dean of the Graduate School (or his designee) (ex officio and non-voting)

The Committee advances the change to provide, broader disciplinary expertise within its membership and to accommodate workload increases which have occurred over the past few years.

2. Motion from the Steering Committee regarding members of certain standing committees (Mr. Edgerton).

MOVED that the Senate adopt a policy that disqualifies any member of a standing committee from applying to that committee for funds during his/her period of service.

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: This legislation is intended to guard against real or apparent conflicts of interest. At the moment, it pertains to only two committees: the Research Committee and the Teaching and Learning Committee, both of which already exclude their members from applying for grants. Members of both committees have been consulted about this proposed policy and have expressed their approval.

3. Motion from the Steering Committee to fill vacancies in certain standing committees (Mr. Downing):

MOVED that the following persons be named to the committees and positions indicated below for the winter 1984 semester:

- a. Professor Hoda Zohdy to be appointed to membership on the Academic and Career Advising Committee, replacing Mr. Hatfield;
- b. Professor Steven Miller to be appointed to the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, replacing Mr. Shepherd; and
- c. Professor Janet Krompart to be appointed to the Teaching and Learning Committee, replacing Mr. Bryant.

Procedural Motion: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: These one-semester vacancies exist because of faculty leaves.

C. Good and Welfare:

Private resolutions

D. Information Items:

1. Program plans for the Master of Science in Nursing (attached).

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