



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
**SENATE**

## **Oakland University Senate**

Third Meeting  
Thursday, November 14, 1974  
5:15 p.m.  
128-130 Oakland Center

### ***AGENDA***

Submitted by Frederick W. Obear, for the Steering Committee.

#### **A. Old Business**

##### **1. Motion from the Steering Committee (Mr. Tower)**

THAT THE SENATE APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOLLOWING  
STANDING COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISING.

CHARGE: TO CONSIDER, RECOMMEND, AND EVALUATE POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES INVOLVED WITH THE ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISING  
FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

MEMBERSHIP: FIVE FACULTY, FOUR STUDENTS AND TWO  
ADMINISTRATIVE-PROFESSIONALS; AND THE DEAN OF STUDENT  
SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF CAREER ADVISING AND PLACEMENT,  
BOTH OF WHOM SHALL BE *EX OFFICIO* AND NON-VOTING.

Second reading, eligible for final vote.

Proposed amendment by Mr. Coffman, seconded by Mr. Tower.

Amend membership specification to read:

MEMBERSHIP: FIVE FACULTY, FOUR STUDENTS [AND], TWO  
ADMINISTRATIVE- PROFESSIONALS, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
STUDENT AFFAIRS (OR HIS DESIGNEE); AND THE DIRECTOR OF ADVISING  
AND DIRECTOR OF CAREER ADVISING AND PLACEMENT, BOTH OF WHOM  
SHALL BE *EX OFFICIO* AND NON-VOTING.

## B. New Business

### I. Motions from the Steering Committee (Mr. Tower)

Continuation of first readings of proposed constitutional amendments. A complete copy of the current constitution was attached to the October 24 agenda. In the motions below, underlined material is new and would be added; bracketed material is existing and would be deleted.

All motions are in first reading.

#### a. THAT ARTICLE V, SECTION ii BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ii. Beginning with the winter semester, 1967, and every two years thereafter, the elected faculty membership of the Senate shall be apportioned as follows: Elective seats shall be assigned by the Elections Committee of the University Senate among the faculties in proportion to the number of members of organized faculties, with the proviso that no organized faculty shall be awarded more than forty-nine percent of the seats in the Senate, and that each organized faculty shall receive a minimum of one elective seat [in addition to the Dean of that faculty who sits *ex officio*]. For these purposes. Learning Skills faculty shall participate in the College of Arts and Sciences. [For the election of 1967 only. Senators shall be assigned as described in this article, except that full-time faculty of all ranks shall be the basis of assignment.] Until such time as a procedure for electing Senators has been approved as part of a faculty constitution, the manner of electing the appropriate number of Senators from each faculty shall be prescribed by the Elections Committee. Until such time as a procedure for the election of student Senators has been developed by the students and approved by the University Senate, the manner of choosing student Senators shall be prescribed by the Elections Committee.

Comment: From the *ad hoc* Committee Report:

This is proposed in an effort to clarify the present status of the Learning Skills faculty for purposes of Senate representation.

Proposed amendment:

THAT THE SENTENCE "FOR THESE PURPOSES, LEARNING SKILLS FACULTY SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES." BE DELETED.

Comment: The organizational status of the Department of Learning Skills is at this time unclear. In any event, a constitutional linking of a department to a College or School is inappropriate.

#### b. THAT ARTICLE V, SECTION ix BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

ix. The University Senate shall have a Steering Committee composed of the Provost of the University, who shall serve as chairman, and six other Senators elected at the first Senate meeting of the fall semester. The Committee's term of office shall be two years. [At least one Senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, one from the School of Engineering, and one from the School of Education shall sit on the Committee, and] No more than three seats shall be held by Senators from any one faculty.

Comment: The proposed language will continue to limit representation from any given organized faculty while not prejudicing representation from newly organized faculties as they come into existence.

c. THAT A NEW PROVISION BE ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE V, SECTION x, AS FOLLOWS:

(The Steering Committee shall ...) 7. recommend, in place of the Senate, candidates for degrees in course, by unanimous consent of all members of the Steering Committee present and voting, provided that a majority of the Steering Committee is in attendance.

Comment: This provision would permit the Steering Committee, when unanimous, to act for the Senate in awarding degrees. This would 1) reduce the time between the earning of the degree and the entry of that fact on the transcript, and 2) avoid time-consuming *pro forma* Senate actions. It should be noted that this provision in no way changes the role of the assemblies in the degree approval process.

Proposed amendment:

THAT THE PROVISION READ: 7. RECOMMEND, IN PLACE OF THE SENATE, CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN COURSE.

Comment: 1) Since the power to approve graduate degrees is granted by the Constitution to the Graduate Council, the term "undergraduate" is needed to qualify the authority of the Steering Committee. 2) It is the desire of the Steering Committee to have the flexibility to delegate the degree approval function to the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, and in fact, it is the intent of the current Steering Committee to do so, if this amendment is approved.

d. THAT ARTICLE V, SECTION xii BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

The University Senate shall establish other standing committees and *ad hoc* committees as it deems necessary. Unless otherwise specified by the Senate, the term of office for all standing committees shall be two years with members serving until new committees have been elected to replace them. [Every Senate Committee shall be chaired by a Senator but] Committee membership shall not be restricted to Senators. Whenever a committee of the University Senate is presenting a motion or making a report, all members of the committee shall have the right to attend that meeting of the Senate and take part in debate, but only Senators shall have the power to vote on the report or the motion.

Comment; This amendment would operate to avoid overburdening Senators unnecessarily ?- especially since it is proposed that their number be reduced.

e. THAT THE CURRENT ARTICLE I BE DELETED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING BE SUBSTITUTED THEREFOR AS AN APPENDIX:

Oakland University, originally established by the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University in 1957, was granted independent status in 1970 as a baccalaureate Institution in accordance with a joint act of the Michigan Legislature which is quoted In its entirety as follows:

AN ACT to establish an institution of higher education having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees, known as Oakland university; to provide for the board of control, the organization of such board and the vesting of assets in such board; and granting and confirming the powers of such board.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1. There is established a state institution of higher education having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees, known as Oakland university to be located in Oakland county. The institution shall be maintained by the state and its facilities shall be made available equally and upon the same basis to all qualified residents of this state. The institution shall be governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate. The board of control shall have general supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. Until changed by resolution of the board, the body corporate shall be known as the "board of control of Oakland university", hereinafter referred to as "the board" with the right of suing and being sued, adopting a seal and altering the same.

Sec. 2. The board shall consist of 8 members who shall hold office for terms of 8 years and who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, except of the members first appointed 2 shall serve for 2 years, 2 for 4 years, 2 for 6 years, and 2 for 8 years. The president of the institution shall be ex officio a member of the board without the right to vote.

Sec. 3. The board shall elect from its membership a chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary. Officers shall serve terms of 1 year and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The board shall also appoint a president, a secretary, a treasurer and other such officers as it deems necessary. Before permitting the treasurer to enter upon the duties of his office, the board shall require him to file his bond to the people of this state with such sureties and in such sum not less than the amount of money likely to be in his possession as the board may designate. No officer shall have the power to incur obligations or to dispose of the board's property or funds, except in pursuance of a vote of the board.

Sec. 4. A majority of the members of the board shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The board by majority vote of its membership may enact rules, bylaws and regulations for the conduct of its business and for the government of the institution and amend same; fix tuition and other fees and charges, appoint and remove personnel as the interests of the institution, the mandates of due process, and the policy of the institution on academic tenure may require, determine the compensation to be paid for services and materials, confer such degrees and grant such diplomas as are usually conferred or granted by other similar institutions, offer technical, vocational and occupational programs of less than 4 years collegiate degree level, receive, hold and manage any gift, grant, bequest or devise of funds or property, real or personal, absolutely or in trust, to promote any of the purposes of the college, enter into any agreements, not inconsistent with this act, as may be desirable in the conduct of its affairs, and in behalf of the state lease or dispose of any property which comes into its possession, provided that in so doing it shall not violate any condition or trust to which such property may be subject. The board shall assume and agree to pay any and all liabilities heretofore incurred by the board of trustees of Michigan state university for and on behalf of Oakland university, effective with the date of this act. This act is intended to implement, clarify and confirm in the board the constitutional powers customarily exercised by the board of

control of institutions of higher education established by law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees. Enumeration of powers in this act shall not be deemed to exclude any such powers not expressly excluded by law.

Sec. 5. The present assets and facilities of the Oakland branch of Michigan state university constitute the properties of Oakland university and upon the effective date of this act, transfer of the properties shall be made to Oakland university.

Sec. 6. The board shall not borrow money on its general faith and credit, nor create any liens upon its property except as herein provided. The board may acquire land or acquire or erect buildings or alter, equip or maintain them, to be used as residence halls, apartments, dining facilities, student centers, health centers, parking structures, stadiums, athletic fields, gymnasiums, auditoriums and other educational facilities. After the legislature by concurrent resolution has approved the acquisition or construction of such facilities, the board may borrow money issuing notes or bonds under such terms and provisions as it deems best to finance or refinance such facilities, the necessary site or sites therefor, and including, but not limited to, capitalized interest and a debt service reserve in connection with such notes or bonds, and shall obligate itself for the repayment thereof, together with interest thereon, solely out of (a) income and revenues from such facilities, or other such facilities heretofore or hereafter acquired, (b) special fees and charges required to be paid by the students deemed by it to be benefited thereby, (c) funds to be received as gifts, grants or otherwise from the state or federal government or any agency thereof or any public or private donor, if, prior to issuance of such notes or bonds, the state, federal government or agency thereof or other donor has contracted to pay to the board or to the holder of such notes or bonds definite amounts of money as determined by formula or otherwise, (d) the proceeds of or delivery of any notes or bonds issued hereunder, and (e) any combination of (a), (b), (c), and (d).

Sec. 7. Bonds, notes or other obligations issued under the provision of this act shall not be purchased by the state of Michigan.

Sec. 8. The board may adopt, amend and repeal such ordinances, not inconsistent with this act, as it may deem necessary and in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of persons using the property and facilities of Oakland university. Such ordinances shall be adopted by affirmative vote of the majority of the board, to be effective upon the date of publication of the ordinance. The violation of any such ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than 5)00.00 or Imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both.

Sec. 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 1970. Recognition of the University Senate is contained in Article VII of the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of Oakland University which reads as follows:

The Board of Trustees recognizes the University Senate as an organization to advise the President in regard to academic policies and programs. The University Senate shall be organized and shall function In accordance with such Constitution of the University Senate as may be approved or amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed amendment from the Steering Committee:

DELETE THE PORTION READING:

Recognition of the University Senate is contained in Article VII of the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of Oakland University which reads as follows:

The Board of Trustees recognizes the University Senate as an organization to advise the President in regard to academic policies and programs. The University Senate shall be organized and shall function in accordance with such Constitution of the University Senate as may be approved or amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

f. (1) THAT THE CURRENT ARTICLE IV SECTION ii BE CHANGED TO READ:

(The University Senate shall;) ... ii. recommend to the President and through him to the Board of Trustees candidates for undergraduate degrees in course, and candidates for university honors;

(2) THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF ARTICLE V, SECTION viii BE CHANGED TO READ:

Upon the demand of more than one fourth of the Senators present and voting, one hearing open to the faculty and staff shall be held before the second reading of any substantive motion;

(3) THAT THE WORD "CHANCELLOR" BE REPLACED WITH "PRESIDENT" WHEREVER APPEARING:

(4) THAT THE DOCUMENT BE TITLED "THE CONSTITUTION OF THE OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE";

(5) THAT AMENDMENT I (GRADUATE COUNCIL) BE INCLUDED AS A NUMBERED ARTICLE AND THAT A NEW SECTION iv THEREOF BE APPROVED, READING AS FOLLOWS:

iv. The Graduate Council shall be responsible for the recommendation to the President and through him to the Board of Trustees all candidates for graduate degrees.

(6) THAT RENUMBERING OF ARTICLES AND REFERENCES THERETO BE PERMITTED AS MADE NECESSARY BY THE APPROVAL OF THESE AMENDMENTS.

Comment: The Steering Committee perceives the above items to be procedural in character and hence presents them as a single amendment.

(1) This change would make this provision consistent with other documents studied by the *ad hoc* Committee.

(2) From the *ad hoc* Committee Report: We propose a clarification in the last sentence of V (viii) to avoid a possible deadlock in case exactly one-fourth demand an immediate vote.

(3) The use of the term "chancellor" stems from Oakland's days as an affiliate of Michigan State University.

(4) The provision concerning the name of the document is to avoid confusion with operating documents of the Oakland Board of Trustees.

(5) From the *ad hoc* Committee Report: An addition (iv) to the amendment dealing with the Graduate Council has been proposed to make it consistent with other revisions we have suggested.

The *ad hoc* Committee's recommendation actually reads as follows:

iv. The Graduate Council shall be responsible for the recommendation to the Board of Trustees of all candidates for graduate degrees. Its presiding officer, the Dean of Graduate Study, shall be a member of the University Tenure and Appointments Policy Committee and shall be eligible for election to the University Senate.

The Steering Committee altered the wording in the first sentence to make it consistent with (I) above and the second sentence in light of events transpiring since the *ad hoc* Committee made its report.

g. THAT ARTICLE VII BE DELETED.

Comment: The Steering Committee perceives this amendment to be procedural in the sense that it is needed to bring the Constitution into consonance with the 1974-75 Faculty Agreement.

The *ad hoc* Committee had proposed some substantive changes in Article VII, but these have not been brought forward since they have been rendered irrelevant by the collective bargaining process.

h. THAT ARTICLE IX BE CHANGED TO READ:

#### AMENDMENT

i. The University Senate shall have the right to propose amendments to the Constitution. After distribution to the members of the organized faculties and following an open hearing, a proposed amendment shall be submitted to the members of the organized faculties for ratification. If an amendment is ratified by a majority of the returned valid ballots in a mail referendum, it shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. An amendment shall be effective following approval by the Board of Trustees.

ii. The Constitution must be amended by the Senate so that it is in consonance with the Faculty Agreement negotiated between the Board of Trustees and the faculty bargaining unit. Amendments of this type are procedural motions and do not require a mail referendum.

Comment: This amendment did not arise from the *ad hoc* Committee, but is proposed by the Steering Committee to recognize in the governance document the necessity of having alternate amendment procedures in light of collective bargaining.]

2. Motion from the Steering Committee (Mr. Tower)

THAT JOSEPH DEMENT BE NAMED CHAIRPERSON OF THE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

Procedural motion, eligible for final vote.

3. Motion from the Steering Committee (Mr. Tower)

THAT THE FOLLOWING BE NAMED TO THE TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE FOR TERMS AS INDICATED

Richard Burke (two years)  
Harold Zepelin (two years)  
Robert Donald (one year)

Procedural motion, eligible for final vote.

4. Motion from the Steering Committee (Mr. Tower)

If item A.I. establishing a Committee on Academic and Career Advising is approved, a list of faculty nominees to the faculty seats on that committee will be submitted for Senate approval.

Procedural motion, eligible for final vote.

5. Information items.

a. Report of the Campus Development and Environment Committee, John Barnard, Chairman.

Unfortunately, this committee was unable to function until the winter term was almost over. As a result of making necessary revisions in the committee's charge, and of an unavoidable delay in the appointment of some of the members, the committee did not meet until March. Thereafter, meetings were held with fair regularity, six in all, until early July. The committee expects to meet frequently and regularly during the current year.

In large part, the committee's work has consisted of familiarizing its many new members with the University's physical planning process and with study, review and discussion of current and proposed projects of the Office of Campus Development. These projects have included, among others, the new road to be constructed on the south edge of the campus, the termination of the deer park, the golf course presently under construction, and new outdoor lighting on the library mall.

b. The following items are enclosed with this agenda.

(1) Revised list of senators.

(2) Revised list of Senate committee memberships.

(3) Report of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee.

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