

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OAKLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP MEETING

February 5, 1962

PRESENT: Messrs: HOOPES, MATTHEWS, MCKAY, O'DOWD, POPE, ROOSE, SELLS,  
STOUTENBURG, SWANSON, VARNER, WILDER

ABSENT: Mr. EKLUND

As a result of a question by Mr. Matthews about the progress of the MSUO ski area, Mr. Sells explained the need for some expert advice on this matter. All effort on this project will now be aimed at next year because the season is almost ended for this year. Mr. Varner indicated an interest in having all avenues explored before any thought would be given to abandon the project.

Mr. Wilder asked if the others present felt that too much publicity was being given to our buildings as structures instead of to the purposes and uses of the buildings. He pointed out that he felt that most visitors were looking at only decorated masses of steel, concrete and bricks and not realizing what was going on inside. The discussion that followed indicated that no one else felt that this was a problem.

Mr. McKay asked if there was a University policy regarding the use of invocations and benedictions at University ceremonies. Mr. Varner said there was no Board policy but was a matter of custom and usage.

The program for the dedication of the Science Building and the afternoon symposiums was explained in detail by Mr. McKay.

12:00	- 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	- 1:40 p.m.	Dedication Ceremony
2:00 p.m.	- 5:00 p.m.	Symposium
6:00 p.m.	- 7:00 p.m.	Reception at the Varner's
7:00 p.m.	-	Dinner

Mr. McKay questioned the Alumni University announcement that appeared in the February 2 edition of the "Pontiac Press". He asked whether this release was premature or overstated. Mr. Varner said the article was not premature but was overstated. He then discussed the value of tying the placement activities at this time to the Alumni University concept.

Mr. McKay said that the science faculty would like to meet with the Chancellor, Mr. Eklund and other interested individuals to examine the announced placement structure and to clarify the science faculty's thinking.

The current dissatisfaction within the Student Government seems to involve certain high-handed methods used by a group of discontents who feel it is their responsibility to give the student body good government. The Student Government is still holding together according to Mr. Sells, but there is not much positive action.

Mr. O'Dowd outlined some thoughts he had on honoring certain students at the next Honors Banquet. He proposed that one student from each class be chosen for recognition based on academic average. The freshman's average would be based on one semesters work; the sophomore's average would be based on three semesters work; and the junior's average would be based on five semesters work. The awards could be certificates, medals or some other appropriate token of recognition. The discussion that followed ranged from Honors Banquets to graduation ceremonies. There seemed to be two major attitudes toward the choosing of the recipients for these kinds of honors -- one group felt that the G.P.A., even though a less than perfect instrument, should be used in selecting the awardees while the other group preferred selection of the awardees on a broader base. No agreement was reached, but obviously there will be other discussions on this point.

The plans for registering for the spring and fall semesters simultaneously was announced by Mr. Stoutenburg. The registration period will be between March 5 and 30. Mr. Stoutenburg then discussed the application picture for fall semester. He said there is real reason for optimism if we receive during the next six weeks the same number of applications that we received last year for this same period. Mr. Varner raised the question, how do we get more of the superior students from Oakland and Macomb. Many ideas were suggested, some of which will be explored further by the Admissions Office.

The Chancellor asked the group what their reaction would be to inviting Mr. Blair Stewart to speak at the National Science Foundation Seminar in May if Mr. Ralph Tyler declined the invitation. Everyone agreed this was an excellent idea and that Mr. Stewart would add materially to the program.

Meeting adjourned.