



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

20 MAY 1960

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Alexander, Mr. Amann, Mr. Burke, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Eklund, Mr. Gherity, Mr. Hammerle, Mr. Hoopes, Mr. Kluback, Mr. Matthews, Mr. McKay, Miss North, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Pope, Mrs. Popluiko, Mr. Schwab, Mr. Stoutenburg, Mr. Straka, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Tafoya, Mr. Taulbee, Mr. Tomboulian, Mr. Varner, Mr. Wilder.
Absent: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Cusack, Mrs. DesParmet, Mr. Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Kovach, Mr. Rhode, Mrs. White.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mr. Vamer.

Mr. Vamer reported that Mr. Fitzsimmons' progress is good. He also told the group that Mr. Rhode was sick with the measles.

Mr. Wilder moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Gherity. Motion approved.

Mr. Hoopes introduced Mr. Robert Simmons who will join us in September as the first faculty member in German. Mr. Simmons received his Ph.D. at Stanford in German. He has taught at Marquette since 1956.

Mr. Hoopes reported that Dr. Carol Kaye of the Monteith Program Study and himself have arranged with Mrs. Collins to test all the freshmen on Tuesday, May 31 and on June 2, four hours each day with the understanding that no student will miss more than one class. Since other events have been scheduled for these dates, Mr. Hoopes stated that the tests will probably be held on June 2 and another date to be scheduled. A memo will be circulated announcing the new dates.

Mr. Hammerle reported from the Educational Policy Committee that the matter of proctoring exams versus an honor system was discussed. It was decided that no changes would be made for at least two years. A motion was passed in the committee that the faculty continue to proctor its own exams. Mr. Alexander, at his discretion, was instructed to discuss the matter with the student government.

It was agreed informally by those present that students will be asked not to bring books and papers into examinations. Mr. Danielson suggested that a memo come from the Registrar's office before final exams stating this to be the University Policy. Mr. Varner stated that this regulation should be made by the Senate.

Mr. Pearson felt that he would like the senate to adopt the rule passed by the M6U Academic Senate in 1936 stating that "Final examinations may not be given before the regular scheduled time except by Academic Senate action." The discussion indicated a desire to have a definite policy such as MSU's. Mr. Pearson moved that final exams may not be

given before the scheduled time except by Academic Senate action. Seconded by Mr. McKay. Motion approved.

Dr. DeLindt, Minister of Kirk in the Hills Church called Mr. Varner inviting faculty members and wives to a tea some afternoon in June, Mr. Vamer suggested that Friday, June 3, at 4:00 p.m. be suggested to Dr. DeLindt as a date for the tea. There will be a notice circulated as to the exact date.

The Scholarship Committee continues to move forward. They are discussing the idea of tying a movie premiere into their scholarship drive. The objective would be to raise some \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mrs. Colbert continues to send in money. Her total now is \$3,255.00. Mr. William Gossett of the Ford Motor Car Company has become quite interested in MSUO. He believes that the Ford Foundation would probably be interested in financing some research projects. He and Mr. Varner will go to New York Friday, May 27, to discuss several projects.

a. Bringing together in the basement of the library building all the mechanical devices for learning to be used in our teaching education programs.

b. There is a plan being worked on to appoint high school and elementary teachers to the MSUO faculty. The first year they would be free of any responsibility except to find the most effective techniques of teaching, and the second year they would be a part of our teaching faculty. The third year they would return to the school from which they came; a by-product would be to help close the gap between high schools and colleges.

c. Through Foundation support send members of our area studies program abroad for six months to a year to refresh their knowledge of the particular area speciality.

Mr. Varner discussed the desirability of going on to a 12 month program at the earliest possible moment. In this program we would not say we were going to have a summer program. We would say that students could graduate in three years, and if a student didn't attend four quarters he would be out of phase with the other students. This presents problems in two areas. One of the early questions we will have to solve is whether this should be on a three semester or four quarter basis. Also, how do we treat the students we now have and how do we get them over to the other program, and what about their graduation? How can we arrange faculty resources? We might try having a faculty member take four semesters on and two off or two semesters on and off,. The other problem is that the students will claim that they will have to work during the summer. Possibly this could be solved by a scholarship or loan program. If anyone has a reaction to this program, please let Mr. Varner know.

Mr. Hoopes announced that the Committee on Admissions adopted a set of admission requirements to go into effect immediately.

Mr. Matthews announced that they were working on the outlines of the majors and hoped to have them drawn up soon.

Mr. Pearson announced that the Committee on Scholarships has been at work selecting recipients from incoming freshmen. The committee also has a new program of awards for next year's sophomores who have not been on a scholarship this year. He brought up this subject in order to suggest to faculty members that they should urge exceptional students in their classes to apply for the sophomore scholarships,

Mr. Burke requested that a list of the present scholarship holders be sent to all instructors.

Mr. Varner stated that since we had recently been assured that we would have a science building and a library, he thought the faculty might be interested in the make-up of the building and planning. He showed the map of the University and pointed out that the library will be built facing West with the mall temporarily running east and west. Later this will be changed to the original plan which was to have the library facing North with the mall running north and south.

It is hoped that the dormitories will be ready by January 1, 1961. The students will eat in the Student Center for two or three years.

Mr. Wilder explained the plans for the library building which should be completed by September 1961.

Mr. Hanmerle explained the plans for the Engineering Science Building, which should be completed by September 1961.

Meeting adjourned.

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