

Oakland University Senate

Seventh Meeting

April 16, 1998

Oakland Center, Gold Room

3:10 p.m.

Agenda

Refreshments will be served.

Respectfully submitted by the Steering Committee.

A. Approval of the minutes of the March 19, 1998 Senate meeting.

B. Information items.

C. Old Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to amend Senate standing committee administrative membership specifications. (Mr. Grossman, Ms. Reynolds)

MOVED, that membership specifications for Senate standing committees be modified as follows:

1. Remove the specific position titles of administrative appointees on Senate standing committees and replace them with an equal number of slots reflecting the generic description: "Vice President for _____ designee, nonvoting" except that:

a. the number of VPAA designees on the Human Relations and Library committees shall decrease by one each; the number of VPSA designees on the Human Relations Committee shall decrease by one, and the VPUR position on the Budget Review Committee shall be removed;

b. the number of VPAA designees on the Assessment, Budget Review and Planning Review Committees shall each increase by one, and the number of VPSA representatives on the Assessment Committee shall increase by one;

c. the chair of the Graduate Council, the chairs of the Honorary Degree and the Senate Steering Committees, and the VPSA designee to the Academic Conduct committees shall be voting members of those entities.

2. The directors of the Office of Equity and the Office of Diversity and Compliance shall be added to the Human Relations Committee, both nonvoting.

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

1A. Amendment to the motion. (Ms. Eberwein, Ms. Papazian)

MOVED that the motion be amended to include two Vice President for Academic Affairs designees on the Senate Library Committee.

D. New Business

1. Procedural motion from the Steering Committee to staff Senate standing committees (Ms. Reynolds)

MOVED that the persons listed below be appointed to Senate standing committees and that the persons so designated be appointed as chair:

a. **ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISING COMMITTEE**

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Karen Sheridan (Department of Music, Theater and Dance)

1 vacancy

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Thomas Blume, Chair (School of Education and Human Services)

Ann Pogany (Library)

David Sidaway (School of Business Administration)

b. **ACADEMIC COMPUTING COMMITTEE**

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Mukesh Bhargava (School of Business Administration)

Eddie Cheng (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

Randy Gu (School of Engineering and Computer Science)

Susan Hawkins (Department of English)

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Ronald Hansen, Chair (Department of Psychology)

Robert Kushler (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

Kieran Mathieson (School of Business Administration)

Richard Pettengill (Library)

Margaret Pigott (Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism)

c. **ACADEMIC CONDUCT COMMITTEE**

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Carl Barnes (Department of Art and Art History)

Jerry Grossman (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

R.D. Hunter (Department of Biological Sciences)

Ted Landau, Chair--fall 1998 (Department of Psychology)

Ananda Sen (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

1 vacancy

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Mary Van Sell (School of Business Administration)

Bill Hoerr (School of Education and Human Services)

Addington Coppin (School of Business Administration)

Arthur Bull (Department of Chemistry)

Carol Zenas (School of Nursing)

Sadi Bazaz (School of Business Administration)

d. ACADEMIC STANDING AND HONORS COMMITTEE

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Edward Haworth Hoepfner (Department of English)

Ronald Horwitz (School of Business Administration)

Daniel Ring (Library)

New member nominated for a one year term, effective 15 August 1998

James Pan (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

Continuing member serving final year of two year term

William Keane, Chair (School of Education and Human Services)

e. ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Sze-Kai Jack Tsui (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

1 vacancy

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Barbara Theisen, Chair (School of Business Administration)

Satish Walia (Department of Biological Sciences)

f. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Edward Farragher (School of Business Administration)

Kerro Knox (Department of Music, Theatre and Dance)

1 vacancy

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Geoffrey Brieger, Chair (Department of Chemistry)

Linda Hildebrand (Library)

g. GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

William Fish (School of Education and Human Services)

Madelyn Kissock (Department of Linguistics)

Sarah Newton (School of Nursing)

New member nominated for fall term, 1998

Robert Anderson (Department of English) to replace Niels Herold who will be on sabbatical fall 1998

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Wallis Andersen, Chair (Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism)

Niels Herold (English Department)

Nathan Longan (Department of Modern Languages and Literatures)

h. HONORARY DEGREE COMMITTEE

New members nominated for three year terms effective 15 August 1998

2 vacancies

Continuing members serving second year of three year term

Richard Rozek (School of Health Sciences)

Daniel Braunstein (School of Business Administration)

Continuing members serving final year

Robert Kleiman (School of Business Administration)

Martha Zingo (Department of Political Science)

I. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEENew member nominated for three year term effective 15 August 1998

Robert Fink (School of Education and Human Services)

Continuing members serving second year of a three year term

Sarah Gibson, Chair-fall 1998 (School of Education and Human Services)

James Dow (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

Continuing members serving third year of a three year term

John Bello-Ogunu, Chair-winter 1999 (Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism)

Patricia Montenegro (Department of Modern Languages and Literatures)

j. RESEARCH COMMITTEENew members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Austin Murphy (School of Business Administration)

Richard Campbell (Department of Linguistics)

Devadatta Kulkarni (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

Helene Mills (School of Education and Human Services)

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Maria Bryant (Department of Chemistry)

Anahid Kulwicki, Chair (School of Nursing)

Larry Lilliston (Department of Psychology)

Faye Cobb (School of Health Sciences)

k. SENATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEENew members nominated for three year term effective 15 August 1998.

Michael Long (School of Education and Human Services)

Continuing member serving second year of three year term.

Mohamed Zohdy (School of Engineering and Computer Science)

Craig Taylor (Department of Chemistry)

Continuing member serving final year

Michelle Piskulich (Department of Political Science)

1. SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEENew members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

College of Arts and Sciences

Lynetta Mosby (Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

Yang Xia (Department of Physics)

School of Health Sciences

Richard Rozek (School of Health Sciences)

School of Human and Educational Services

Jane Bingham (School of Human and Educational Services)

School of Nursing

vacancy

Library

William Cramer (Library)

Mildred Merz (Library)

Continuing members serving final year

College of Arts and Sciences

John Cameron (Department of Art and Art History)

Jane Eberwein, Chair (Department of English)

School of Engineering and Computer Science

Mohamed Zohdy (School of Engineering and Computer Science)

School of Business Administration

Ron Tracy (School of Business Administration)

Library

Kristine Condic (Library)

Daniel Ring (Library)

m. SENATE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEENew members nominated for three year terms effective 15 August 1998

Michael Smith (Department of Linguistics)

Marc Lipman, Chair-fall 1998 (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

Continuing members serving second year of three year terms

1 vacancy

Anandi Sahu (School of Business Administration)

Continuing members serving final year of three year terms

Sean Moran, Chair-winter 1999 (Department of History)

Ernie Schochetman (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

n. SENATE PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEENew members nominated for three year terms effective 15 August 1998

Oded Izraeli (School of Business Administration)

Estela Moreno-Mazzoli (Department of Modern Languages and Literatures)

Continuing members serving second year of three year terms

Frances Jackson (School of Nursing)

Robert Gaylor (Library)

Continuing members serving final year of three year terms

Gadis (Buck) Dillon, Chair (School of Business Administration)

Abe Liboff (Department of Physics)

o. TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

Joel Russell (Department of Chemistry)

Mark Simon (School of Business Administration)

Kristine Thompson (School of Health Sciences)

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

Fran Meuser (Department of Modern Languages and Literatures)

James Quinn, Chair (School of Education and Human Services)

Christina Sieloff (School of Nursing)

p. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT

New members nominated for three year terms effective 15 August 1998

College of Arts and Sciences

Christine Hansen (Department of Psychology)

School of Business Administration

Daniel Braunstein (School of Business Administration)

School of Nursing

vacancy

New members nominated for two year terms effective 15 August 1998

College of Arts and Sciences

Paul Graves (Department of Philosophy)

School of Engineering and Computer Science

Andrew Rusek (School of Engineering and Computer Science)

Continuing member serving second year of three year term.

Library

Kristine Condic (Library)

Continuing members serving final year

College of Arts and Sciences

Kathleen Moore, Chair (Department of Chemistry)

School of Health Sciences

Charles Marks (School of Health Sciences)

School of Education and Human Services

Robert Wiggins (School of Education and Human Services)

q. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE INSTRUCTION

New members nominated for three year terms effective 15 August 1998

School of Education and Human Services

Linda Pavonetti (School of Education and Human Services)
 School of Nursing
 Kate Vincent (School of Nursing)
 School of Business Administration
 Eugene Fliedner (School of Business Administration)

Continuing members serving second year of three year terms

School of Engineering and Computer Science
 Fatma Mili (School of Engineering and Computer Science)
 Library
 Frank Lepkowski (Library)

Continuing members serving final year of two year terms

College of Arts and Sciences
 Barbara Hamilton, Chair (Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism)
 School of Health Sciences
 Beth Marcoux (School of Health Sciences)

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

Comment: Nominations from the floor to fill vacancies, with the approval of the nominee, will be greatly appreciated. The names listed above, drawn principally from volunteer lists, reflect the Steering Committee's current expectations about committee membership. 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.

2. Motion from the General Education Committee to revise the General Education requirements for students pursuing a second undergraduate degree. (Mr. Grossman)

MOVED that students who already hold a baccalaureate who wish to earn an additional baccalaureate from Oakland University must:

3. meet the university-wide ethnic diversity and writing proficiency requirements; complete the university-wide general education requirements (but no more than 8 additional credits in general education, selected in consultation with an adviser, are required); complete all other specific requirements for the new degree as stipulated by the college, school or other academic unit in which the student is a candidate.

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

Comment: The underlined text above reflects the change proposed. The current policy relating to general education requirements is that students already holding a baccalaureate who wish to earn an additional baccalaureate from Oakland University must:

3. meet the university-wide general education, ethnic diversity and writing proficiency requirements, and all other specific requirements for the new degree as stipulated by the college, school or other academic unit in which the student is a candidate.

The General Education Committee's primary concern (and that of advisers as well) is that the University is asking such students to do far more in general education than students from community colleges who come in under MACRAO. Students with MACRAO merely have to take 8 credits in general education courses.

3. Motion from the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee to establish a policy for admission of home-schooled students to Oakland University. (Ms. Alber)

MOVED that the University Senate approve the following policy regarding the admission of home-schooled students to Oakland University:

1. No home-schooled student younger than sixteen years old should be admitted to the university.
2. Home-schooled students may take either the ACT or the GED to qualify for admission. Students who score 20 or higher on the ACT, or 55 or higher on the GED should be admitted.
3. Home-schooled students who do not receive sufficiently high scores on the ACT or GED have one of the following options:
 - a. They may complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of transferable credit at a community college, with a minimum of a 2.50 cumulative GPA. Then they may reapply to the university, using their performance in those courses as a credible demonstration of college-level ability.
 - b. They may apply to the university's Student Success Services program. Those admitted to the SSS may enter the university under that program's guidelines. (SSS requires that applicants fall in at least two of the following categories--low income, disabled, or first generation college student.)
4. The Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management will monitor the performance of home-schooled students at Oakland University in order to assess the effectiveness of this policy.

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

Comment: OU currently receives a handful of applications annually for admissions from home-schooled students but has no formal policy with which to guide these students in their applications, to guide our decisions regarding these applications, or, subsequently, to explain those decisions to applicants. Home-schooling appears to be a practice that will continue or even increase in the future. Consequently, we expect that applications from home-schooled students will continue or increase. Though anecdotal evidence indicates that home-schooled students are generally not handicapped in terms of socialization, the Committee was concerned that the combination of home-schooling and relative immaturity could render a student unprepared for university life. Consequently, we recommend that no students be admitted before the age of sixteen.

The current admissions procedure requires that prospective students submit an application and an official copy of their high school transcripts; normally, Oakland University admits students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.20 or above. (Students whose GPAs fall between 2.50 and 3.20 may be admitted after consideration of their ACT scores.) Though it is possible for home-schooled students to get transcripts made in cooperation with their local school districts, the Committee believes that the difficulty in interpreting such transcripts makes them less than useful in making admissions decisions. In order to evaluate the academic achievement and/or potential of home-schooled students, we have specified that they must score at least a 20 on the ACT or 55 on the GED, which is commensurate with the score of 20 on the ACT. Currently, the average ACT score for our newly enrolled FTIACs ranges annually between 20.6 and 21. Similarly, the national average on the ACT test is between 20 and 21. A score of 20, since it is consistent with our other "admits," seems to the Committee reasonable assurance of a home-schooled student's potential success at Oakland University.

The National Center for Home Education and the affiliated Home Schooling Legal Defense Association both advocate such criteria.

Home-schooled students who choose not to take the ACT or GED, or who do not earn satisfactory scores on these tests, may demonstrate their achievement and potential by taking 12 credits of college-level work at a two-year school, which they may then transfer in after they are admitted to Oakland University. OU applicants with high school degrees who are not admitted have a similar option, with a requirement of twenty-four credits at a two-year college.

4. Motion from the School of Education and Human Services regarding changes in the course requirements for the Education Specialist Degree in School Administration. (Mr. Keane)

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board approval of changing the credit hour requirement for the Educational Specialist Program in School Administration to 36 credit hours.

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

Comment: Since the State of Michigan no longer requires certification for school administrators, it is now possible to change the former, externally imposed, 40 credit hour requirement to 36 hours. This change would accomplish a number of goals:

- adjust the program to accord with current thinking in the field;
- increase supervision of the mentor component of the program;
- make the transition from the Ed.S degree into the Ph.D. degree in Educational Leadership more attractive to potential students;
- bring credit requirements more in line with comparable programs offered by other universities in Michigan.

The Graduate Council has recommended proposed changes to the Ed.S degree for approval.

5. Motion from the Steering Committee to authorize additional meetings. (Mr. Dillon)

MOVED, that the Senate remain in session during the Spring 1998 term to consider the following pending items:

- a. the motion above regarding home schooled students;
- b. the motion above regarding general education requirements for students pursuing a second undergraduate degree;
- c. the motion above regarding the Education Specialist program.

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

Comment: In order to provide for appropriate consultation and review, we may need to stay in session this spring in order to deal with the items on today's agenda being considered for first reading. The Senate Constitution specifies that the Senate may stay in session during the spring or summer terms, but that the items of such spring business be specified by Senate action during the Winter semester. A tentative date for a spring Senate meeting is Thursday, April 30, 1998 at 3:10 p.m.

E. Good and welfare.

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