

**Oakland University Senate**

Eighth Meeting

April 30, 1998

O'Dowd Hall Room 202

3:10 p.m.

*Agenda*

Respectfully submitted by the Steering Committee.

A. Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 1998 Senate meeting.

B. Information items.

a. 1998-99 Senate meeting dates

C. Old Business

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

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

**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

Ranald 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)

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

Comment: The constitution says that "the Steering Committee shall ... present to the University Senate a slate of nominees for all standing committees." The nominees were selected from the volunteer forms and the Steering Committee attempted, in as much as possible, to accommodate individual preferences for committee assignments as well as providing balance

in the representation on the committees.

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

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

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.

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

Comment: 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:

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, Ms. Eberwein)

**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.

3A. Motion to amend to delete age restriction. (Mr. Connellan, Mr. Long)

**MOVED** that item 1. " No home-schooled student younger than sixteen years old

should be admitted to the university." be stricken from the policy.

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

D. New Business

none

E. Good and welfare.

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