

Oakland University Senate

Fourth meeting
December 5, 1996
3:10 p.m.
Oakland Center, Oakland Room

Agenda

Submitted by Mr. Connellan on behalf of the Senate Steering Committee

A. Approval of minutes

B. Information items

C. Old Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to take from the table the motion to revise the charge to UCUI .

MOVED that the Charge to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction be taken from the table.

Procedural motion: Not debatable, not amendable.

Comment: Copies of the current and revised charges to UCUI may be found in the September agenda and its appendix. At the October meeting the Senate voted to table the motion to revise. If the motion to take from the table is approved, the Steering Committee will offer the following amendment.

1a. MOVED that item 9 of the revised charge to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction be amended to read as follows:

9. To construct the list of courses designed to meet the university-wide ethnic diversity requirement from among those courses submitted for this purpose by the academic units, and to maintain and update this list.

Comment: Both the above amendment and the main motion to revise are debatable, amendable and eligible for final vote.

1b. MOVED that the charge to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction be revised to read as follows:

1. To recommend to the University Senate academic policies and procedures concerning undergraduate education and, when necessary, seek advice from other appropriate bodies concerning the impact of these policies and procedures;
2. To evaluate and monitor petitions of exception regarding university-wide undergraduate academic requirements except for university-wide general education requirements;
3. To prepare an annual report on all petitions of exception to be shared with the Office of Academic Affairs, the Registrar, individual Committees on Instruction, and the Senate Planning Review Committee;
4. To make recommendations to the University Senate regarding proposed and existing undergraduate programs, including recommendations for program modification, suspension or discontinuance;
5. To advise the Senate Planning Review Committee (SPRC) and the Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC) concerning proposed new undergraduate programs and to maintain regular communication with SPRC and SBRC through exchange of minutes;
6. To cooperate with the General Education Committee in overseeing the undergraduate instruction throughout the University and to maintain regular communication with that committee through the exchange of minutes;
7. To schedule and monitor decennial reviews of all undergraduate programs in a timely fashion and to report findings to the Senate Planning Review Committee and the University Senate;
8. To evaluate ongoing and proposed undergraduate programs for their consistency with University academic policies and mission, to monitor catalog copy to ensure compliance with all such policies, and to monitor all catalog changes impacting outside of the Committee on Instruction making the change;
9. To approve, disapprove and monitor courses which satisfy the university-wide ethnic diversity requirement; and
10. To advise the Senate on all matters that body or its Steering Committee may refer to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction concerning undergraduate instruction and the general requirements within which the specifics of the undergraduate degree programs function.

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

2. Motion from the Graduate Council (Mr. Dahlgren, Mr. Andrews)

MOVED that the University Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees the approval of a Master of Arts degree in Biology.

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

Comment: A copy of the proposal along with related memos from the Senate Planning and Senate Budget Review Committees were distributed with the November Senate agenda.

D. New Business

1. Procedural motion from the Steering Committee to fill vacancies on Senate standing committee (Ms. Reynolds)

MOVED that the individuals listed below be confirmed as nominated to the terms specified:

Committee on Assessment:

Charles Marks (Associate Professor of Exercise Science) to replace Brian Goslin (Associate Professor of Exercise Science), winter 1997.

Richard Burke (Professor of Philosophy) to replace Paul Graves (Assistant Professor of Philosophy), winter 1997

Teaching and Learning Committee:

Andrew Rusek (Professor of Engineering) to replace Richard Pipan (Associate Professor of Education), winter 1997

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

2. Motion to revise the membership of the Academic Computing Committee. (Mr. Christina)

MOVED that the membership of the Academic Computing Committee be revised as follows:

Nine [Six] faculty, one of whom shall be chairperson; two students, one of whom shall be appointed by the University Congress and one by the Oakland University Programming Society; the Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the Manager of Academic

Computing Services, the Director of Research and Academic Development, [the Executive Director of Computer and Information Systems]; and the Vice President for Academic Affairs (or designee), all ex-officio and voting.

First Reading: Debatable, amendable but not eligible for final vote.

Comment: Additions are in bold face; deletions in brackets.

3. Motion from the Steering Committee to change the membership of the Senate Committee on General Education (Ms. Reynolds)

MOVED that the membership of the Senate General Education Committee be revised to include the Assistant Registrar for Records as an **ex-officio**, non voting member of the committee.

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

Comment: The 1995-6 annual report to the Senate from the Committee requested the change in membership due the need for accurate information from the registrar's office when deliberating petitions of exception and in discussions related to evaluating transfer courses for general education requirements. Current committee membership is six faculty, one student and the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (ex-officio)

4. Motion from the Senate Planning Review Committee regarding Charter Schools

(Ms. Piskulich)

MOVED that the Senate adopt the following process for developing its recommendations to the President and the Board on public school academy applications:

1. Request for proposals establishes a proposal deadline of February 1.
2. Review by Charter School Committee to recommend schools for charter completed by the first week of March.
3. Review and recommendations by the Senate Planning Review and Senate Budget Review committees completed by April 1.
4. Senate Steering Committee receives recommendations and places recommended public school academies on the agenda of the University Senate with final action by the Senate completed on or before May 1.

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

Comment: The Senate Planning Review Committee recognizes the chartering process will be ongoing throughout the year and is prepared to review and advance applications as they are received. We note that the Senate may need to revise its meeting schedule in order to perform its vital role in the consultation process and to allow recommended academies to receive timely notification.

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