

Oakland University Senate

March 15, 1966

Minutes

PRESENT: Messrs. S. Appleton, Beardslee, M. Brown, H. Burdick, Chernow, Collins, Gibson, Harding, Hetenyi, Heubel, Hoopes, Lowy, McKay, Marz, G. Matthews, Mobley, O'Dowd, Swanson, Tipler, Brieger, Varner, Williamson

ABSENT: Messrs. G. Brown, Burke, Cammack, Clarke, Dutton, Galloway, Haden, Hammerle, Lessing, Johnson, Pitts, Simmons, Stoutenburg, Stubblefield, Susskind, Brace, Vann

GUESTS: Messrs. Atkinson, Torch, Velinsky

Chancellor Varner called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Chancellor Varner discussed the following topics with the Senate:

- A. Meadow Brook Music Festival
- B. Questions concerning scheduling, class size, etc.
- C. Student publications
- D. Summary of the St. Clair Inn meeting, March 11 - 12, 1966

Mr. Hetenyi moved to accept the minutes of February 15, 1966.

Seconded by Mr. Williamson.

Mr. McKay asked that the minutes be amended to correct the dual listing of his name. His name is removed from the list of guests.

Mr. S. Appleton asked on behalf of Mr. Torch that his name be spelled correctly on page 4.

Minutes were then approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lowy reintroduced the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction, previously seconded by Mr. Marz, to revise the academic policy on Course Proficiency.

COURSE PROFICIENCY

Any student giving evidence of proficiency in a course in which he is not registered may be granted permission to demonstrate this proficiency upon petition to the appropriate department chairman or program director. If the results are satisfactory, he may receive exemption from this course but will receive no academic credit or grade for the course. (The failure to grant credit does not apply to courses completed in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board.)

In exceptional cases and upon recommendation from the chairman or program director, the Committee on Instruction may award credit, provided that such credit does not exceed 20 percent of the credits earned for a degree at Oakland. The credit will be entered in the "transfer credit" column on the student's record.

Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd reminded the members that 2.a. on the agenda (Steering Committee recommends changes in the membership of the Committee on Instruction) was passed at the last meeting and need not have been included at this time.

Mr. O'Dowd reintroduced the recommendation of the Steering Committee, previously seconded by Mr. Hetenyi, to adopt the amended version of the Chancellor's memo of January 7 to provide a committee for reorganizing the governance of the University.

Committee on University Government

1. A ten-member committee will be established for the purpose of recommending a new organization for the governance of the University.
2. The committee will be chaired by the Chancellor.
3. The membership of the committee will consist of the Chancellor, five members of the faculty nominated by the Steering Committee and approved by the Senate, and four members appointed by the Chancellor.
4. Before the new organizational document or constitution is presented for action of the Board of Trustees it must be:
  - a. Reviewed by all faculty and staff at an open hearing, and

b. ratified by the majority of all members present and voting at a meeting of a body consisting of the Academic Senate, tenured faculty members who are not senators, and department chairmen who are neither senators nor tenured members of the faculty. This body will have the authority to accept or reject the document; it may not amend the organizational document.

Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd reintroduced the recommendation of the Steering Committee, previously seconded by Mr. Marz to nominate the following five members to serve on the Committee on University Government:

Professor Richard Brace  
Professor James Haden  
Professor William Hammerle  
Professor Edward Heubel  
Professor Reuben Torch

Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd reintroduced the recommendation of the Steering Committee, previously seconded by Mr. Swanson, to adopt the following motion to guide the Committee on University Government:

It is the sense of the Senate that some student representation in the making of decisions affecting the welfare of the University is desirable. Consequently, the Committee on Faculty Government is requested to give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of including some student representation in the new University Senate.

Mr. Appleton suggested that the necessary changes be made to make "University Government" a uniform title in all references to this matter. The Chairman hearing no objections so ordered.

Mr. Hoopes moved the following amendment:

Strike all of sentence one and the first word of sentence two and substitute the following wording:

The Committee on University Government is requested to give reasonable consideration to the matter of student representation to the new governmental body.

Seconded by Mr. Tipler. Amendment not adopted.

The question was called on the main motion. Not adopted.

(The recorder was instructed to make note of the voting which was 10 for, 6 against, and 6 abstentions.)

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to adopt the following changes in the membership of the Committee on Cultural Programs and Commencements.

Mr. J.C. Hill will replace Mr. Donald Malm and Mr. Abraham Davidson will replace Mr. John Beardman as members of the Committee on Cultural Programs and Commencements.

Seconded by Mr. Swanson . Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to adopt the report to the Senate of the Committee on Academic Standing and Honors setting forth the principles and procedures that are now guiding the activities of the Committee.

Adoption of this report represents an endorsement of its contents by the senate and the faculty.

Seconded by Mr. Chernov. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Hoopes moved the recommendation of the Committee on Graduate Study as follows:

The Senate approves the establishment of a Master's Degree program in Physics and a Master's Degree program in Psychology and requests that the Board of Trustees authorize the establishment of these new degree programs by the University.

Seconded by Mr. Mobley. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. O'Dowd made the following report:

The Steering Committee has accepted the resignation of Mr. Haden from the *ad hoc* Committee on Honors Programs. Mr. Hough has agreed to serve as chairman of the committee and Mrs. White will join the committee as a new member.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.