



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

THIRD MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 1978

3:15 p.m.

123, 129, 130 Oakland Center

MINUTES

Senators Present: Arnold, Blatt, Boulos, Burke, Butterworth, Chernob, Coffman, DeMent, Eberwein Edgerton, Evans, Ghausi, Grossman, Hampton, Hetenyi, Heubel, Johnson, Jones, Kohn, Matthews, McKay, Merz, Moeller, Obeare, Osthaus, Pogany, Rogers, Russell, Schwartz, Torch, Tower, Harpo, Williamson

Senators Absent: Allvin, Bantel, Barry, Braun, Doherty, Felton, Gardiner, Goudsmit, Halsted; Hildum, Hohaus, Holladay, Hovanessian, Howes, Jackson, Kleckner, O'Dowd, Ozinga, Riley, Scherer, Seeber, Stanovich, Stransky, Stutzki, Weiner

Mr. Obeare presided until 3:55 p.m.: Mr. Matthews presided from then to adjournment.

Mr. Obeare commented as follows:

1. Mr. Obeare reviewed the North Central visit. He noted that the full report will be available in early 1979. The recommendation of the evaluation team is for full re-accreditation of all programs except the Ph.D. in Reading Education. A special team of specialists in this area is being arranged soon, in order that the Reading Ph.D. can be included in the report. Senators and others may be asked to respond to specific items in the report.

2. Mr. Obeare noted that the 1979-80 budget hearing was held on November 2 after the groundbreaking on COB #2. A second budget meeting with the Governor is to be held on Tuesday, November 21, 1973.

Mr. McKay inquired about the NCA comments on the Library. Mr. Obeare indicated that the NCA team urged more acquisitions in graduate program areas and seemed concerned that non-Library faculty ought to be more involved in the acquisitions process and on the Library Council. Mr. Williamson raised the issue of the criteria for denying a student group status as an official student organization. Mr. Coffman replied that Mr. Jack Wilson is investigating the matter and that he will report the findings to the Senate. Mr. Williamson raised the issue of violations of the "five-day" off-campus trip rule for students and asked the Steering Committee to investigate the question. Mr. Williamson raised the point that at one time the Senate passed legislation to prohibit charging fees at athletic events and wondered what the status was now. Mr. McKay noted that the Senate had disbanded the Athletics Committee and thus lost influence over the policy of charging of fees at sports events.

At 3:55 p.m. Mr. Obeare called the meeting to order and turned the Chair over to Mr.

Matthews. Minutes of the meeting of October 19, 1978 moved by Mr. Hetenyi and seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved by voice vote. |

Mr. Coffman noted that while the minutes were correct in recording what was said, what was said regarding married (co-habiting) student housing was not entirely accurate; although the project had been discussed for some time, the first application was actually submitted on July 28, 1978.

Attention was directed to the agenda.

A. Old Business

1. Motion concerning approval of the Constitution of the Library as amended April 25, 1978 (Gardiner/Hetenyi). Ms. David speaking for Mr. Gardiner upon invitation, discussed the recommended amendments to the Library Constitution that were contained in a letter to the Senate of November 8, 1978 (distributed with the agenda). She responded to the concerns noted in the October 19 minutes. The Library faculty and Library Council have discussed the number of Library faculty on the Library Council and felt that four was not excessive. The Library Council would allow the University Congress to choose three students in any way the Congress feels is appropriate. Mr. McKay raised the issue of to whom the Library Council reports its recommendations. He was still concerned about the relationship between the Library Assembly and the Library Council. Ms. David responded that a member of the Library Council will sit on the Library Assembly and that the Library faculty's interpretation is that the Library Council and the Library Assembly are both advisory to the Dean of the Library. Mr. McKay asked if the Library Assembly can bring issues to the Senate as allowed in the Arts and Sciences Constitution. Mr. McKay argued that the Library Constitution should be rejected until the Library Council has equal status with the Library Assembly. Ms. Rogers called for the question. After a voice vote the Chair ruled that the motion passed. Mr. Russell called for a division of the house. The motion unamended passed with 16 yes votes and 10 nays on show of hands.

Attention was then directed to the agenda.

2. Motion for change of name of the School of Education from School of Education to School of Human and Educational Services (Hetenyi/Williamson).

In response to Mr. Chernov's inquiry about other name changes at schools of education in Michigan, Mr. Hetenyi noted that he knows of only one other school contemplating such a drastic move, Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Torch noted that the University of Detroit had changed the name of its school to School of Education and Human Services. Upon call of the question by Mr. DeMent, the motion was approved by a voice vote with scattered nays.

Attention was then directed to the agenda.

B. New Business

1. The nomination to replace Mr. Robert Williamson with Ms. Margaret Kurzman on the Teaching and Learning Committee was moved by Mr. Tower and seconded by Mr. Heubel.

Nomination confirmed by voice vote.

2.1 Resolution from the Steering Committee concerning an *ad hoc* Commission in General Education moved by Mr. Tower seconded by Mr. Heubel.

Mr. Burke asked about membership on the Commission. Mr. Heubel outlined the membership specifications and the search process. The charges and membership will be reported to the Senate on December 7, 1978. Mr. Edgerton suggested an amendment adding graduate education to the charge, but no amendment was duly made and seconded. Mr. DeMent asked if the Commission was a creature of the Provost or the APPC? Mr. Matthews responded that the Commission is an *ad hoc* Committee of the APPC, which has powers to create such bodies. The support of the Senate, however, is desirable and helpful in view of the magnitude of the Commission's charge.

Resolution unamended carried by voice vote without opposition.

2.2 Resolution from the Steering Committee concerning an *ad hoc* Committee on Course Credits moved by Mr. Tower seconded by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Chernow suggested that if, as Mr. Matthews had suggested, the Committee was looking at curricular flexibility then the name of the group should reflect this charge. Mr. Matthews noted that the matter had been discussed, but that the goal was to bring closure to the "Three-Credit'-Course" discussion and that the present title suggested this more forcefully. Mr. Russell noted that some of the Issues might be part of union negotiations.

Resolution unamended carried by voice vote without opposition.

2.3 Resolution from the Steering Committee concerning an *ad hoc* Interdivisional Committee on Entry Year moved by Mr. Tower and seconded by Mr. Hetenyi.

Resolution unamended approved by voice vote without opposition.

2.4 Resolution from the Steering Committee concerning a study of potential graduate programs moved by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Johnson raised some objection to the extent and nature of the proposed "systematic survey of all potential" programs but indicated that the Graduate Council and Office would try to respond to the request. Mr. Hetenyi also raised concerns about the vast number of programs that the Graduate Council was being asked to survey. Mr. Matthews reminded the Senate that the motion was designed to implement the plans of the UPD - 78. B. (Ms. Eberwein noted that her understanding was that the word systematic was to have been replaced by periodic.) Mr. Russell moved that the motion be referred back to the Steering Committee.

The motion to refer back to Committee was approved by voice vote.

Attention was then directed to the agenda.

C. Special Business:

1. **Resolution** to reaffirm the Senate's acceptance of UPD - 78 as initial planning documents moved by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mr. DeMent.

Mr. McKay asked for the wording of the previous motion of acceptance. Mr. Matthews read the previous resolution from the minutes of May 8, 1978. Mr. McKay wanted it noted in the minutes that the approval of the planning document, UPD - 78 does not mean that the Senate approves each item in detail and that items in the plans that require Senate action must be presented individually to the Senate through the normal legislative process. Mr. Grossman raised a specific correction to the affirmative action discussion on pages 1-44, (Vol. II; UPD - 78) in particular some incompatible numbers. Mr. Grossman also asked for the timetable for the development of an affirmative action program at Oakland. Mr. Matthews was unable to supply such a timetable. Mr. DeMent called for the question.

Resolution unamended approved by voice vote without opposition.

Attention was directed to the agenda.

D. Good and Welfare: Private Resolutions

Mr. Matthews noted the new policy of the Steering Committee to put this item on the agenda each meeting. Mr. Heubel offered the first "private resolution" under the new policy. Mr. Heubel requested the Steering Committee to investigate the possibility of offering wine and cheese at least once a year after a Senate meeting to honor the faithful service of the distinguished senators of the University. There appeared to be significant support for this action among the senators. The Steering Committee members indicated that they would certainly give serious attention to this matter. Mr. Tower noted that the Williamson resolution on adding a two-hour block without classes on Tuesday and Thursday was on the table in UCUI awaiting a survey of student opinion by the University Congress. Given that the Winter Schedule is already published, this delay will not hamper the efforts to introduce this innovation in the Fall 1979 Class Schedule. Ms. Rogers noted that University of Detroit has such a class-free period. Mr. Tower noted that at some schools this period is called Chapel.

Ms. Rogers moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwartz and the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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