



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

Ninth Meeting
April 27, 1978
3:30 p.m.
206 Varner Hall

MINUTES

Senators Present: Arnold, Chernov, Coffman, Eberwein, Edgerton, Evans, Gardiner, Ghausi, Grossman; Heubel, Jackson, Johnson, Kleckner, Matthews, Merz, Moeller, O'bear, O'Dowd, Osthaus, Russell, Sloane, Torch and Wargo

Senators Absent: Allvin Bantel, Barry/ Blatt, Boulos, Braun, Burke, Butterworth, DeMent, Doherty, Easterly, Felon, Hampton, Hetenyi, Hildum, Hohausner, Hovanesian, Howes, Holladay, Jones, Liboff, O'Leary, Orton, Ozinga, Pogany, Randolph, Riley, Schwartz, Seeber, Stransky, Torongeau, Tower, Ward, Weiner and Williamson

Mr. O'Dowd presided.

Mr. O'Dowd commented as follows:

1. Appropriations Bill favorable to Oakland has cleared the Senate, it contains provisions to fund the new computer and a feasibility study of medical education. The House Bill contains funding for the Physical Therapy Gross Anatomy Laboratory. No doubt a joint conference will whittle the sums down somewhat, but prospects are promising.
2. Problems connected with purchase of the new computer have not yet been resolved; the purchase is a major investment and the decision should not be hasty.
5. At the Board meeting of April 26, the question of the Dodge Farmhouse was discussed and the administration was directed to take all steps necessary to preserve the structure for possible future use in a "cost effective manner."
4. The question of University divestiture of securities in firms established in the Republic of South Africa also was discussed at the Board meeting. The Board invites expression of opinion on the issue and anyone who wishes to communicate with the Board on this matter should do so through Mr. Swanson's Office.
5. Another \$50,000 will be added to the supplemental equipment fund directly.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 1978 were approved by voice vote upon motion of Mr. Wargo, seconded by Mr. Grossman as distributed.

Attention was then directed to the agenda.

A. Old Business

1. Motion unamended to establish a program leading to the graduate degree of Master of Public Administration (Johnson/Tower) was approved by voice vote (it having first been established that implementation would be fall, 1979 not 1978) as follows:

MOVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM OF GRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, EFFECTIVE UPON AUTHORIZATION BY THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING AGENCIES OF THE STATE.

2. Motion unamended to establish a program in Computer and Information Sciences leading to the B.S. degree (Johnson/Tower).

Discussion of an amendment to the main motion offered by Mr. Russell and seconded by Ms. Eberwein, such that the phrase "and acquisition by the University of adequate computer facilities" be added as the concluding clause of the main motion. Mr. Russell was concerned with the effect of the new program upon the University's computer capacity; it was the intent of the amendment that the M.S. in C.I.S not be implemented if the only academic computer available at that time should be the Burroughs 5500. In response to queries, Mr. Russell explained that if at the time classes start, new computer capacity was not yet needed for instruction, then academic computer capacity would be judged as "adequate;" on the other hand, if at that time new capacity is needed for instruction and not available, then extent computer facilities would be regarded as "inadequate."

The Russell/Eberwein motion to amend carried by voice vote.

Attention then turned to the Main Motion as amended by Russell/Eberwein which was approved by voice vote as follows:

MOVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE, EFFECTIVE UPON AUTHORIZATION BY THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING AGENCIES OF THE STATE AND ACQUISITION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ADEQUATE COMPUTER FACILITIES.

B. New Business

none

Before adjournment, Mr. Edgerton read a letter from Mr. Evans disclaiming responsibility for his alleged part in the Campus Development and Environment Committee imbroglio. Mr.

Matthews called attention to item 2 under "For the Information of the Senate", agenda of April 27, 1978, in explanation of the situation. He promised the Steering Committee would do better next time.

Upon proper motion duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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