



# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

## Oakland University Senate

Fifth Meeting  
January 16, 1975

### *MINUTES*

Present: Senators Barnard, Beardman, Bingham, H. Burdick, Burke, Coffman, Covert, Evarts, Feeman, Gardiner, L. Gerulaitis, R. Gerulaitis, Graber, Haskell, Hahn, Hetenyi, Hitchingham, Hough, Hovanesian, Keegan, Krompart, Liboff, Light, Matthews, McKay, McKinley, Obear, O'Dowd, O'Leary, Palmer, Paslay, Shacklett, Schwartz, Seeber, Strauss, Sturner, Torch and Wyatt

Absent: Senators Akers, Atlas, Barron, Barthel, Brieger, D. Burdick, DeMent, Gray, Herker, Johnson, Moorhouse, Pfeil, Riley, Susskind, Taylor and Tipler

Mr. O'Dowd commented informally on the 1974-75 budget and expectations for an even tighter 1975-76 budget year.

Mr. McKay questioned whether University procedures for the periodic five year review of the appointment of the President have been established and if so whether these involved the faculty. Mr. O'Dowd commented that although a review policy had been established by the Board a couple of years ago, he knew of no recent activity in this area.

Mr. Liboff stated his opposition to open parking, stressing the inconvenience and delay to persons working in Hannah and Dodge Halls. Mr. O'Dowd noted that 400 additional spaces are planned for that immediate area but that these will not be constructed until next summer.

Mr. Obear noted that Mr. Tower, University Senate Parliamentarian, is currently on leave. The chair asked Ms. Gerulaitis to assume that responsibility. She agreed to do so.

At the conclusion of the informal discussion Mr. O'Dowd left the meeting and Mr. Obear assumed the chair and called the meeting to order. Mr. Obear announced that the Senate Steering Committee had met and approved the following new appointments to the University Senate which had been proposed by the appropriate assemblies.

From Economics and Management:

Mr. Hough replaces Mr. Tower who is on leave.

Ms. Herker replaces Mr. Gregory who is on leave.

From Arts and Sciences:

Mr. Taylor replaces Mr. Schmidt who is on leave.

From Education:

Mr. Atlas replaces Mr. Coon who is on leave.

Mr. Obear stated that Mr. Light had requested that the Elections Committee be given permission to hold its election to replace Mr. Tower on the Senate Steering Committee at this point in the meeting rather than waiting until new business was considered. There being no objections nominations were opened.

Mr. Hetenyi nominated Mr. Hough, seconded by Mr. Liboff.  
Mr. McKay nominated Ms. Gerulaitis who declined the nomination.  
Mr. Wyatt nominated Mr. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Beardman.  
Mr. Strauss nominated Mr. Barnard who declined the nomination.  
Mr. Hetenyi moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Ms. O'Leary.

Nominations closed. The election was held by ballot and Mr. Hough was elected to replace Mr. Tower on the Steering Committee.

#### A. Old Business

##### I. Motions concerning amendments to the Senate Constitution.

a. Mr. Liboff, seconded by Mr. Krompart, moved to allow Messrs. Hetenyi and Gardiner to withdraw their motion to amend the main motion. Carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Hetenyi, seconded by Mr. Gardiner, moved:

THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE MAIN AMENDMENT BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY THE STATEMENT "THAT SENATORS FROM NO ORGANIZED FACULTY SHALL HOLD MORE THAN ONE SEAT WHILE ANY OTHER FACULTY REMAINS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION."

The Hetenyi amendment was defeated on a show of hands.

Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Hetenyi, moved:

THAT THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE MAIN MOTION BE AMENDED TO READ "NO MORE THAN TWO SEATS SHALL BE HELD BY SENATORS FROM ANY ONE FACULTY."

The Burdick amendment to the main motion was approved by voice vote.

The main amendment was approved by voice vote as amended. The amendment to be submitted to the faculty referendum thus reads:

THAT ARTICLE V, SECTION ix BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

ix. The University Senate shall have a Steering Committee composed of the Provost of the University, who shall serve as chairman, and six other Senators elected at the first Senate meeting of the fall semester. The Committee's term of office shall be two years. No more than two seats shall be held by Senators from any one faculty.

b. Mr. Krompart, seconded by Mr. Matthews moved:

THAT THE WORDING OF THE MAIN MOTION BE CHANGED TO  
"...RECOMMEND, ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE, CANDIDATES FOR  
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN COURSE."

Discussion followed about the need for the main motion to state that the Senate could choose at any time to remove that authority from the Steering Committee.

Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Beardman, moved a substitute motion:

THAT ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 OF THE SENATE CONSTITUTION BE  
AMENDED TO READ "THE SENATE MAY AUTHORIZE THE STEERING  
COMMITTEE TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY ON A *PRO TEM* BASIS."

Following discussion and a straw vote on the Krompart/Matthews amendment to the main motion, Messrs. Matthews and Beardman withdrew the substitute motion.

Ms. Gerulaitis argued that "on behalf of" in essence means that this is authority delegated to the Steering Committee by the Senate and that this authority can, therefore, be withdrawn at any time by a vote of the Senate.

The Krompart/Matthews amendment to the main motion was approved by a voice vote.

The main motion was approved as amended by a voice vote.

Mr. Obear directed the secretary to note in the minutes the Ms. Gerulaitis interpretation of the phrase "on behalf of" and that the Senate endorsed this interpretation.

The amendment to be submitted to the faculty referendum thus reads:

\* THAT A NEW PROVISION BE ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE V, SECTION x, AS  
FOLLOWS:

(The Steering Committee shall ...)

7. recommend, on behalf of the Senate, candidates for undergraduate degrees in  
course.

c. The main amendment was approved by voice vote without discussion.

The amendment to be submitted to the faculty referendum thus reads:

THAT ARTICLE V, SECTION xiii AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

The University Senate shall establish other standing committees and *ad hoc* committees as it deems necessary. Unless otherwise specified by "the Senate the term of office for all standing committees shall be two years with members serving until new committee have been elected to replace them. Committee membership shall not be restricted to Senators. Whenever a committee of the University Senate is presenting a motion or making a report members of the committee shall have the

right to attend that meeting of the Seriate and take part in debate but only Senators shall have the power to vote on the report of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.  
William H. Jones, Secretary  
University Senate

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