



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

Ninth Meeting
March 27, 1975

MINUTES

Present: Senators Barnard, Barren, Burke, Coffman, Covert, DeMent, Evarts, Feeman, Gardiner, L. Gerulaitis, Haskell, Herker, Hitchingham, Hovanesian, Keegan, Liboff, McBride, McKay, McKinley, O'Dowd, Palmer, Paslay, Shacklett, Schwartz, Seeber, Taylor and Wyatt
Absent: Senators Akers, Atlas, Barthel, Beardman, Bingham, Brieger, D. Burdick, H. Burdick, R. Gerulaitis, Graber, Gray, Hetenyi, Hough, Johnson, Krompart, Light, Matthews, Moorhouse, Obear, O'Leary, Riley, Schillace, Strauss, Sturner, Susskind, Tipler and Torch

Mr. O'Dowd chaired the meeting and called it to order at 3:35 p.m. Upon motion of Mr. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Feeman, the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 1975 were approved as distributed.

A. Old Business

1. Resolution from the Budget and Planning Committee

Moved by Mr. Liboff, seconded by Mr. Feeman, that the Senate endorse the following resolution:

*** BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE HEREBY ENCOURAGES THE CONTINUED PLANNING OF A CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCE FACULTIES AS THE ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATION FOR HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS WITH THE AIM OF IMPLEMENTATION IN THE 1975 FALL SEMESTER. THIS SUPPORT IS BASED ON THE EXPECTATION THAT A DETAILED SPACE PLANNING REPORT WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT COSTS WILL BE PROVIDED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.**

Comment: The Budget and Planning Committee endorses the Report of Committee on Recommendation V on "Center for Health Science Faculties" with the reservation that the planning for space needs in connection with health sciences is viewed as yet inadequate and in need of further development. Especially in health sciences a close correlation between space and equipment needs may be possible and thus the resolution of support carries a proviso that additional space and equipment estimates be provided.

Second reading.

Motion approved on a show of hands.

2. Motion from the Academic Policy Committee concerning the 1976-77 University Calendar

Moved by Mr. Feeman, seconded by Mr. Coffman:

* THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THE 1976-77 CALENDAR DISPLAYED IN AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS AGENDA.

(Proposed calendar was distributed with the agenda for the meeting of March 13, 1975.)

Second reading.

Motion passed by a voice vote.

3. Motion from the Steering Committee

Moved by Mr. Obear, seconded by Mr. Feeman:

* THAT THE DATE OF SPRING COMMENCEMENT BE CHANGED FROM "THE WEEKEND AFTER MEMORIAL DAY" TO "A DATE AFTER THE END OF THE WINTER SEMESTER, SUCH DATE TO BE SET BY THE PRESIDENT."

Second reading.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Motion from the Steering Committee

Moved by Mr. Obear, seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis:

* THAT THE CHARGE TO THE FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE BE EXPANDED TO READ:

"TO CONSIDER, RECOMMEND, EVALUATE AND REVIEW ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE FINANCIAL AID SYSTEM, AND TO FUNCTION AS AN APPEALS BOARD WHICH WILL HEAR AND RESOLVE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND APPLICANTS FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL AID."

Second reading.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

B. New Business

1. Motion from the Academic Policy Committee

Moved by Mr. Feeman, seconded by Mr. Coffman:

THAT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ESTABLISH AN HONORS COLLEGE, THAT THE PRESIDENT OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY BE THE HEAD OF THE HONORS COLLEGE, THAT THE HONORS COLLEGE BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

a. A FOUNDER'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, WITH THE PRESIDENT AS CHAIRMAN AND FOUR FACULTY PERSONS AS MEMBERS, NOMINATED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND ELECTED BY THE SENATE, SHALL BE FORMED.

b. THE FOUNDER'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE SHALL INVITE APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACULTY ONLY FOR THE DEANSHIP OF THE COLLEGE AND SHALL RECOMMEND A NOMINEE. THE DEAN SHALL SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, RENEWABLE.

c. THE DEAN OF THE HONORS COLLEGE AND THE FOUNDER'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT A FACULTY FROM EXISTING PERSONNEL. THE DEAN AND THE FACULTY SHALL CONSTITUTE THE HONORS COUNCIL OF THE HONORS COLLEGE. THE PRESIDENT SHALL ACT AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE HONORS COUNCIL. UPON SELECTION OF THE HONORS COUNCIL THE FOUNDER'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE SHALL CEASE TO EXIST. THE FACULTY MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR PERIODS OF THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE.

First reading.

2. Motion from the Academic Policy Committee

Moved by Mr. Feeman, seconded by Mr. Coffman:

THAT THE HONORS COUNCIL OF THE HONORS COLLEGE BE AUTHORIZED TO:

a. SELECT STUDENTS TO BE INVITED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE HONORS COLLEGE, AND TO DESIGNATE A SPECIAL TITLE FOR THEM,

b. DEVISE AN ADVISING SYSTEM, TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S ADVISING SYSTEM, FOR STUDENTS IN THE HONORS COLLEGE,

c. EVALUATE STUDENTS IN THE HONORS COLLEGE WITH REGARD TO STANDING IN THE COLLEGE, AND IDENTIFY THOSE STUDENTS WHO UPON GRADUATION SHOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL HONORS DESIGNATIONS,

d. INVITE FACULTY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE,

e. DEVELOP COURSES AND CURRICULUM FOR THE HONORS PROGRAM, THROUGH THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE AS COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION.

(Comments from the Senate Academic Budget and Planning Committee pertaining to Motions 1 and 2 were distributed at the meeting. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.)

At the request of Mr. Foeman the following general comments are included in the minutes:

General Comments: This Motion results from the efforts of Associated Study Committee III: Honors Program, comprising: Renate Gerulaitis, Chairperson, Sheldon Appleton, William Schwab, Theodore Yntema, William Hammerle, William Fish, Frank Butterworth, DeWitt Dykes, and George T. Matthews, *ex officio*, and charged on Dec. 31, 1973 to study the question of establishing an honors program and formulating a recommendation concerning it. Associated Committee III: Honors Program, was connected with the Main Committee charged to study and recommend on the range of issues raised in Recommendation II and III (a, b, c) of the set of documents entitled Recommendations Concerning the Organizational Development of Oakland University at the Undergraduate Level. Associated Committee III: Honors Program met during the first half of 1974 and submitted its report (which was endorsed by the Main Committee) to the Provost on July 25, 1974. The Report of the Associated Committee was studied, discussed and endorsed by the St. Clair Inn Commission of September 13 and 14, 1974 and forwarded to the Academic Policy Committee. Put into its present form as a Motion by the APC It is now presented to the Senate for consideration.

First reading.

(Mr. O'Dowd left the meeting for a previous appointment and Mr. Coffman assumed the chair at the request of Mr. O'Dowd.)

3. Motion from the Academic Policy Committee

Mr. Feeman moved, seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis:

THAT TO RECEIVE A BACCALAUREATE FROM OAKLAND UNIVERSITY A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 32 CREDIT HOURS OF WORK IN COURSES AT THE 300 LEVEL OR ABOVE.

First reading.

4. Motion from the Academic Policy Committee

Mr. Feeman moved, seconded by Mr. McKay:

THAT IF A STUDENT HAS ACCUMULATED 62 SEMESTER HOURS OF WORK FROM ANY INSTITUTION(S) THAT STUDENT MAY NOT TRANSFER ANY ADDITIONAL CREDITS FROM A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION.

First reading.

5. Motion from Faculty Assembly, School of Engineering

Mr. Paslay moved, seconded by Mr. Feeman:

THAT THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING BE APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

First reading.

6. Motion from the Academic Policy Committee

Mr. Feeman moved, seconded by Mr. McKinley:

A. THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE UNIVERSITY BE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER INSTRUCTION LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES (B.G.S.) WITH THE FOLLOWING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS; IN ORDER TO GRADUATE WITH THE B.G.S. DEGREE A STUDENT MUST:

a. HAVE COMPLETED 124 CREDITS OF WHICH AT LEAST 32 MUST BE AT THE 300 AND 400 LEVEL.

b. HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 32 OF THE 124 CREDITS AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AND BE REGISTERED AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY FOR AT LEAST 4 CREDITS DURING THE SEMESTER IN WHICH THE DEGREE IS CONFERRED.

c. HAVE A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00 IN COURSES TAKEN AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY.

d. HAVE DEMONSTRATED WRITING PROFICIENCY BY MEETING THE UNIVERSITY STANDARD IN ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

e. BE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITH ALL LEGAL CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS.

f. HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY FOR THE B.G.S. DEGREE BY THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FACULTY COUNCIL FOR GENERAL STUDIES.

B. THAT A GOVERNANCE BODY, REPORTING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST PRESIDED OVER BY THE PROVOST OR HIS DESIGNATED DEPUTY AND CALLED THE FACULTY COUNCIL FOR GENERAL STUDIES BE ESTABLISHED. THE FACULTY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED EACH COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION, TWO REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY THE EVENING COUNCIL. THE FACULTY COUNCIL SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT BY-LAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS, AND TO APPOINT AND CHARGE SUCH

STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES AS MAY BE NECESSARY. THE FACULTY COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC POWERS:

- a. TO PRESENT CANDIDATES FOR THE B.G.S. DEGREE, TO RECOMMEND CANDIDATES FOR UNIVERSITY HONORS, AND TO APPROVE CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARD OF CONCILIAR HONORS.
- b. TO DEVELOP SUCH ACADEMIC-ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ADVISING AND COUNSELING OF STUDENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE.
- c. TO ENCOURAGE ALL ORGANIZED FACULTIES TO MAKE AVAILABLE COURSES AND PROGRAMS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO STUDENTS PURSUING THE B.G.S. DEGREE. SUCH COURSES SHALL NOT BE DESIGNED ONLY FOR THE B.G.S., BUT MUST BE APPLICABLE IN SOME OTHER UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAM AS WELL.

First reading.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

William H. Jones, Secretary
University Senate
WHJ:sls
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Attachment

BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE - 3/27/75

Costs Associated with the Proposed Honors College

Cost-related factors include:

- 1) a deanship
- 2) an initial faculty of 3-6
- 3) class sizes on the order of 20 students
- 4) about 3 honors courses per semester will be offered
- 5) 75-100 students admitted per year

If a full-time teaching load in this program is 3 courses per semester, each instructor generates $2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 20 = 480$ student credit hours, equivalent to 15.5 FYES, or 5.3 FYES short of the university-wide 20.8 FYES/instructor. If, in the steady state, there are 300 students enrolled in this program, over the four years, and if each section is limited to 20 students, then each year will see 2×15 sections of honors courses. If one FTE handles 6 honors sections per year, this implies the need for 5 FTE.

If no growth is assumed then $5.3 \text{ FYES} \times 5 \text{ FTE}$ or a total of 26.5 FYES must be made up as an

overload by the faculty outside of the honors program. To maintain the outside faculty at the present 20.8 ratio would require lowering the overall ratio to 20.73 which corresponds to an addition of about 1.3 faculty. Note that the new rate, 20.73, is essentially independent of the student credit hour growth in enrollment connected to honors courses.

However, one important consideration which could play a positive role in making this program less costly is the possibility that a large fraction of the 300 estimated students might be attracted to Oakland solely because of this program.

Steady state cost estimates for this program are, therefore:

- 1) deanship \$ 45,000
- 2) 1.3 FTE 20,000
- TOTAL \$ 65,000

The Budget and Planning Committee wishes to register its support for the proposal for an Honors College. It also recommends that the University Administration make attempts to provide extraordinary funding, outside of the usual channels, in order to implement this program.

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