



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

FIFTH MEETING
January 17, 1973

MINUTES

Present: A quorum

Absent: Senators J. Beardman, J. Doyaras, G. Gardiner, J. Gibson, C. Harding, L. Hetenyi, J. Jickling, T. Kilburn, K. Kleckner, G. Matthews, M. Riley, W. Sturner, P. Tombouljian, A. Tripp, and G. White

At 3:25 p.m. President O'Dowd made some informal remarks concerning the enrollment situation, both at Oakland and state-wide. Mr. Chernob raised the issue of library budget cuts resulting in a restricted acquisitions policy. Mr. Mascitelli asked whether fees were being charged to athletic events. Senator Covert, chairperson of the Athletics Committee, was not present because of illness. However, Mr. O'Dowd, stated that a small admissions fee was now charged for entrance to basketball and swimming events, the purpose of the charge being to improve security at these events. Typically, ticket sales barely cover the administrative costs of the ticketing procedure. Mr. McKay read the previous Senate legislation on this subject. Mr. O'Dowd commented that the Athletics Committee had considered and approved the ticket-charging policy, and that the current procedure was certainly within the spirit of the Senate legislation, and perhaps technically within the letter as well.

The meeting was formally called to order at 3:50 p.m.

The minutes of the December II, 1972, meeting were approved after the word "few" on line 3 of page 2 of those minutes was changed to "fewer."

New business was transacted before old business at the meeting, but items of business are reported here in the order in which they appeared in the agenda (to provide consistency in the official record).

A. Old Business

1. Motion for the Graduate Council

* THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AUTHORIZE THE INITIATION OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN MANAGEMENT PROPOSED BY THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT AND APPROVED BY THE

GRADUATE COUNCIL.

Approved.

2&3. Items 2a, 2b, and 3, concerning the development of a program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Community and Human Development and the establishment of a University Center for Community and Human Development were considered concurrently. Mr. Moorhouse introduced two community leaders: Allan Becker, Divisional Director of Manpower, Oakland County Center for Economic Opportunity, and Euth Cocoves, Michigan Employment Security Commission. Both gentlemen stated that their programs would be significantly aided by the development of the Community and Human Development Center at Oakland as proposed, and expressed their strong support for such a program.

Mr. Chernow questioned which motion was currently under consideration, and what the effect of approving motions 2a and 2b and disapproving motion 3 would be. After some consideration, both Messrs. Witt and Obear agreed that motion 2 should not be approved if motion 3 is defeated.

Mr. Marz spoke against the community development portion of the proposal, believing it to be premature since

(1) although there are theoretically lots of positions in community planning, in fact local governments are choosing not to fill the positions, and those positions which are open usually go to persons with master's degrees, and

(2) in community planning, there is now a preference for graduate students whose undergraduate work is not in the field of community planning, and

(3) although there is a growing need for persons to advise those who are affected by community planning ("community advocates"), most governmental units do not have the funds to support such positions,

Mr. Marz emphasized that his remarks did not apply to the human resources development portion of the proposal.

Mr. Heubel expressed his concern that the University would be moving prematurely to approve a Center or School at this time. The Senate is being asked to vote for a degree, a Center, and a faculty, none of which is presently here. He stated that he believed it more valid to work with the pieces the institution now has and to improve and rearrange them. It would be preferable to refer this matter to committee rather than to ask senators to vote on a large set of unknowns.

Mr. Patrick Johnson stated that he is familiar with hiring problems in the community service area and that he believes revenue sharing will have a substantial effect on increasing the number of openings available

Mr. Seeber expressed support for Mr. Heubel's position. There was considerable discussion concerning the employability of graduates in the proposed program. Mr. Becker and Mr. Moorhouse were optimistic and Mr. Moorhouse presented some data which supported this position.

Mr. Torch stated his belief that large segments of this program could be handled by the College of Arts and Sciences, and that it was his preference to develop a large number of concentrations within the College of Arts and Sciences to handle some of these areas of concern. He believed such concentrations could be in operation by fall, 1973.

Mr. Torgoff questioned why the Senate was applying employability standards to this program and not to others which it had approved. He believed the question of employability could not be answered at this time. He stated that reasons for support of the program were that there was student demand, demand from some of our current faculty, and demand from the community. He sensed that the primary objection to the program was one of administrative structure. What should be done is to have current departments get together to reform the proposal.

Mr. Chernov proposed an amendment which would delete items 2b and 3, and change 2a to read:

THAT A PROGRAM LEADING TO A MAJOR OR CONCENTRATIONS IN
COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT BE ESTABLISHED.

Mr. Johnson raised a point of order as to whether such an amendment was permissible since he felt it changed the major thrust of the main motion. Mr. O'Dowd ruled the amendment out of order. Mr. Chernov then explained that his intent had been to permit a reworking of the program without significant delay and without having the Senate appear hostile to the general program thrust. Mr. Seeber then moved to refer items 2a, 2b, and 3 to the Academic Policy Committee. He withdrew this motion in favor of a motion by Mr. Witt reading as follows:

THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE REFER MOTIONS A.2. AND A.3. BACK TO
THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION.
REAFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS IN THE
GENERAL AREAS OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, THE
SENATE REQUESTS THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION
WITH PROFESSOR MOORHOUSE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE *AD HOC*
COMMITTEE ON APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND APPROPRIATE
DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN, TO PREPARE SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS WHICH
ADDRESS THE JURISDICTIONAL CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SOME
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OVER THE PROPOSED COURSE AND DEGREE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROGRAMS AND WHICH ACCOMMODATE THE
ECONOMIC CONCERNS RELATED TO THE SCOPE OF THE INITIAL PROGRAM
PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL. THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IS
REQUESTED TO PREPARE THESE SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS FOR SENATE
REVIEW AND ACTION BEFORE THE END OF THE WINTER, 1973, SEMESTER.

Seconded by Mr. Marz. Mr. Seeber moved to amend this motion by substituting "academic unit leaders" for "department chairmen", to delete the phrase "address the jurisdictional concerns expressed by some members of the Senate over the proposed course and degree requirements for these programs and which", and to delete the word "economic" immediately following. Seconded by Mr. Chernov.

Motion carried.

Mr. Obear stated that although no further amendment was needed, he hoped it would be the sense of the Senate that the phrase "other members of the *ad hoc* committee on applied social sciences" would continue to include community leaders. No objection was heard.

The main motion as amended was then voted.

* THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE REFER MOTIONS A.2. AND A.3. BACK TO THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION. REAFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS IN THE GENERAL AREAS OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, THE SENATE REQUESTS THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROFESSOR MOORHOUSE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE *AD HOC* COMMITTEE ON APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC UNIT LEADERS, TO PREPARE SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS WHICH ACCOMMODATE THE CONCERNS RELATED TO THE SCOPE OF THE INITIAL PROGRAM PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL. THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE THESE SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS FOR SENATE REVIEW AND ACTION BEFORE THE END OF THE WINTER, 1973, SEMESTER.

Approved.

B. New Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee by Mr. Obear, seconded by Mr. Heubel:

* THAT MS. MARION ORTON BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ACADEMIC STANDING AND HONORS COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 1972-73 YEAR.

Procedural motion, eligible for final vote. Mr. Feeman opposed chairing this committee with a non-tenured faculty member because of the time requirements of the position and because of the heavy pressures placed on non-tenured faculty to achieve renown in disciplinary research. Mr. Bertocci suggested that all service to the University should be considered in determining a faculty member's performance. Mr. McKay raised a concern that the chair-person proposed had no former service on the committee. Mr. Obear stated that no other member of the current committee is a senator and therefore no other member is eligible to serve as chairperson. Mr. Mascitelli suggested that the Senate permit people to make their own decisions concerning their future careers, and that for the Senate to be restrictive in this respect could be carried to a very dangerous conclusion.

Approved.

2. Election of replacement to the Steering Committee. An election was conducted to select a senator to replace Mr. Tomboulion on the Steering Committee for the winter, 1973, term. Nominees were Senators Heubel, Barnard, Schultz, Bertocci, Feeman, Ettienne, and Marz. Messrs. Bertocci, Ettiene, and Marz declined the nomination. After an initial ballot, Mr. Barnard received a majority of the votes in a run-off election with Mr. Schultz.

3. The University calendar for 1973-74.

a. Mr. Obear moved

* THAT THE MOTION UNDER b. BELOW BE APPROVED FOR FINAL VOTE AT THIS MEETING.

Seconded by Mr. Pettengill.

Approved.

b. Mr. Obear then moved:

* THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THE 1973-74 CALENDAR ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THESE MINUTES.

Seconded by Mr. Chernov.

Approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Robert H. Bungler
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Provost's Office/mem
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*Motions and amendments adopted at this meeting.

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