



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

December 10, 1970

MINUTES

PRESENT: Messrs, Akers, Barthel, Beardman, Briod, Burdick, Burke, Chernob, Davis, DeMent, Douras, Gerulaitis, Gibson, Haskell, Hetenyi, Heubel, Hildum, Iodice, Phil Johnson, P.J. Johnson, Kleckner, Light, Mascitelli, Matthews, McKay, Obear, O'Dowd, Righter, Rue, Seeber, Simmons, Stern, Stoutenburg, Susskind, Tipler, Torch, Torgoff, Witt.

ABSENT: Messrs, J.R. Appleton, Butler, Coon, Cramer, Dahlmann, Harding, Kent, Swanson.

President O'Dowd opened the information session at 3:25 p.m.

President O'Dowd described the events of the past several days regarding the Christmas decoration issue.

The President stated that at this time he had no definitive indicators as to what the university can expect in a budget next year. However, there was a rumor that the State College Presidents may be invited to meet with the Governor sometime later this month.

President O'Dowd related his meeting with the Women's Liberation Caucus regarding a free child care center. At this time, without private or state funds, the President stated that the Child Care Center would have to be on a self-sustained basis. However, those students needing and qualifying for financial aid would be considered for financial assistance.

In answer to a question. President O'Dowd stated that the Athletic Department's budget was reduced as all other departments of the campus.

President O'Dowd called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Obear read the two recommendations of the Steering Committee regarding Senate procedures.

1. "That only senators be invited to sit at the tables in the meeting room. Non-senators should be invited to sit in the space reserved for observers.
2. That non-senators who wish to present their views to the Senate be allowed at most one opportunity to speak on each agenda item."

Mr. Obear announced that Mr. Harvey Arnold has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences to replace Mr. Philip Johnson in the Senate from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Obear moved the approval of the November 12 Senate minutes. Seconded by Mr. Seeber.
Approved

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hildum re introduced his November 12 motion that each School or College determine its own General Education requirements.

* Mr. DeMent moved to amend the motion by placing a comma after the word "determine" in the first sentence and adding the following phrase "SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE,"

Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis. Adopted.

* After a lengthy discussion, the original motion with the amendment was adopted.

EACH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY MAY DETERMINE, SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE, ITS OWN GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE TWO FRESHMAN EXPLORATORIES (OR EQUIVALENT BY COMPETENCY EXAMINATION OR TRANSFER CREDIT). THE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF DECEMBER 1970 WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR EACH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE UNTIL IT CHOOSES TO ENACT NEW REQUIREMENTS.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McKay, Chairman of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, reported the effects of the new grading system on university policy on academic probation and dismissal.

Mr. Obear made a brief statement regarding Mr. Davis' memo written for the Steering Committee about the interpretation of the I grade and the N grade policy. This item will be placed on the next Senate agenda for further explanation and discussion.

Mr. Chernob moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by
H. N. Stoutenburg
Secretary
University Senate

* Motions and amendments adopted at this meeting.

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