



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
**S E N A T E**

**Oakland University Senate**

September 17, 1970

***MINUTES***

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Akers, Barthel, Beardman, Briod, Burdick, Burke, Chernow, Coon, Cramer, Davis, Dahlmann, DeMent, Gerulaitis, Gibson, Harding, Haskell, Hetenyi, Heubel, Hildum, Iodice, Phil Johnson, Kent, Kleckner, Mascitelli, Matthews, McKay, Obear, Righter, Rue, Seeber, Stern, Stoutenburg, Swanson, Tipler, Torch, Torgoff, Witt.

**ABSENT:** Messrs. J. Appleton, Butler, Doharas, Good, P. Johnson, Letvin, O'Dowd, Simmons, Springfield, Susskind, Miss Mattis.

Provost Obear called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. Righter moved the approval of the minutes of May 7. Seconded by Mr. Iodice. Approved.

Mr. Righter moved the approval of the minutes of May 12. Seconded by Mr. Iodice. Approved.

Mr. Righter moved the approval of the minutes of May 15. Seconded by Mr. Iodice. Approved.

Provost Obear indicated the Chancellor's nominations to the Senate were Mr. Swanson and Mr. J. Appleton. These nominations by the Chancellor leaves one vacant elected seat (Administrative-Professional) on the Senate.

The Steering Committee has recommended that the Senate seat held by Mr. Fernald be filled by Mr. Jerry Dahlmann.

Provost Obear indicated that the Chancellor has asked Mr. Patrick Johnson to serve another year as parliamentarian and Mr. Stoutenburg as Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\* Mr. McKay moved the recommendation of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee that

"THE THREE MOTIONS PRESENTED BELOW BE APPROVED FOR FINAL VOTE AT THIS MEETING."

Seconded by Mr. Righter. Adopted.

\* Mr. McKay moved the recommendation of the Academic Standing and Honors

Committee that

"THE FACULTY OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY NOMINATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE, /CONFERRED AS-OF JUNE 20, AND AUGUST 15, 1970, THE STUDENTS NAMED IN THE LIST DISTRIBUTED AT THIS MEETING."

Seconded by Mr. Righter. Adopted. (See attached list.)

\* Mr. McKay moved to amend the motion by asking that

"THE NAME OF MR. ERIC PETERS BE REMOVED FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE LIST."

Seconded by Mr. Righter. Adopted.

The main motion, with the amendment, was then adopted.

\* Mr. McKay moved the recommendation of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee that

"THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY NOMINATE FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE, CONFERRED AS OF AUGUST 15, 1970, THE STUDENTS NAMED IN THE LIST DISTRIBUTED AT THIS MEETING."

Seconded by Mr. Righter. Adopted. (See attached list.)

Mr. McKay suggested that agenda item A I d need not be acted upon because there were no changes from the list approved on August 6. This suggestion was accepted by the members of the Senate without formal action.

\* Mr. Heubel moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"THE MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATION OF THE ACADEMIC CONDUCT COMMITTEE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: AFTER THE WORDS "THREE FACULTY MEMBERS", INSERT THE PHRASE 'CHOSEN FROM A POOL OF 12 FACULTY.' "

Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis. Adopted.

\* Mr. Heubel moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"THE MOTION BELOW BE MADE ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL VOTE AT THIS MEETING."

Seconded by Mr. Sturner. Adopted.

\* Mr. Heubel moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"THE SENATE APPOINT TO MEMBERSHIP ON SENATE COMMITTEES THOSE

## NOMINEES ON A LIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THIS MEETING."

1. ACADEMIC CONDUCT

HENRY KENNEDY, POLITICAL SCIENCE  
STEVEN MILLER, CHEMISTRY  
COLIN PALMER, HISTORY  
MARILYN WILLIAMSON, ENGLISH  
CHARLES BROH, ENGLISH  
CALVIN WILLIAMS, EDUCATION

2. ACADEMIC STANDING AND HONORS

WILLIAM HAMMERLE, ENGINEERING

3. ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

HARRY GOLD, SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

4. LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT

MICHAEL CRUPKO, PHYSICAL PLANT

5. RESEARCH

JAMES BULLOCK, ASSISTANT TO THE PROVOST

Seconded by Mr. Gibson. Adopted.

Mr. Heubel moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"the University Senate of Oakland University resolves that the practice of holding multiple commencements shall be discontinued, and that henceforth one commencement exercise shall be held each year. This commencement shall be held in the Baldwin Pavilion on the Saturday after Memorial Day. Eligibility to participate in the exercises would be: those students who have completed all requirements for their degrees during the preceding fall or winter terms, and those students who intend to complete their requirements in the following spring or summer terms, and who are recommended for participation by the Academic Standing and Honors Committee and approved by the Senate."

Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi.

Mr. Hetenyi moved to amend the motion by placing a period after the word "discontinued" in the first sentence and to delete the balance of the motion.

Seconded by Mr. Righter.

Mr. Sturner moved to waive the second reading of this resolution with the amendment so that the motion can be voted on at this meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Tipler. Not adopted.

Final action on the motion and the amendment will be taken at a subsequent meeting.

\* Mr. Heubel moved that

"AGENDA ITEM A5 BE APPROVED FOR FINAL VOTE. AT THIS-MEETING."

Seconded by Mr. Rue. Adopted.

Mr. Heubel moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"the University Senate of Oakland University resolves: that, in order to permit students to participate in the election campaign of the candidates of their choice, the schedule of classes for the fall tern 1970 shall be rearranged as follows:

a. Classes shall not be held Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30 and Monday and Tuesday, November 2 and 3, but shall instead be held on the following Saturdays: October 17 and 24, November 7 and 14.

b. All University offices and services shall remain on their regular schedules.

c. Prior to submission to the Board of Trustees this legislation must be approved by simple majority of those students voting in a mail referendum to be carried out as prescribed by the Steering Committee and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Seconded by Mr. Stern.

\* Mr. Stern moved a substitute motion that

"THE UNIVERSITY SENATE OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES AND ENCOURAGES THE GREAT INTEREST OF MANY STUDENTS IN PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS OF POLITICAL CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE. THE SENATE THEREFORE CALLS UPON ALL FACULTY TO AVOID GIVING EXAMINATIONS, MAJOR PAPERS ETC. DURING THE WEEKS OF OCTOBER 26 THROUGH 30 AND NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH 6, AND TO ASSIST IN ALL REASONABLE WAYS THOSE STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM CLASSES FOR THIS PURPOSE IN MAKING UP MISSED WORK."

Seconded by Mr. Tipler. Adopted.

(The Secretary was asked to include in the minutes the sense of the discussion before the vote. This resolution encouraged each faculty member to participate in the spirit of the resolution but also made it clear that participation was voluntary in the final analysis.)

Mr. Heubel moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"the University Senate welcomes the efforts being made by students to organize a Student Congress. That we note the apparent absence of interest on the part of any student group in the conduct of elections to fill the three student vacancies in the Senate; and that student elections for the Senate and the filling of student vacancies on Senate Committees shall be deferred pending the adoption of a Student

Congress Constitution or the appearance of substantial student interest in holding the elections for the three vacancies."

Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi.

Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

\* Mr. McKay moved that

"AGENDA ITEM A7 BE APPROVED FOR FINAL VOTE AT THIS MEETING."

Seconded by Mr. Philip Johnson. Adopted.

Mr. McKay moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"the Senate of Oakland University recognizes the interest of the newly-appointed Board of Trustees in the views of all members of the University Community regarding the appointment of Donald D. O'Dowd as President of the University. In keeping with the principle of full faculty consultation in administrative appointments, and toward the end of gathering and transmitting to the Board an accurate reflection of faculty opinion in this matter, it is moved that the following procedure be established:

- a. A Faculty Review Committee be chosen by the Senate, consisting of three faculty members, one tenured, one non-tenured, and one at large.
- b. That this committee be charged with soliciting opinions from the entire faculty by means of an opinion poll and any other means they deem appropriate.
- c. That opinion be solicited in the form of confidential unsigned written communications to the committee by all faculty members who wish to do so, expressing either favorable, unfavorable, or no sentiment on the question.
- d. That space be made on the communication for the expression of reasons for the faculty members opinion.
- e. That the Committee be charged to report both quantitative and qualitative findings to the Board in a report prior to the first formal meeting of the Board. The specific contents of the report will be known only to the Committee and the Board.

Seconded by Mr. Stern.

Mr. Heubel moved a substitute motion that

"the University Senate recognizes the interest of the Board of Trustees in ascertaining the views of all Members of the University Community regarding a review of Chancellor O'Dowd prior to making a decision on the Presidency of Oakland University. In keeping with the principle of full faculty consultation in the appointment of the President, and toward the end of helping the Steering

Committee gather and transmit to the Board an accurate reflection of faculty opinion in this matter, the following procedure shall be adopted:

1. A committee of three faculty members shall be created; it shall be composed of one member from the College of Arts and Sciences, one from the School of Engineering, and one from the School of Education, who shall be appointed by respective executive committees.
2. The committee shall define "the faculty" as being that group which was eligible to vote in the recent collective bargaining election.
3. The committee shall, in consultation with the Steering Committee, design an opinion questionnaire permitting faculty to communicate by secret questionnaire their opinion on the question.
4. The committee shall tally the results and submit them to the Steering Committee by October 1, to be presented without selection or interpretation to the Board together with the results and reports received from other sections of the university by the Steering Committee. The contents of these reports shall be known only to the bodies which submit them, the Steering Committee, and the Board of Trustees."

Seconded by Mr. Harding.

Mr. Chernov moved to amend the substitute motion by replacing paragraph 1 of the substitute motion with item A 7a of the agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Torgoff. Not adopted.

\* Mr. Chernov moved to amend the substitute motion by adding the following sentence to item 3

"COMMENTS GOING BEYOND THE CATEGORIES CALLED FOR IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES."

Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi. Adopted.

\* Mr. Chernov moved to amend the substitute motion by deleting the words

"IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE," in item 3.

Seconded by Mr. Stern. Adopted.

Mr. Chernov moved to amend the substitute motion by adding the words "if possible" after the words "October 1" in item 4.

Seconded by Mr. Stern. Not adopted.

Mr. McKay moved to amend the substitute motion by changing the word "three" to the word "five" and the word "one" to the word "three" in item 1.

Seconded by Mr. Tipler. Not adopted.

The substitute motion as amended was then adopted.

**\* THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOGNIZES THE INTEREST OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ASCERTAINING THE VIEWS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY REGARDING A REVIEW OF CHANCELLOR O'DOWD PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION ON THE PRESIDENCY OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY. IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF FULL FACULTY CONSULTATION IN THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT, AND TOWARD THE END OF HELPING THE STEERING COMMITTEE GATHER AND TRANSMIT TO THE BOARD AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF FACULTY OPINION IN THIS MATTER, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHALL BE ADOPTED:**

**1. A COMMITTEE OF THREE FACULTY MEMBERS SHALL BE CREATED; IT SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ONE MEMBER FROM THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, ONE FROM THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, AND ONE FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY RESPECTIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.**

**2. THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEFINE "THE FACULTY" AS BEING THAT GROUP WHICH WAS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE RECENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ELECTION.**

**3. THE COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGN AN OPINION QUESTIONNAIRE PERMITTING FACULTY TO COMMUNICATE BY SECRET QUESTIONNAIRE THEIR OPINION ON THE QUESTION. COMMENTS GOING BEYOND THE CATEGORIES CALLED FOR IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

**4. THE COMMITTEE SHALL TALLY THE RESULTS AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE BY OCTOBER 1, TO BE PRESENTED WITHOUT SELECTION OR INTERPRETATION TO THE BOARD, TOGETHER WITH THE RESULTS AND REPORTS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SECTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE. THE CONTENTS OF THESE REPORTS SHALL BE KNOWN ONLY TO THE BODIES WHICH SUBMIT THEM, THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by  
H. N. Stoutenburg  
Secretary  
University Senate

\*Motions and amendments adopted at this meeting.

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