

May 20, 2004

To: University Senate

From: Planning Review Committee

Re: Annual Report

Planning Review Committee and Budget Review Committee, together, met with President Russi, and Provost Moudgil on 11/21/03 to discuss the continuing issue of budget cutbacks and Oakland University's response. The Planning Review Committee subsequently reviewed and re-confirmed the use of the *Core Functions of Oakland University* (see 2003 Planning Review Committee Annual Report to Senate) as guiding principles for budgetary and planning decisions at Oakland University.

We discussed the restructuring of Graduate Study and Sponsored Research that occurred in the Fall of 2003. Provost Moudgil attended our Committee meeting, contributing to this discussion. Planning Review Committee made recommendations to Provost Moudgil which addressed the fact that there were interim leaders in both Graduate Study and Sponsored Research. We expressed the view Oakland University needs, and deserves, strong leadership in both Graduate Study and Research. We recommended that the University should seek two talented, dynamic, full-time leaders for these two important areas of endeavor. We encouraged Provost Moudgil to set a plan in motion to:

1. Articulate and/or affirm a vision for Graduate Study at Oakland University before the end of Winter Semester, 2004
2. Articulate and/or affirm a vision for Research at Oakland University before the end of Winter Semester, 2004
3. Identify appropriate resources to enable aggressive support of the vision in both areas
4. Establish two search committees, one to identify a top-notch leader for Graduate Study, and the other to identify an excellent leader for Research on our campus
5. Establish the administrative structure which would ensure that leaders in these two areas have sufficient authority, and access to campus leadership, to accomplish their mission
6. Aggressively seek to fill both positions with strong leaders to prosecute the vision for their area of responsibility, building accountability into their mandate

We reviewed and recommended, with several suggestions for improvement, approval of *A Proposal for the Renewal of General Education at Oakland University*. This recommendation was forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

Mr. Jack Mehl, Oakland University's Director of Athletics, presented tentative plans to the Planning Review Committee for a baseball/soccer stadium to be built on the site of the current baseball field. This discussion resulted in some positive suggestions for Mr. Mehl and general agreement that the plans were appropriate.

The following members were active this year on PRC: Gladys Cardiff (CAS – English – Winter, 2004), Brian Goslin, Chair (SHS), Frances Jackson (SON), Joel Russell (CAS – Chemistry – Fall, 2003), Anandi Sahu (SBA), Nancy Schmitz (AP Assembly), Laura Schartman (Director of Institutional Research and Assessment), who is a non-voting

member, Robert Stewart (CAS – Psychology), and Dyanne Tracy (SEHS). We did not have an active student member participating this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Review Committee