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Study Committee Formed, Receives Charge

President Joseph E. Champagne has announced the composition of a 12-member Committee on Academic Mission and Priorities.

"This committee, as I indicated in my October 21 address to the community, is as broadly based within the academic community as possible," President Champagne said. "I have charged the committee and asked for its recommendations on or before March 15, 1982."

The nucleus of the committee is the Steering Committee of the University Senate, a group elected by University Senate vote. Additional faculty members have been appointed in order to insure representation from all units offering degree programs. In addition, a student member with extensive experience in student government has been selected, as has the director of alumni relations, who will bring the perspectives of both the alumni and the administrative professional staff to the deliberations of the committee. A representative of the president's office has been appointed to serve as a resource person and to assist in data gathering.

President Champagne has appointed George F. Feeman, Professor of Mathematical Sciences and Acting Associate

Provost, to chair the committee. "With his long record of successful university service in the governance process and his service until very recently as chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, George brings strong faculty and administrative skills to this important task," the president said. "In addition, his membership on the Academic Policy and Planning Committee will permit an appropriate liaison with that committee of the University Senate." Dr. Champagne stressed that the Mission and Priorities Committee is advisory to him.

"The committee must work fairly, thoroughly, and under a considerable amount of time pressure if it is to fulfill its charge. We need the guidance of the committee in preserving the quality of Oakland University in a period of declining real financial resources. I think the members of the committee can carry out the charge and I know they will have the full cooperation of the university community," President Champagne said.

The charge to the committee and a membership list are included in this special edition of the *OU News*.

Additional planning and study groups are being formed to evaluate other areas of the institution.

Committee Charge

WHEREAS Oakland University finds itself in a period of declining real revenues appropriated by the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS students cannot realistically be expected, through increased tuition and fees, to offset in a major way declining real revenues, and

WHEREAS it may reasonably be projected that this condition may persist for several additional years, and

WHEREAS the continued viability of Oakland University in its present configuration is called into serious question and is perhaps made impossible,

THEREFORE, a Committee on Academic Mission and Priorities is herewith established whose charge shall be to:

1. Consider the quality, scope, and enrollment trends of the academic programs of Oakland University;

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2. Ascertain the Oakland University academic "targets of opportunity," such as activities that:
 - a. Exhibit strong present or future student demand, or
 - b. hold promise of substantial opportunity for community public service;
 3. Identify those programs for which:
 - a. existing academic strength matches one or more targets of opportunity, or
 - b. that have achieved or are on the verge of achieving substantial critical acclaim for excellence and/or uniqueness,

and which, therefore, even in a period of extremely restricted resources, should receive fiscal sustenance or, perhaps, new resources at the expense of other programs;

4. Specify those academic activities which need not necessarily hold program (or academic major) status but which are essential to the offering of a degree with any major; and
5. Present to the President on or before March 15, 1982, a report of its conclusions concerning the academic mission of the institution and concerning program priorities for the purpose of better allocating scarce and/or declining resources.

Feeman Chairs Committee

George F. Feeman, chairperson of the committee, has been a member of the faculty since 1969. He is a professor of mathematical sciences and acting associate provost. Feeman served as chairperson of the Department of Mathematical Sciences from 1971 to 1975 and from 1978 to 1981. He was on leave from 1975-1977 as a consultant to the Ministry of Education, HMG of Nepal. He holds the B.S. from Muhlenberg and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Lehigh University.

Charles W. Akers is a professor of history with a Ph.D. from Boston University. He has been a member of the faculty for 15 years.

Nadia E. Boulos, associate professor of nursing, joined the OU faculty in 1976. She holds a B.S.N. from the University of Alexandria, Egypt, the M.S.N. from Wayne State University and the Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Robert H. Bunker, executive assistant to the president and director of institutional planning and analysis, received the B.A. in economics from Rice University and the J.D. from Wayne State University. Bunker has been at OU for 12 years.

Robert J. Christina, associate professor of education, joined the faculty 11 years ago. He holds a B.S. from Bloomsburg State College and the M.S. and Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

James E. Dawson, associate professor of music, has been at OU for eight years. He holds a B.M.E. and M.M. from Northwestern University and the A. Mus. D. from the University of Michigan.

James Green, executive assistant, University Congress, is a senior political science major and in a pre law program. In addition to his congressional duties he has been a member of the President's Ad Hoc Committee on the Organization of the Proposed Medical School and a member of the President's Committee on Recreation and Athletics.

Karl D. Gregory, professor of economics and management, received the B.A. and M.A. from Wayne State University and the Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He has been a member of the faculty for 13 years.

Richard E. Haskell, professor of engineering, is in his 15th year as a member of the OU faculty. Haskell received the B.E.E., M.E.E. and Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Steven R. Miller has been a member of the faculty for 19 years and is an associate professor of chemistry. He earned a B.S. degree from Case Institute of Technology and the Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Joan B. Stinson is director of alumni relations with a B.A. from Oakland University in English, secondary education. She has been a member of the administration for seven months.

J. Lynne Williams, assistant professor and director of the medical technology program, has been at OU three years. Williams has a B.S. in medical technology from Michigan State University and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physiology from Wayne State University.
