



Thursday, September 18, 2003

## OU Senate meetings change location

The **Oakland University Senate** has moved its meeting location from the Oakland Center to Elliott Hall Auditorium, effective with its first meeting of the 2003-2004 academic year on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 3:10 p.m.

The move was made because the auditorium is fully equipped for audio and visual recording and playback. Beginning with the Sept. 18 meeting, video records will be made of Senate meetings for future reference and archival purposes. In addition to its technological features, Elliott Hall Auditorium is comfortable and has excellent acoustics.

As in the past, the Senate secretary also will take minutes at the meetings and publish them for approval.

OU Senate meetings are open to the university community. The Senate serves as a legislative forum that meets monthly during the academic year. It recommends new degree programs to the president and Board of Trustees and must approve the constitutions of the colleges and schools. It also determines academic policies and provides opportunity for public deliberation on issues of importance to the university.

The membership of this all-university governance body includes administrative officers, students and faculty members elected for two-year terms to represent their academic units. Vice President for Academic Affairs Virinder Moudgil is the presiding officer.

Senate members and those attending their meetings are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Senators should occupy the first four rows, leaving the back rows and press area for visitors.
- The first row of chairs has a table with one microphone for every two seats. Senators who expect to have a speaking role, such as members of the Steering Committee introducing motions, may want to take seats in the first row along with the Senate parliamentarian. Wireless microphones also will be available.
- To enhance the quality of the archival record, senators may want to introduce themselves when they speak.

For more information on the Senate including a list of members and committees, visit the **OU Senate** Web site.

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