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Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
L I B R A R Y August 30, 1990
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

Present: Chairman Patricia Hartmann, Trustee Larry Chunovich,
Trustee David Handleman, Trustee Phyllis Law
Googasian, Trustee Ken Morris, Trustee James A.
Sharp, Jr., and Trustee Howard F. Sims

Absent: Trustee Stephan Sharf

Chairman Patricia Hartmann called the meeting to order at 3:10
p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 16, 1990

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Googasian, moved approval
of the minutes of the meeting of August 16, 1990. The motion was
voted on and unanimously carried.

Operating Budget for 1990-91

Mr. Robert McGarry, Vice President for Finance and Administration
and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees, stated that the Operating
Budget for 1990-91 had been reviewed in detail with the Finance
and Personnel Committee. He noted that Oakland has received an
appropriation that totals \$35,110,570 which represents an increase
of slightly over \$1.7 million from 1989-90. The revenue to be
realized from tuition represents \$2.2 million over last year. The
tuition increase approved on August 16 resulted in a \$1.5 million
increase in revenue. The difference is due to an increase of 75
fiscal year equated students which realizes an additional
\$500,000. He noted that the computer technology fee will bring in
an additional \$200,000. The \$500,000 from higher student enroll-
ment and the \$200,000 from the computer fee total \$700,000 which,
when added to the \$1.5 million in increased tuition revenue totals
\$2.2 million. Mr. McGarry noted that the administration is also
requesting an increase in the miscellaneous non-enrollment related
fees which have not been increased since 1982. Mr. McGarry stated
that the total budget expenditure is \$61,880,800, which is almost
\$4 million more than the expenditure level in 1989-90. He noted
that a large portion of the \$4 million is comprised of the compen-
sation increases for employees this year which totaled almost \$3.2
million. Mr. McGarry stated that a new program included in the
budget, totaling approximately \$300,000, is the Multicultural
Diversity Program that the University has implemented under the
Student Affairs division.

Mr. McGarry concluded that expenditures will exceed revenues by approximately \$102,000 which results in a modest deficit due to the fact that tuition was increased at only a 6.48 percent level in line with the Governor's recommendation. The budget had initially been based on a 6.9 percent increase which would have eliminated the proposed deficit. He stated that there is the possibility of an Executive Order cut which would adversely effect the status of the budget.

Trustee Chunovich stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee does not foresee a problem with the deficit of \$102,000, and if past experience prevails, it would probably be covered through savings.

Mr. McGarry then made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 1990-91 General Fund budget at an expenditure level of \$61,880,800.

Trustee Chunovich, seconded by Trustee Handleman, moved approval of the recommendation.

Trustee Chunovich clarified the budget recommendation noting that the expenditures over revenue figure was actually \$950,000 not \$102,000, however, the carryforward from 1989-90 reduces the amount to \$102,000. He also noted that if Oakland had not had a carryforward, another 4 percent tuition increase may have been required to reduce the deficit to approximately \$100,000.

After some brief discussion regarding the need for the inclusion of the miscellaneous fees increase in the general fund budget recommendation, it was determined that the resolution should be changed to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 1990-91 General Fund budget at an expenditure level of \$61,880,800 including the miscellaneous fees as set forth herein.

<u>Fee</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Previous Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Graduation Fee	\$30	\$20	\$10
Late Registration	\$35	\$25	\$10
Diploma Reissue	\$30	\$20	\$10
Unofficial Transcript	\$ 3	n/a	n/a
Transcript Fee	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 2
Same-day Transcript	\$10	n/a	n/a

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Sims, moved approval of the revised recommendation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Adoption of New Undergraduate Program in Secondary Teacher Education

Mr. Keith Kleckner, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, stated that the Board had tabled the undergraduate program in secondary teacher education issue at its August 16 meeting. He noted that this item is being presented to the Board in response to several questions which were raised by the Trustees. He stated that the Board has been provided with a written report indicating the costs of the program and its advantages to the institution and the students. In addition to having a stronger academic background through this program, the students are eligible for a number of financial aid programs to defray additional costs. Mr. Kleckner then briefly reviewed some of the programs. One such program which will be implemented shortly at Oakland defers the repayment amount if the student teaches for up to five years in "impacted" low income school districts. He added that Oakland believes that it can guarantee that resources will be available to support those students who need assistance in order to complete their fifth year of the program.

Dean Gerald Pine of the School of Human and Educational Services stated that the secondary education program proposal has undergone a very thorough review during the past four years. It has been examined by many committees of the University community and has been personally reviewed by Dr. Ernest Boyer, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He noted that the proposal reflects careful deliberation by Oakland faculty who believe its adoption would place Oakland in a leadership position in teacher education. He added that the program also reflects a strong collaboration between the School of Human and Educational Services and the College of Arts and Sciences. Dean Pine then introduced Dean John Urice of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dean Urice stated that he and the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences strongly support this program. He noted that there is student demand for such a program and support from both the students, the faculty and the administration for its implementation. He stated that this type of program "reflects the essence of Oakland." He noted that one cannot look at our society right now and say that we are providing the strongest possible teachers for primary and secondary education. Within this program,

Oakland's mission is to support excellence in teaching and to provide future educational leaders. He reiterated his support and that of the "overwhelming majority" of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Chairman Hartmann thanked Dean Urice and called on Ms. Christie Hicks, a junior at Oakland with a strong interest in the implementation of this program.

Ms. Hicks stated that she had spoken at the August 16, 1990, meeting indicating her feelings regarding the secondary education program. She indicated that she and several students who are awaiting approval of this program have been following its development with a keen interest in its reinstatement. Many students remained at Oakland awaiting the reinstatement, however, some have graduated during the waiting period without secondary education degrees. She spoke of Ms. Lisa Stamps, a recent graduate and recipient of the Matilda R. Wilson Award for 1990. Ms. Hicks discussed the option of transferring to other universities, however, she noted that after two years at any given university, other universities do not accept all of the student's earned credits. If this program is delayed, it becomes more and more difficult to satisfy the course requirements for the program which includes four education classes which must be taken during the first four years of the program. She quoted from a letter to the Oakland Post written in February 1989 by an Oakland student, Mr. John Farstvedt, as follows:

I intend to pursue a secondary education degree and am disappointed with the progress made thus far in getting a program started. I have enjoyed my time at Oakland, but at the pace things are developing, I will most likely have to find another school to pursue my goal. If there is not a sincere interest in getting a program established, I feel it is a serious error in judgment. A university has the responsibility to prepare young people for the future. The most effective way to produce quality college students is to start with quality high school graduates. By training and placing qualified secondary educators in the field, you will in turn have more quality students entering your university. Also, when high school students are considering which college to attend, they often consult the more knowledgeable and successful teachers they have had. If some of these teachers are Oakland alumni, it seems they would highly recommend Oakland as a quality institution that students should consider among their choices. This would be another way of getting more quality students to honor this campus.

In conclusion, I feel a secondary education program would be a definite benefit in educating future college students as well as recruiting more quality students to your campus. I enjoy Oakland and do not wish to leave, but if there is no further progress within the next year, I will be forced to."

Ms. Hicks stated that she had spoken to Mr. Farstvedt recently and found that he did not transfer to another university, however, he is presently pursuing a business degree because he was forced to change his career goal. She indicated that she hoped the Trustees understood the students' feelings regarding the delays in the establishment of this program and their eagerness at the possibility of such a program existing at Oakland in the very near future.

Chairman Hartmann thanked Ms. Hicks for her comments.

Trustee Chunovich stated that he wished to clarify that he is not opposed to a secondary education program at Oakland, however, he must abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest as he is the President of the Michigan Education Association. He noted his disappointment that the program was "abandoned at this University in the first place," and he added that it "ought to be reinstated as promptly as possible." He stated that his concern relates to the requirement of a fifth year of study and that some of the "promises" that the program provides a better education and a "competitive edge" for employment have not been proven true in similar programs.

Trustee Morris stated that he is concerned with the additional tuition cost of \$1,794 for the fifth year of study required by this program. He reviewed a portion of Dean Pine's report which indicates that some school districts have placed interns from other universities on the district salary schedule and provided stipends to them. He expressed his approval of such a system. He asked if it was feasible to request that the school districts pay a stipend to all student teachers from Oakland. He noted that he would like to see the program approved, however, he would also like some assurance that the students will receive assistance in the final year of study.

Dean Pine responded to Trustee Morris by referring to the report submitted to the Trustees regarding financial aid availability for the secondary education fifth year students. He noted that in addition to the financial aid programs which are available, there is also a teacher scholarship for students entering teacher training and a Perkins program which allows for the cancellation of up

to 100 percent of the loan for students who teach in designated impacted low income areas. He also stated that there is a Stafford loan program which defers loan payments. Two of these programs reflect the federal government's interest in attracting people to pursue teaching careers. In developing this program, judgments were not based on speculation. He noted that the report given to the Trustees indicates a ten-year follow up study which has been done on five-year graduates versus four-year graduates. Every report indicates that 90 percent of five-year graduates are able to secure a position within the first year and they have a competitive edge. They enter the teaching profession earlier and remain with it longer.

Ms. Ray-Bledsoe stated that there is no indication that students majoring in education have a higher level of need than students majoring in other areas. She noted that roughly one-third of the students qualify for aid programs.

Mr. Kleckner stated that the secondary education program is not the only program at Oakland University that required more than four years to complete. There are other programs such as Physical Therapy, Medical Laboratory Sciences, and Industrial Health and Safety which take longer than four years to complete. He noted that students in those programs also have access to all financial aid services and are eligible for scholarships. He stated that it is impossible to provide guarantees of scholarships to all students regardless of need. Mr. Kleckner stated that once the student has completed this program, he or she will have achieved the entry level certification teaching requirement in Michigan and will have already done some academic coursework toward the graduate level work required for permanent certification.

Trustee Googasian asked how many graduate credits must a degreed teacher take in order to gain permanent certification. Dean Pine responded that approximately 20 credits were required. Dean Pine stated that some of the credits earned in the program for initial certification can be counted toward a master's degree. Trustee Googasian stated that in that case, she is impressed by the reality of the long term "savings in tuition" for students, since most teachers who are going for permanent certification do obtain master's degrees.

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved approval of the recommendation. Trustees Googasian, Handleman, Hartmann, Morris, Sharp and Sims approved the recommendation. Trustee Chunovich abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

Chairman Hartmann thanked Dean Pine for his persistence and for responding to the Trustees' concerns in a timely fashion. Trustee Sharp-also extended his appreciation.

Trustee Googasian requested that a full report on the status of this program be presented at the August, 1991, Board of Trustees meeting.

Professor Robert Williamson, Department of Physics, stated that he is one of the faculty members of the College of Arts and Sciences who worked with Dean Pine and the School of Human and Educational Services faculty on this program. He stated that Dean Pine has been a "major architect" of the program, and he is extremely proud to have worked with him. He added that Oakland had produced secondary teachers in the past who had majors in their discipline. He noted that most of the faculty will be delighted to learn that the program has been reinstated.

Chairman Hartmann thanked Professor Williamson for his comments.

Other Items that May Come Before the Board

Mr. De Carlo stated that the Trustees have requested a closed session to discuss the legal opinion of counsel regarding the status of the University's property along Squirrel Road and a legal opinion on governance issues. Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act provides that a public body may meet in a closed session for the purpose of reviewing the written legal opinion of counsel. He noted that a roll call vote resulting in six affirmative responses was required to authorize a closed session.

Mr. De Carlo called the vote. Trustees Chunovich, Googasian, Handleman, Hartmann, Morris, Sharp and Sims responded affirmatively.

Trustee Sharp, seconded by Trustee Googasian, moved to recess the open meeting in order to return should any Board action be required. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

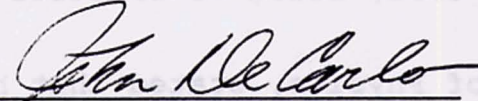
The meeting was recessed at 3:55 p.m.

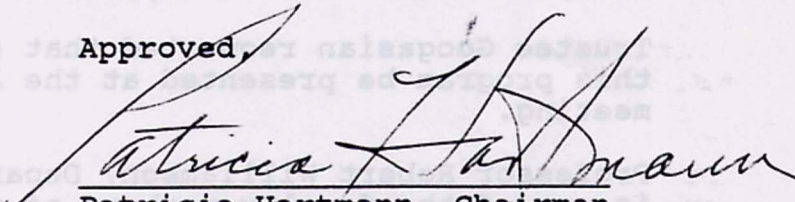
The Trustees returned to the open meeting at 6:26 p.m. Trustee Sims, seconded by Trustee Sharp, moved to adjourn the meeting,

since there was no further business. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,


John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees


Patricia Hartmann, Chairman
Board of Trustees

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