

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP MEETING

September 13, 1965

Present: Messrs. G. Brown, Cammack, Crowder, Dutton, Eklund, Hetenyi, Matthews, O'Dowd, Stoutenburg, Swanson, Varner

Absent: Messrs. Atkinson, Gibson, Hough

Mr. Varner announced the Charles Evans Hughes Lecture Series which will begin February 2. The first program will be presented by Mr. Archibald Cox whose lecture will be entitled "The General Role of the Supreme Court Today." Also present at the first lecture will be Mr. Merlo Pusey. The remaining lectures in the series will be as follows: (a) The Marshall Era--George Haskins; (b) The Taney Era--Carl Swisher; (c) The Taft Era--Alexander Bickel; and (d) The Hughes Era--Paul Freund. At this time only Messrs. Cox, Pusey, and Freund have accepted.

Mr. Varner wanted everyone to be aware that the University does not have a policy barring the hiring of students with beards. This issue was recently raised when a student was turned down on the basis that the University did have such a policy, which is not correct.

Mr. Varner said that at the September Board of Trustees meeting he will request permission to appoint 20 new faculty members for the 1966-67 school year. He then suggested to the academic deans that they proceed in recruiting new faculty members for the next school year and make appointments at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Varner announced that he had received a letter from the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges stating that they would visit Oakland University in the spring of 1966 to review the University's progress and make necessary recommendations for separate accreditation. In the meantime, there will be information provided the University in order to prepare an institutional profile. The letter also indicated that specific arrangements for the visit would be made later.

Mr. Varner discussed the Cammack idea of using Miss Julie Harris as a consultant in the development of our performing arts program. It was thought that because Miss Harris comes from the Detroit area, she might be very interested in helping Oakland University in the field of dramatics.

On September 22 the Mott Foundation is cooperating with the Department of State in presenting a foreign policy conference at Flint for educators, business leaders, and students. Mr. Crowder is organizing the Oakland delegation.

Mr. Varner announced that Oakland County has just awarded the construction contract to change the 5-points entrance to the University. The new access road from I-75 is still being surveyed and studied, and it will be some time yet before the contract is awarded and work will begin on this new entrance to the University.

Mr. Varner will attend a luncheon on September 22 with Mr. Walker Cisler, Chairman of the Board of Detroit Edison, Dr. Keast, President of Wayne State University, and other civic leaders. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a report from the Dotiadis Associates, Inc., who are undertaking a research program for Detroit Edison to identify future growth patterns and potentials in southeastern Michigan.

Mr. O'Dowd reported at the time of this meeting that the fall enrollment figure was 2,061. It is expected that the enrollment will top out about 2,400.

Mr. Hetenyi announced that the U.S. Office of Education will provide \$64,000 for Dr. Harry Hahn's research.

Mr. Hetenyi asked the group present whether they had had any repercussions from the fact that Oakland University has turned down some graduate applicants that have been accepted at other universities in the state. The Chancellor indicated he had not heard anything but was glad to be informed in case he was challenged.

Mr. Cammack stated that the Library is fully staffed for the first time since he has been at Oakland.

The new library information test prepared by Mr. Cammack and a colleague from the University of Hawaii was administered to 1,000 of our new students during Orientation Week in order to determine the students' familiarity with library procedures and resources. As a result of the testing, 230 students have volunteered to take a short course to better prepare them for using the Library. There will be two lectures a week for a 3-week period. At the end of this time these students will be retested.

Mr. Cammack announced that the Library has a backlog of 6,000 volumes, but the processing is moving along at a 1000-volume rate per month.

The work of the Friends of the Library and general interest of people in the community has increased the number of gifts to the Library so that Oakland is receiving in gifts two volumes for every one volume purchased.

Mr. Cammack announced that he has been working with the Oakland Community College librarian and has opened the University's library facilities to the faculty and students of O.C.C. on a guest-card basis.

Mr. Cammack asked that a copy of all University publications be sent to the Library for the University archives.

Mr. Matthews asked for help for the Music Department in locating practice rooms for music majors. Several recommendations included the Library, the poultry house, and the gatehouse. Mr. Collins will pursue each.

Mr. Matthews raised the question about the appointment of Mr. Mischa Mischakoff and three other members of the Detroit Symphony. What has been done and what should be done? Mr. O'Dowd was then asked by the Chancellor to look into this situation as soon as possible.

Mr. Brown reported that total deposits to date are 982 with 444 of this number living in the dormitory.

Mr. Swanson announced that the new parking lot near Wilson Hall will be completed this week. This new lot will increase the total parking places on campus to 800.

Mr. Dutton announced that there were now 790 students living in the dormitories with the possibility that this number might increase to 820. The normal capacity of the dormitories is 688 students. About 40% of the students are tripled.

Meeting adjourned.

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