



# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

## Oakland University Senate

February 17, 2005  
Elliott Hall Auditorium  
3:10 p. m.  
**Agenda**

Respectfully submitted by Virinder Moudgil for the Steering Committee

### A. Information items

The Relationship Between the Detroit Economic Club [Speech](#) and the Cherry Commission Report to the Governor's Budget: President Gary Russi

General Purpose Classrooms: Steve Shablin, George Preisinger

The State of Academics in the Athletic Department and a Facilities Update: Jack Mehl

### B. Roll Call

### C. Approval of [Minutes](#)

### D. Old Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to approve the B. S. with a major in Business Economics.

**MOVED** that the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Business Economics be approved.

Second reading: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote.

Comment: The wording of the motion has been revised so that the name of the degree conforms to standard practice. The Steering Committee requests approval of the reworded substitute motion. Professor Tracy will be present to respond to the questions raised at the January meeting. The [posted proposal document](#) includes minor revisions.

2. Motion from the Steering Committee to fill vacancies on standing committees.

**MOVED** that the Steering Committee may fill vacancies on standing committees

occurring during the academic year. The appointments will be for the rest of the academic year and will be presented as an information item on the next Senate agenda.

Procedural motion: Debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote.

Comment: The revised motion reflects the discussion at the last meeting of the Senate. The Steering Committee requests acceptance of the current motion as a substitute for the one originally moved. The proposal enables the Steering Committee to fill vacancies that occur on standing committees during the academic year for the duration of the academic year. For example, if a person holding a three-year appointment resigns from a standing committee in October of the first year, the Steering Committee would fill the vacancy as soon as possible, but the appointment would expire at the end of the academic year. The remaining two years of the term would then be filled in the normal way. This procedure enables the Steering Committee to fill vacancies quickly at a time when committees may need to be functioning at full strength.

#### E. New Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to create the Student Academic Affairs Committee, a new standing committee of the Senate. (Mr. Russell)

**MOVED** that the Academic and Career Advising Committee and the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee be discontinued and be replaced by the Student Affairs Committee as a standing committee of the Senate effective Fall 2005 with the following charge and membership:

Charge: To promote the academic success of students by considering, evaluating, and recommending policies and procedures in the areas of advising, financial aid, registration, admissions, student life, career development, and any other areas of student academic interest that may be brought before it.

Membership: Six faculty serving staggered three-year terms, one of whom shall be chair; President of Student Congress; one additional undergraduate student; one graduate student; and *ex officio* non-voting members: Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, Dean of Students, and Professional Advisers? Council designee.

First reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: Information Item, Senate, April 15, 2004: "For the past several years, the Academic and Career Advising Committee and the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee have been underutilized. From September 2004 through January 2005, these two committees will meet jointly with several additional appointed members as the *ad hoc* Student Affairs Committee. In January 2005, after this trial period, the Steering Committee may propose making the Student Affairs Committee a Standing Committee of the Senate with expanded charges, replacing the Academic and Career Advising Committee and the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee." The *ad hoc* Student Affairs Committee has met as directed and recommends the new name, charge, and membership list included in this motion. Approving this restructuring at this time

will enable the Steering Committee to nominate faculty members to serve on the Student Academic Affairs Committee for Fall 2005.

F. Good and Welfare

G. Adjournment

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