Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University
Board of Trustees
April 24, 1974

The meeting was called to order by President O'Dowd at 8:30 p.m. in Lounge II of the Oakland Center.

Present: Trustees - Adams, Katke, Lewis, Morris, and Schwartz.

Approval of Minutes of March 30, 1974

On a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Katke, the minutes of the meeting of March 30, 1974, were approved.

Approval of Personnel Actions

President O'Dowd recommended approval of the following personnel actions:

Appointments

Atkins, Donna Apt, Full-time 12-month Visiting Instructor in the Library, effective April 1, 1974, through August 14, 1974

DeMont, Billie (Elliott), Full-time 12-month Assistant Professor of Education and Behavioral Sciences (Allport College) and Assistant Provost, effective August 15, 1974

Varani, Flavio, Full-time 10-month Assistant Professor of Music, effective August 15, 1974

Change of Status

Binkert, Peter J., from Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Classical Languages and Literatures to Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Classical Languages and Literatures and Acting Chairman of the Department of Classical Languages and Literatures, effective April 26, 1974, through June 21, 1974

Leaves of Absence

Arnold, Harvey J., Professor of Mathematics, sabbatical leave effective August 29, 1974, through December 18, 1974, with full pay

Pfeil, Clifford I., Assistant Professor of Music, sabbatical leave effective January 2, 1975, through April 22, 1975, with full pay

Susskind, Norman, Professor of French, sabbatical leave effective August 29, 1974, through December 18, 1974, with full pay

Resignations

Dumas, Joseph S., Assistant Professor of Psychology, effective August 14, 1974

Stephens, Susan A., Assistant Professor of Classics, effective August 14, 1974

Terminations

Black, Cordell W., Special Instructor in French, effective August 14, 1974

Howard, Philip Y., Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, Division of Technical Services, Kresge Library, effective August 14, 1974

Johnson, Carl W., Jr., Instructor in Linguistics and Modern Languages, effective August 14, 1974

Employment Relations Recommendations

Campus Development
Establish position #302, Grounds Specialist, S-21. Position created for the purpose of maintaining special grounds areas of the University.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Adams, that all personnel actions be approved. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants to the University

President O'Dowd recommended acceptance of the following gifts and grants:

I. Grant in support of the Community House Drug Abuse Program, under the direction of Mr. W. D. Epling, Director of the Drug Abuse Program. Period of Performance: January 1, 1974, to December 31, 1974:

Oakland County Board of Auditors, Pontiac	$ 16,690.00

II. Grant in support of the Friends of Teri Yamasaki Award:

Carlson, Ms. Georgine B., Birmingham	25.00

III. Grant to be used as additional support of the second year of the Teacher Corps In-Service Seventh Cycle Training Program, under the direction of Dr. Jacqueline Lougheed, School of Education:

U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C.	3,808.00

IV. Grant in support of the General Scholarship Fund:

Guerrein, Ms. Marceline A., Alexandria, Virginia	50.00

V. Grant in support of the Alumni Athletic Fund:

Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Jack, Orchard Lake	407.30

VI. Grant in support of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery:

Barron, Mr. S. Brooks, Southfield	1,000.00

VII. Grant in support of the general purposes of the University:

Country Mouse (C. F. Spademan), Rochester	180.00
Miscellaneous Donors in memory of Bruce Helmboldt, '71	129.00

VIII. Grant in support of Talent Scholarships:

Corey Van Fleet, Camp Corwood for Boys, Rochester	200.00

IX. Grant in support of Meadow Brook Hall:

The Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York City (Matching contribution of Eric A. Wiltshire for Christmas Walk)	35.00

X. Grant in support of the O.U. Scholarship Fund:

O.U. Scholarship Committee of Macomb County	6,200.00

XI. U. S. Army Natick Laboratories grant to be used in support of Phase II of the project "Moire" Foot Contourer, under the direction of Professor Joseph D. Hovanesian, of the Engineering Department. Period of Performance: April 1, 1974, to September 30, 1974. $ 25,159.00

XII. Grant in support of the Meadow Brook Theatre:

Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S., Birmingham	25.00

XIII. Grants in support of the Meadow Brook Music Festival:

Bavinger, Mr. and Mrs. William F., Jr., Grosse Pointe	50.00
Handleman Company, Detroit	1,000.00
Jeffe, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney D., Bloomfield Hills	15.00
Jospey, Mr. Maxwell, Franklin	50.00
Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Bloomfield Hills	25.00
Madison Electric Company, Detroit	100.00
Sharf, Mr. and Mrs. Stephan, Bloomfield Hills	50.00
Terminal Steel and Equipment Company, Detroit	50.00
Warnock, Mr. Carl, Birmingham	25.00

XIV. Grants in support of the Meadow Brook Music Festival or the Meadow Brook Theatre:

Approved Manufacturing Co., Inc., Farmington	75.00
Areen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E., Birmingham	50.00
Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F., Grosse Pointe Shores	50.00
Citation Tool, Roseville	25.00
Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B.	50.00
Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, Southfield	25.00
Fife Electric Supply Co., Detroit	50.00
Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation, Detroit	100.00
A. A. Geisler Co., Detroit	10.00
Kahle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack E., Birmingham	30.00
S. S. Kresge Co. International Headquarters, Troy	1,000.00
Lapham-Hickey Steel Corporation, Detroit	35.00
Lyijynen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Grosse Pointe Woods	25.00
MacPhail Industrial Sales, Inc., Ferndale	50.00
Marriner, Mr. and Mrs. Philip D., Birmingham	50.00
Mengel Mohawk Company, Detroit	50.00
O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. William M., Grosse Pointe Farms	50.00
Osann, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick, Jr., Birmingham	400.00
Progressive Tool & Industries Co., Southfield	50.00

XIV. Grants in support of the Meadow Brook Music Festival or the Meadow Brook Theatre continued:

Savage, Mr. and Mrs. A. J., Birmingham	$	15.00
Tottis, Mr. and Mrs. Peter, Farmington		25.00
Trent, Mr. and Mrs. J. C., Southfield		20.00
Turland, Mr. and Mrs. William C., Troy		30.00
Vining, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A., Birmingham		100.00
Walco Enterprises, Inc., Warren		50.00
White, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E., Birmingham		35.00
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L., Royal Oak		50.00

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Katke, that the gifts and grants be accepted with appreciation. Motion carried.

Mr. Obear advised the Board that the U.S. Army Natick Laboratories grant in support of the "Moire" Foot Contourer project under the direction of Professor Hovanesian of the Engineering Department was a continuation of a grant received last year.

Mr. Coffman commented that the grant received from the Oakland County Drug Abuse Control Commission, which totals $16,690, is an annual grant for the University's drug abuse counsel facility. This is the second year of funding for this program.

Mr. Katke inquired about the nature of the grant from the Macomb County Scholarship Committee.

President O'Dowd stated that the Oakland University Scholarship Committee of Macomb County donates the proceeds of its "Town Hall" program to the scholarship fund for use primarily by students from Macomb County.

Mr. Katke questioned whether Oakland University has control over these funds.

President O'Dowd indicated that the University, working through the Financial Aid Department, has total control.

Mr. Dearth commented that the Macomb Scholarship Committee has donated over $87,000 to the University.

Mr. Swanson noted that the efforts of the Meadow Brook Festival and Theatre fund-raising activities were also reflected in the gift and grant list. He stated that volunteer committees, working especially for the Meadow

Brook Festival and Theatre under the direction of Mr. De Carlo, have set a goal of $125,000 for this year.

Discussion of New "Student Activities Fee" Proposal

President O'Dowd stated that the Oakland University Student Congress submitted directly to the Board a proposal for the assessment of a student activities fee of 50¢ per credit hour to all undergraduate students. Since this request was directed to the Board, President O'Dowd called upon Mr. Emsley Wyatt, President of the University Congress, for further explanation.

Mr. Wyatt stated that, in his opinion, the proposal was self-explanatory and he would prefer to answer questions or refer the questions to the other representatives of the Student Congress who were present. These included Mr. Henry N. Carnaby, Executive Assistant, University Congress; Mr. Thomas R. Hawn, Chairperson, Student Activities Board; and Mr. Emil R. Knoska, Student Senator, representative of the University Congress.

Mr. Coffman requested recognition and stated that a summary of the issue was necessary. He informed the Board that Michigan State University originally authorized a $2 student activities fee in July 1963. In 1966, the MSU Board authorized an adjustment which had been approved by a student referendum increasing the student activities fee an additional $3, for a total of $5 for students enrolled for ten or more credit hours. In the referendum, 48% of the student body voted; and 82% of those voting approved the increase in fees. The basis for the present student proposal is that full-time students (those carrying an excess of 10 credit hours) are subsidizing part-time students in the area of student activities and programs.

Mr. Coffman added that his staff has not had an opportunity to thoroughly analyze the proposal.

Mr. Lewis inquired about the number of full-time students enrolled at the University.

There was a general discussion on this subject with disagreement between the students and Mr. Coffman on the number of students for the fiscal year quoted. It was generally concluded that 4,968 students with 12 or more credit hours were enrolled in the fall of 1973, with approximately 744 additional students in the category between 10 and 12 credit hours. The figure of 1,202 students was referred to as the part-time student figure. Mr. Coffman stated that the student proposal amounted to 50¢ per credit hour, or a $2-per-class assessment, with the total fee not to exceed $5 per student per semester.

Mr. Lewis inquired as to the benefits received by the students.

Mr. Thomas Hawn reported that films, Student Enterprise Theatre, lectures, and support for clubs were the benefits received. He stated that the budget for clubs for which he was responsible amounted to $10,000 and that this was inadequate to meet their needs.

Mr. Schwartz inquired if there was any argument on behalf of the exemption for part-time students.

Mr. Wyatt responded that originally the part-time student body was very small, but that he saw no basis for exclusion at this time with the large number of part-time students enrolled.

Mr. Coffman stated that the number of part-time students is substantially larger; but he also contended that a larger portion of part-time students do not participate in programs. Many students are working and taking only one or two courses and, consequently, do not have the time to attend student activities.

Mr. Henry Carnaby contended that a large number were transfer and part-time students and that they had the ability to participate if they wished.

Mr. Coffman stated that some elements of the proposal may result in the need for a referendum and if this occurred, the entire fee might be voted down by the student body.

President O'Dowd stated that he did not have a recommendation either for or against the proposal since it was sent directly to the Board. He did question assessing off-campus students.

Mr. Carnaby contested the need for a referendum. The cost of a referendum would be approximately $2,000 which would be added to an existing $1,500 deficit in this account.

Mr. Morris requested further information on the deficit and inquired whether the programs would be available if the fee was not assessed.

President O'Dowd stated that, unless contradicted, he felt that University funds could be expended to cover the programs.

Messrs. De Carlo and Swanson clarified this by stating that such expenditures would not be approved from appropriated funds, but would have to be allocated from tuition, fees, or gift accounts.

President O'Dowd stated the need for clarification on the issue of a referendum. It was his opinion that it should not be concluded that such a referendum is a policy of the current Board. The referendum was required while the University was part of MSU and since all policies have been carried over until amended, it should be clear that this position (on the referendum) has been adopted only by reference.

Mr. Schwartz asked if there was a critical time element regarding this issue. He stated that while he was of the opinion that the proposal, in principle, appeared reasonable, he had some concern regarding the President's statement that certain elements of the student body would be treated unfairly, particularly off-campus students. He suggested that the issue be postponed for a month, with the hope that a joint recommendation could be developed by the administration and the students. He, therefore, moved that a charge to part-time students be approved in principle and that the administration and students resolve their differences, providing that certain classifications be exempted, and that the agreed upon proposal be submitted for the approval of the Board.

President O'Dowd stated a preference for the development of an explicit proposal for submission to the Board at the next meeting rather than an approval of any proposal in principle.

Mr. Corey M. Van Fleet, Jr., Director of Physical Education and Athletics, asked for recognition. He stated that all individuals benefited from student activity programs whether they attend or not since these events generally enhance campus life.

Mr. Lewis inquired as to whether the faculty and staff were required to pay for campus programs.

Mr. Van Fleet responded that they were not exempt and were required to pay.

Mr. Coffman asked for recognition at this point and indicated deep concern about any implementation of the fee proposal without further review. He raised the issue of the mechanics of the registration process which involves dropping and adding courses and the resulting refund procedure.

Mr. Morris moved that he was in agreement in principle to this student proposed concept. He recommended that resolution of these issues be discussed by Mr. Coffman, as well as other appropriate University administrators, and the students. He felt that it was their obligation to work out the specific details on a graduated formula for fees. He further stated that with the problems set forth tonight, it would be impossible to come to a definitive decision. He added that if time was an important element, the issue should be brought back for specific implementation to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Lewis summarized that, apparently, the issue was not one of time and that it had been clearly indicated that the principle of part-time student participation was agreed upon by the Board. The Board should consider the joint recommendation of the students and administration at the next meeting.

Mr. Morris reiterated that there was agreement by the Board members, and that at this point in time, it was the responsibility of the administration and students to come to a specific agreement. If they could not, then the unresolved issue should be referred back to the Board.

There was some discussion with respect to the legality of general delegation of the resolution of this issue to the administration and the student body.

Mr. Schwartz moved to adopt the resolution that the principle of assessing part-time students for a student activities fee was acceptable and that the details for the implementation of a student fee program should be developed by both the administration and students and returned to the Board at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris and carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Lewis moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris and carried.

Mr. Schwartz asked for recognition and stated that it was "good to have the students present to review and argue an issue for which they felt a deep interest and concern." He then thanked the students for their appearance.

Mr. Lewis requested that a future Board agenda should include the appearance of various student organization leaders in order to receive a direct report on their concerns and attitudes about the University.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

John De Carlo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Approved,

Otis M. Smith, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Date ________________

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