



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OAKLAND ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

April 25, 1962

Minutes

PRESENT: Messrs. BEARDSLEE, CUSAK, HADEN, HAMMERLE, HETENYI, HOOPES, MAHER, MARTIN, McKAY, MOBLEY, O'DOWD, POPE, ROOSE, SELLS, STUBBLEFIELD, SWANSON, TOMBOULIAN, VARNER, WILDER, WISNER

ABSENT: Messrs. J. COLLINS, W. COLLINS, FITZSIMMONS, GALLOWAY, HEUBEL, HILDUM, HOLMES, HUCKER, LEWIS, MAHAR, MATTHEWS, OBEAR, RHODE, SCHWAB, SIMMONS, STOUTENBURG, SUSSKIND, TAFOYA, WHITE

GUESTS: Messrs. LINDQUIST, SIMONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Chancellor Vamer. Mr. Varner then commented on several items of interest.

A gift of \$10,000 has been given to the University as part of the estate of Mrs. Louise Tuller Miller. This money will be used to enrich student life on campus. The first planned expenditure is for a micro-bus to provide transportation off the campus for resident students and the construction of 3 or 4 tennis courts behind the Intramural Building.

Motion was made by Mr. Tomboulion, seconded by Mr. Hetenyi, to accept the minutes of the March 23 meeting as submitted. Approved.

Dean O'Dowd presented the report for the Steering Committee. The first item was the charge to the Publications Committee, which had been tabled at the March 9 meeting. Because there were not enough Senate members in attendance to take action on this matter, it was dropped.

Mr. Tomboulion, reporting for the Academic Affairs Committee, moved to adopt the document entitled "Special Policies Concerning Graduation Requirements and University Course Prescriptions for Students Entering Before Fall 1961". (See attachment) Seconded by Mr. Hoopes. Since this and the motions to follow have not been placed before the Senate previously, they will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Mr. Tomboulion moved to adopt item 2-b of the agenda of April 20. Seconded by Mr. Hoopes. This item reads, "(1) A student must have passed 14 courses before he may formally be admitted to Major Standing. It is the student's responsibility to apply for Major Standing before completion of his fourteenth course, using the appropriate procedures. (2) A student may be admitted to Major Standing if he has passed with at least a 2.0 average all courses prerequisite to the major."

Mr. Tomboulia moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes, to adopt item 2-c, "A student must earn at least a 2.0 average in the courses required for a major (applies only to students entering in fall, 1962, and thereafter)".

Mr. Tomboulia moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes, to adopt section 2-d, "No student meeting prescribed qualifications for Major Standing will be rejected by a department without concurrence of the Committee on Instruction". It was the intention that the department would automatically refer rejections to the Committee.

Mr. Tomboulia moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes, that 2-e be adopted, "All references to comprehensive examinations as part of departmental major requirements be removed from the catalog and that the Steering Committee appoint a special committee to study the whole question of comprehensive examinations". A comprehensive examination was defined as one given outside of course work. The intention of the section was to prevent departments from adding new graduation requirements at this point.

Mr. Tomboulia moved, seconded by Mr. Hoopes, to adopt item 2-f, "The I grade may be given only after the thirteenth week in class where a student is unable to complete a course because of severe hardship and where the work already done has been satisfactory up to the time when the grade is given. An I grade does not become official until approved by the Dean of the University. It is not to be considered a way whereby a student may avoid receiving a failing grade in a course". Mr. Hetenyi moved to put a period after hardship, eliminate the rest of that sentence, but keep the remainder of the paragraph. Seconded by Mr. Tomboulia.

Mr. Tomboulia moved to adopt 2-g. Seconded by Mr. Hoopes. "Once a grade has been received by the Registrar, it may be changed only upon written petition of the instructor to the Committee on Instruction and approved by the Committee". The intention of this is to prevent collaboration between students and professors to change grades.

Mr. Hammerle pointed out that some form of departmental probation would be necessary to carry out the provisions of 2-c. The Committee had the intention that the Registrar's Office would have some sort of procedure to take care of this. It was suggested that departments could remove a student from the department under this provision.

Mr. Hammerle moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield.

Special Policies Concerning Graduation Requirements and University Course Prescriptions for Students Entering Before Fall 1961

Because of various problems arising from the conversion of quarter courses to semester courses and because of the limited schedule of course offerings in certain areas, the following policies are proposed for all students entering before Fall 1961.

1. Graduation Requirement Modification

Any student who, because of the transition from the quarter to semester system at MSUO, satisfies all other graduation requirements but has completed less than 31 courses and more than 30.00 courses (or equivalent) be permitted to graduate.

2. Rhetoric and Literature; Western Institutions Requirements

Students who are deficient one quarter's work in these courses should complete the requirement by substituting one appropriate semester's work for the one-quarter deficiency.

3. Foreign Language Requirement

(a) Students who have completed only the first quarter of a language sequence (111 or 211) should take the second semester (115 or 215) of the sequence.

(b) Those who have completed the first two quarters of a sequence (111-112 or 211-212) should take the second semester (115 or 215) of the sequence.

4. Social Science Requirement

(a) Students who have completed a full year of social science but who have not taken political science must satisfy the state political science requirement described in the catalogue.

(b) Those who have completed only one quarter of social science must complete one more semester of social science and satisfy the state political science requirement.

(c) Those who have completed two quarters of social science, including the course in political science, may be considered as having completed the social science requirement.

5. The Arts Requirement

(a) Students who have not completed the requirement for The Arts must complete one semester of the discipline not yet taken.

(b) Those who have completed one quarter of art and one of music will be regarded as having completed the requirement.

6. Area Studies Requirement

Those students who completed the one quarter of area studies in 1960-61 must take one semester of area studies.

7. Science-Mathematics Requirements

(a) Students who have completed three quarters of mathematics or chemistry will be considered to have satisfied the UC science-mathematics prescription.

(b) Those who have completed one quarter of mathematics but who have had no chemistry must take the science semester of the UC science-mathematics sequence and vice versa.

(c) Those who have completed one quarter of mathematics and one quarter of chemistry will be

considered as having satisfied the UC science-mathematics prescription.

N.B. Nothing in the above policies is intended to supersede departmental or program prescriptions concerning requirements for majors.

In cases where the foregoing principles fail to resolve individual problems, petitions should be filed with the Committee on Instruction.

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