

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OAKLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP MEETING

January 31, 1962

PRESENT: Messrs. EKLUND, HOOPES, MATTHEWS, McKAY, O'DOWD, POPE, ROOSE, SELLS, STOUTENBURG, SWANSON, VARNER

ABSENT: Mr. WILDER

Mr. Pope reported a conversation with Mr. Hamilton Stilwell of the Detroit Adventure Series regarding Michigan State University Oakland's participation in this program. It appeared that Mr. Stilwell did not know of our interest and agreed that we should be a participating member. Mr. Pope indicated he will be writing a letter to Mr. Stilwell in the near future reaffirming MSUO's interest in the Detroit Adventure Series.

Hopefully, "Time" magazine will carry a story about Michigan State University Oakland within the next two weeks. Mr. Pope has been working with the "Time's" writer.

The Ford Foundation has responded to Mr. Roose's inquiry for support of the proposed Business Administration program. At the moment the situation does not appear to be too favorable; however, the Ford Foundation has left the door open for further discussions. Mr. Roose plans a trip to New York to pursue this matter.

Mr. Roose announced that Mr. Myron Joseph, a consultant to the business administration program, is now visiting the campus and holding conversations with members of the faculty.

Details of the Science Building dedication on February 10 and the afternoon symposiums were described by Mr. McKay. Approximately two or three hundred individuals are expected to attend.

Building

Mr. McKay reported that the acoustic properties of the Science/ auditoriums are not satisfactory, and it is suggested that a substantial amount of acoustical tile be added in each room. The cost is estimated to be about \$2000.

Winter registration for the Continuing Education division has reached 700, which is ahead of winter term a year ago but 30 percent below the record registration of fall '61.

Mr. Eklund announced that he was starting a number of visitations to other campuses to study their placement program. His first stop will be Michigan State, East Lansing, which is considered by those in the field to be the model set-up in the country.

On Friday, February 2, Dr. David Lowy will be visiting the campus as a candidate for the directorship of the Counseling Center. Dr. Lowy is currently a member of the Connecticut Valley Hospital staff.

Mr. Matthews described a meeting held on campus today to discuss the possible art and/or music symposium for next fall. The consultants brought in to help in the discussions dampened the committee's spirit a bit but indicated a desire to assist.

The dedication of the bookstore will be held on February 23. Mr. Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, will be on campus to deliver a talk as part of the ceremony. Mr. Varner suggested that to insure a good audience for Mr. Cousins it might be advisable to offer this program as a bonus to the holders of tickets for the scholarship "World Report" series; Mr. Eklund asked if this invitation could be extended to the Village Women's Club of Birmingham, and to the Continuing Education mailing list. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Mr. Sells told the group that certain individuals were using the sidewalks to the resident houses as roadways and was creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians. It was suggested by Dean O'Dowd to hire three or four students to take down license numbers of the offenders and have these reported to the Dean of Students office. Mr. Sells would then take the appropriate action.

Mr. Swanson raised the question whether a Saturday mail delivery was necessary to all offices. After a short discussion it was agreed that mail would be delivered to the administrative offices but the mail for the rest of the campus would be left in the secretarial pool of North Foundation Hall. Mr. Varner suggested that this may be a topic for the Senate to discuss at their first meeting.

Effective February 1 the Motor Pool will reduce the charges for a car and driver from 15 cents a mile to 12 cents a mile.

N.B.
Mr. Swanson announced that the Business Office will now deposit the monthly salary checks directly to the Pontiac State Savings Bank, the Community National Bank of Pontiac or the Rochester branch of the Detroit National Bank for faculty and staff members who desired this service. Each individual will be required to complete certain deposit cards before the service can start for them. The question was asked what day the checks would be deposited, and Mr. Swanson said that every effort would be made to deposit them the same day that the checks were received from East Lansing.

Mr. Varner discussed the Governor's recommendation to the Legislature for higher education and said that the MSUO budget had been reduced approximately \$210,000 from the amount requested. Mr. Varner pointed out that there still could be another reduction after the Legislature has had a chance to debate the whole higher education bill.

The Chancellor stated that MSUO's chances of getting President Kennedy for our Commencement speaker were very slight because Mr. Hannah announced that he would like to have President Kennedy for the MSU Commencement this spring, and if this is not possible then for the 1963 graduation ceremony.

Mr. Varner read a letter from Mrs. Nancy Dillon suggesting that MSUO consider a baby sitting service for married women attending MSUO as students. She pointed out that this would be a service to the mothers as well as furnishing work for the resident students if they were interested. Mr. Varner passed Mrs. Dillon's letter on to Mr. Sells for further consideration.

While in Washington this week Mr. Varner invited Mr. G. Seaborg, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, to be the main speaker for the Science Seminar in May. It was discovered that Mr. Seaborg has been invited on May 11 to the University of Michigan for their Honors College Convocation, and because of his very busy schedule he felt it would be necessary to turn MSUO down unless the date of the University of Michigan's program could be adjusted.

Mr. Varner felt that if Mr. Seaborg could not come to MSUO, then possibly Mr. Waterman, Chairman of the National Science Foundation, would be a likely candidate.

Contact was made with Mr. G. Mennen Williams to be the key speaker at the Cultural Internationale. He indicated an interest but was not sure whether his schedule would permit him to participate. Mr. Varner said that if this became the situation, then he would try to get Mr. Nehru, the Indian Ambassador to the United States, to be the speaker; and in case that failed, then one of the African Ambassadors. He felt that Mr. Williams' office could assist in the latter.

Mr. Varner discussed the Federal educational aid legislation as viewed from the Senate's approach to the bill and the House's approach to the bill. It would appear that the strategy is that the Senate is to pass a bill limited to loans and the House a bill involving grants with the expectation that the House-Senate Conference Committee will come up with a recommendation for grants which can be adopted by both Houses without extensive debate. Mr. Varner said that although the President's budget message and other material issued to the press on the legislative program still refers to the administration recommendations for a "facilities loan program", the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has stated its explicit preference for legislation including grants.

The Chancellor asked whether this group would favor a Chancellor's Conference at Haven Hill to include this group and all members of the faculty who were interested to discuss certain matters of interest to the University. A general feeling was to pursue this idea but no recommendations were made at this time.

Meeting adjourned.