

Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
March 13, 1991

Present: Chairman Howard F. Sims and Trustees Larry Chunovich,  
Andrea L. Fischer, Phyllis Law Googasian, David  
Handleman and Stephan Sharf

Absent: Trustees L. Brooks Patterson and James A. Sharp, Jr.

Chairman Howard Sims called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 1991

Trustee David Handleman, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved approval of the proposed minutes of the meeting of February 13, 1991. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to accept Gifts and Grants to Oakland University for the period of January 1, 1991, through January 31, 1991; and Information Report on Gifts and Grants to the Oakland University Foundation for the same period

Mr. David Rodwell, Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs, stated that the gifts and grants to Oakland University for the period of January 1, 1991, through January 31, 1991, totaled \$485,252.90. He noted that the gifts and grants to the Oakland University Foundation for the same period totaled \$13,535.

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Chunovich, moved acceptance of the gifts and grants to Oakland University with appreciation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Faculty Personnel Actions

Mr. Keith Kleckner, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, made the following recommendations:

Appointments

Gilboe, David K., Clinical Instructor in Physical Therapy, effective January 1, 1990, through 14, 1993 (new appointment to an honorary position)

Venkateswaran, Uma Devi, Assistant Professor of Physics, effective August 15, 1991 (replacing a permanent faculty member)

Change of Status

Eliezer, Naomi, from Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences to Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences and Chemistry, effective August 15, 1991, through August 14, 1993

Leave of Absence

Gerulaitis, Leonardas V., Associate Professor of History, sabbatical leave from January 2, 1992, through April 25, 1992 (with full pay)

Ring, Daniel F., Assistant Professor, University Library, sabbatical leave from January 2, 1992, through April 25, 1992 (with full pay)

Resignation

Lorenz, Paul F., Adjunct Professor of Management, effective December 14, 1990

Retirement Withdrawn

Arnold, Harvey J., Professor of Mathematical Sciences, withdrawal of retirement request which was approved by the Board on January 9, 1991. [Retirement deferred one or two semesters at University request so as to provide continuity of leadership in the University's applied statistics program during a search for his replacement.]

Trustee Handleman, seconded by Trustee Stephan Sharf, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Residence Halls Budget and Fees, 1991-92

Ms. Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented a recommendation for a 7.5 percent increase in residence halls room and board rates and a seven percent increase in the Matthews Court Apartments rent. Ms. Ray-Bledsoe noted that the residence halls budget reflects a decrease in freshman enrollment.

Ms. Ray-Bledsoe made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following new residence halls rates:

1. Regular Academic Year Current Room and Board, Nineteen (19)-Meal Plan is \$3,257. Recommended increase is \$243 (7.5%). Total rate for the 1991-92 Academic Year would be \$3,500.
2. Regular Academic Year Current Room and Board, Fourteen (14)-Meal Plan is \$3,122. Recommended increase is \$233 (7.5%). Total rate for the 1991-92 Academic Year would be \$3,355.
3. Regular Academic Year Current Room and Board, Nine (9)-Meal Plan is \$3,027. Recommended increase is \$226 (7.5%). Total rate for the 1991-92 Academic Year would be \$3,253.
4. Regular Academic Year Current Room Only is \$2,053. Recommended increase is \$154 (7.5%). Total rate for the 1991-92 Academic Year would be \$2,218.
5. Current Summer Session Room and Board, Nineteen (19)-Meal Plan is \$827. Recommended increase is \$61 (7.5%). Total rate for Summer 1991 would be \$888.
6. Current Spring Session Room and Board, Fourteen (14)-Meal Plan is \$740. Recommended increase is \$56 (7.5%). Total rate for Spring 1992 would be \$796.
7. Current Summer Session Room Only rate is \$499. Recommended increase is \$37 (7.5%). Total rate for Summer 1991 would be \$536.
8. Current Spring Session Room Only rate is \$518. Recommended increase is \$39 (7.5%). Total rate for Spring 1992 would be \$557.
9. Current Matthews Court Apartment monthly rent is \$375. Recommended increase is \$25 (7.0%). Total monthly apartment rent would be \$400.
10. Current Academic Year Single Room Premium rate is \$480. Recommended increase is \$120 (25%). Total rate for the Academic Year 1991-92 would be \$600.
11. Current Summer Term Single Room Premium rate is \$120. Recommended increase is \$30 (25%). Total rate for the Summer Term 1991 would be \$150.

12. Current Spring Term Single Room Premium rate is \$120. Recommended increase is \$30 (25%). Total rate for the Spring Term 1992 would be \$150.

Trustee Chunovich stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee has reviewed this item, and he moved approval of the recommendation which was seconded by Trustee Handleman.

Trustee Sharf asked if any of the dorm rooms would be closed due to the decrease in residence halls students. Ms. Ray-Bledsoe noted that some offices will be housed in Vandenberg Hall because of the available space. She added that the demand for additional single rooms will also be accommodated.

The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

#### Proposal for the Amendment of the University Student Congress Constitution

Ms. Ray-Bledsoe noted that during the past year the Board had requested that the University Student Congress Constitution should be reviewed and amended in order to provide some flexibility in election dates to avoid the continued need for amendment and Board approval. Ms. Ray-Bledsoe stated that in accordance with this request a student referendum had been held and amendments have been approved by the student body.

Ms. Ray-Bledsoe made the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, a duly constituted referendum has been conducted; and

WHEREAS, a majority of students voting have approved the revisions set forth in the attached copy of the University Student Congress Constitution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees ratifies the amendments to the Oakland University Student Congress Constitution.

(A copy of the amended University Student Congress Constitution is attached to the minutes.) Trustee Phyllis Law Googasian, seconded by Trustee Handleman, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Recommendation to Participate in Telephone Tariff Proceeding

Mr. Kleckner stated that the University provides telephone and billing service to students. He stated that the present telecommunications system directs calls to outside carriers based on "least cost routing." Mr. Kleckner noted that there is a proposal before the Michigan Public Service Commission to change the tariff structure in order to provide students and other second-party telephone users automatic access to outside carriers. This action would result in increased costs to the University due to the necessity for special equipment to accommodate the billing procedures for such a system.

Mr. Kleckner stated that the telecommunications management of the higher education institutions in Michigan have formed the Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association which has filed an intervention petition. The administration recommends that the University protect its interest by participating as an intervenor in the tariff action.

Mr. Kleckner made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees authorizes the University to participate in a Shared Tenant Service tariff action (Michigan Public Service Commission Cases U-9779 and U-9788) by supporting the Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association's intervention in the action; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this action shall be coordinated by the University's General Counsel who shall report periodically to the Board concerning the status and costs of the action.

Trustee Chunovich, seconded by Trustee Fischer, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

Endowment Fund Investment Authority

Mr. Robert McGarry, Vice President for Finance and Administration, stated that in 1988 the Board of Trustees approved the

placement of the University's endowment fund with The Common Fund. The Board also directed that 40 percent of the endowment be placed in bonds and 60 percent be placed with the Strategic Asset Allocation program of The Common Fund. Mr. McGarry stated that the Ad Hoc Investment Committee is concerned with the performance of the Asset Allocation program. In order to provide

investment market flexibility, the Committee has requested that the Board delegate the authority to the Ad Hoc Investment Committee to make changes in the investment account within The Common Fund.

Mr. McGarry then made the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees authorizes the Ad Hoc Investment Committee to shift assets among the options available within The Common Fund in an effort to maximize the institution's return on its investment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that such action may be undertaken by the Vice President for Finance and Administration at the direction of the Ad Hoc Investment Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the full Board will be advised of any action taken by the Ad Hoc Investment Committee under this resolution.

Trustee Sims stated that the Committee is also reviewing the overall performance of The Common Fund.

Trustee Chunovich asked if this action was in compliance with Board policy relative to the University's endowment fund. Trustee Sharf stated that this recommendation remains consistent with Board policy.

President Champagne stated that the Ad Hoc Investment Committee is comprised of Trustees Handleman, Sharf and Sims. He noted that Trustee James A. Sharp, Jr., has been recently appointed to the Committee to replace Trustee Emerita Patricia Hartmann.

Trustee Googasian, seconded by Trustee Sharf, moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

#### Other items that may come before the Board

Mr. Kleckner introduced Dean Howard Witt of the School of Engineering to make a presentation regarding the status of the School and related issues and concerns. He noted that Dean Witt has been a faculty member at Oakland University since 1967.

Dean Witt stated that the School of Engineering and Computer Science is in its 26th year as an academic unit with a threefold mission: to provide instruction, research and public service.

The School seeks to offer distinctive, high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs and strives to produce engineers and computer scientists who have a broad technical and humanistic perspective, high skill levels in their discipline and knowledge in related disciplines, along with knowledge in the liberal arts. He described the distinctive features of the program as relevant laboratory instruction to provide balance between theory and application, design and creative development, and the integration of computer instruction and use throughout the curricula.

Dean Witt stated that the School offers seven baccalaureate programs, four masters programs and a Ph.D. program. The undergraduate programs in computer, electrical, mechanical and systems engineering hold professional accreditation from the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology. The undergraduate computer science program is accredited by the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board. A cooperative education option is available in each of the undergraduate majors.

Dean Witt added that the School is currently organized into three academic departments, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Systems Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. There is also a Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation which represents a working partnership between the University and industry toward enhancing industrial productivity.

He noted that the School is comprised of 36 faculty members and academic administrators. The doctoral program attracts highly qualified faculty with a strong commitment to teaching and research. He stated that the faculty excels in the classroom which is evident by the fact that two of its members, Professors Ka Cheok and Gilbert Wedekind, have received university teaching excellence awards.

Dean Witt then reviewed the enrollment and graduation statistics of the School. He noted that undergraduate enrollment had been declining as a result of a national trend and shift in student interest in other fields, however, the enrollment is presently in an upward trend and includes 25 percent females and 6.5 percent minorities. He added that graduate program enrollments have experienced a steady increase at the master's level. Dean Witt reported that the majority of undergraduates are from the tri-county area and have a strong predisposition to the auto industry. Last year Oakland was the "leading supplier" of engineers and computer scientists for the Ford Motor Company.

Dean Witt stated that the School's mission emphasizes applied research especially in product design, development and manufacturing. He added that the School's faculty members are active in

research and several have gained national and international recognition. He listed the following faculty who have developed programs based on their research: Professors Joseph Hovanesian and Yau Hung in quality and flaw inspection, Professor Gilbert Wedekind in two phase flow phenomena, Professor Nan Loh in robotics, Professor Robert Judd in computer integrated manufacturing, and Professor Janusz Laski in software development and verification.

Dean Witt stated that the strengths of the School are the highly qualified and dedicated faculty, above average student body, enthusiastic alumni, up-to-date academic programs and a favorable location. The School's concerns include the state's inability to fund the School consistent with its mission, inadequate space, insufficient research funding, a shortage of technical support staff, the lack of visibility and appropriate recognition, a shrinking pool of high school graduates interested in engineering and science, low minority enrollment and retention, difficulty in recruiting full-time American born graduate students and aging laboratory and computing equipment. He stated that the School's Planning Committee is developing a strategic plan that addresses these concerns. The School's goals are to increase enrollment and the quality of the instructional programs, to increase the level of research activities, to improve the visibility and reputation of the School and to improve the funding base of the School.

He noted that a Task Force is developing strategies and organizational structures for research and graduate educational interaction between the University, the Oakland Technology Park and neighboring industry. Also, an advisory board composed of industrial leaders provides counsel to the Dean.

Dean Witt outlined the principles that have been developed toward guiding the School in its mission. They include giving high priority to well-established academic programs, preserving an interdisciplinary thrust while maintaining the integrity of the established departments and programs; seeking and allocating additional support for development, expansion and experiments; retaining close student-faculty interaction; seeking the best and brightest students; being energetic and imaginative in pursuing and achieving the University's equal opportunity goals in staffing and enrollment of students; and maintaining a proper balance between the School's several missions.

Dean Witt stated that the School of Engineering and Computer Science faculty and administration is confident "that we are on the right track for preparing our graduates for the challenges of

the 21st century and that we are in harmony with the University objectives of excellence, collaboration and diversity."

Chairman Sims stated that the list of the School's concerns presented by Dean Witt did not fully relate to the list of its goals. He asked what initiatives the School was taking regarding the concerns that fall outside of its goals. Dean Witt stated that in addition to the goals there is a list of priorities where some of the concerns are addressed. He noted that the School's faculty and administrators are preparing a schedule to accomplish these objectives.

Chairman Sims requested supplemental statistical information indicating how the School of Engineering is moving toward its goals and approaching its concerns. Dean Witt stated that those items will be part of the School's strategic plan, and he will forward a copy to the Trustees upon its completion.

Chairman Sims thanked Dean Witt for his presentation.

#### Authorization for a Closed Session

Mr. John De Carlo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Vice President for Governmental Affairs and General Counsel, stated that a closed session has been requested to discuss the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the AFSCME unit. Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act provides that a public body may meet in closed session for this purpose. The meeting would be held immediately after the Board meeting. Mr. De Carlo then requested a roll call vote of the Trustees in order to authorize a closed session. The vote was taken and was unanimous. Mr. De Carlo stated that the meeting would be held in the Meadow Brook Room.

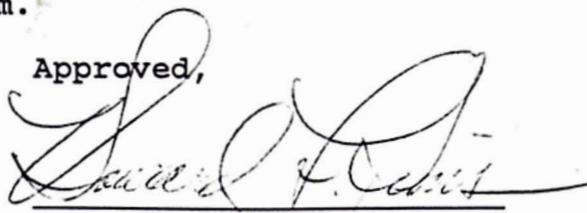
Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Handleman, moved adjournment of the meeting. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted,



John De Carlo, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

Approved,



Howard F. Sims, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

Written and prepared by  
Catherine Gianakura

ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MARCH 13, 1991

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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENT CONGRESS

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Oakland University Student Congress.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the University Student Congress shall be

- i. to provide a central student government, responsive to the needs of Oakland University students;
- ii. to provide for and work to guarantee the integrity and individuality of students in relation to the University;
- iii. to advise the President of the University of accordance with the terms of this Constitution;
- iv. to advocate policies that best serve the students of the University;
- v. to protect and defend the rights of students within the University;
- vi. to provide an official voice for Oakland University students.

Article III Recognition of Authority

The University Student Congress recognizes that the ultimate authority in all areas of University policy lies with the Board of Trustees. The University President, as chief executive and administrator of the University, has the authority to review and act upon all Congressional legislation.

Article IV Membership and Election

- i. The University Student Congress shall be initially composed of twenty-five Congressmembers and one President as follows:
  1. Twenty student members shall be voting and elected at-large by the student body;
  2. Two faculty members shall be voting and selected by the University Senate;
  3. One administrative professional shall be voting and selected by the AP Assembly;
  4. One student president shall be elected at-large by the student body;
  5. The President of Area Hall Council or his/her permanent designee shall be ex-officio and voting member;
  5. ***The President of Residence Hall Council or his/her permanent designee shall be ex-officio and voting member;***
  6. The president of Commuter Council or his/her permanent designee shall be ex-officio and voting member.
  6. ***The President of Commuter Council, if council is active, or his/her designee shall be ex-officio and voting member;***

7. ***A multicultural representative, chosen by the Multicultural Advisory Board, shall be ex-officio and voting member.***

- ii. Additional student members shall be non-voting, while retaining all other rights as Congressmembers, and elected as follows:
1. Candidate must be sponsored by a registered student club or organization which has been so registered for a period of not less than thirty consecutive weeks during which classes are in session;
  2. Candidate must solicit signatures totalling twenty percent of the total number of votes cast in the previous Presidential election or one-hundred, whichever is highest;
  3. Candidate must be nominated following the petition process by a current Congressmember and approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of total voting membership of the University Congress.
  4. Once approved, non-voting members shall not be represented by substitutes or designees and shall be bound by all provisions contained within this Constitution;
  5. No student club or organization shall sponsor more than one representative.
- iii. The University President or his/her designee shall be ex-officio and non-voting member of the University Student Congress.
- iv. The University President or his/her designee shall be an ex-officio and non-voting member of all Congressional committees contained herein and to be provided for subsequent to the adoption of this Constitution except as may be restricted by the University Student Congress.
- v. Any enrolled student on good academic standing shall be eligible to seek and maintain Congressional or Presidential office. Students need not be enrolled during the Spring and Summer terms to maintain Congressional or Presidential office.
- vi. The University Student Congress elections shall be held no earlier than the fourth Monday and following Tuesday and Wednesday in October and no later than the second Monday and following Tuesday and Wednesday in November.
- vi. ***The University Student Congress elections shall be held in the fall semester.***
- vii. Each student enrolled at the time of any election shall have the right to cast one vote for President and twenty votes for Congressmembers. The method of voting shall be one vote per person per congressional seat. No half votes shall be permitted.
- viii. If no presidential candidate shall receive more than one-third of the votes casted for President, the newly-elected Congress shall under the direction of the Committee and Elections Coordinator, meet in special session to choose a President from the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. This special session shall be held during the first week in December.
- viii. ***If no Presidential Candidate shall receive more than one-third of the votes cast for President, the newly-elected Congress shall, under the direction of the Committee and Elections Coordinator,***

**meet in special session to choose a President from the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. This special session shall be held prior to the second week of winter semester.**

#### **Article V Powers of Congress**

**The University Student Congress shall**

- i. have the right to initiate proposals or make recommendations to the University President or any other appropriate agency of the University on all matters relevant to the general welfare of the University;**
- ii. where delegated by the appropriate University officials, have responsibility for recommending, establishing and interpreting University policy in areas of student life;**
- iii. in consultation with appropriate University offices, determine policies and procedures regarding student events and activities sponsored through the Student Activities Fee;**
- iv. share with the University Senate the responsibility for consideration of University policy in areas which involve both academic and student life concerns;**
- v. have the right to take formal notice of any action taken by the University or any representative thereof, and by resolution, to approve or disapprove of such action;**
- vi. in the absence of alternative vehicles, appoint, select or otherwise elect student members of every University governance body and standing ad-hoc committee which provides for student representation;**
- vii. have the right to override a Congress Presidential veto by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members present and voting. This vote must take place a minimum of three, and no more than fifteen, days following the exercise of that veto;**
- viii. at any time, establish standing and ad-hoc committees as the need arises;**
- ix. establish and maintain policies and procedures for the effective operation of all aspects of the University Student Congress;**
- x. in consultation with the Student Life Staff, determine policies and procedures regarding student clubs and organizations;**
- xi. have the authority to investigate and review the actions of student clubs and organizations;**
- xii. advise the University President on all matters he/she wishes to bring before it;**
- xiii. submit recommendations regarding student opinion, prior to the recommendation of the assessment of any non-academic student fee;**
- xiv. in most circumstances, have the right to be consulted on matters of importance to the University student body;**

#### **Article VI Powers of the President**

**University Student Congress President shall**

- i. uphold this Constitution, as well as subsequent legislation adopted by the University Student Congress;**
- ii. have the right to initiate proposals or make recommendations to the University Student Congress;**
- iii. vote at meetings of the University Student Congress only to break a tie;**
- iv. have the right to veto any legislation adopted by the University Student Congress.**

This power must be exercised within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting at which the the legislation was adopted. No Congressional legislation shall become effective until the passage of Congressional legislation shall consent to its insured that time period unless the President shall consent to its insured effectiveness, thereby waving his/her right of veto on that legislation;

- v. appoint members to positions within the Executive Staff subject to majority consent of the University Student Congress;
- vi. have non-voting status on all Congressional committees;
- vii. oversee and periodically report on the fiscal transactions of the University Student Congress;
- viii. call and coordinate an all-campus meeting each September, at which time he/she shall report on all actions of the University Student Congress and his/her comments and proposals;
- viii. call and coordinate two all-campus meetings one held in January and one held in September, at which time he/she shall report on all actions and or goals of the University Student Congress and his/her comments and proposals;**
- ix. provide representation for the University Student Congress and the student body at all appropriate forums and functions;
- x. receive a salary from student fees and allocated by University Student Congress as remuneration for services rendered.

#### Article VII Executive Staff

The University Student Congress Executive Staff shall consist of:

- i. an Executive Assistant whose duties shall be
  - 1. to chair all University Student Congress meetings;
  - 2. to serve as a liaison between the University Student Congress and its President;
  - 3. to act as temporary President of the University Student Congress in the vacancy of that office until Article XII, Section i, is completed.
- ii. a Student Activities Board Chairperson whose duties shall be to uphold the continued operation of the Student Activities Board within the rules and regulations they themselves establish within their Congressionally-approved guidelines;
- iii. a Student Program Board Chairperson whose duties shall be to uphold the continued operation of the Concert Lecture Board within the rules and regulations they themselves establish within their Congressionally-approved guidelines;
- iv. a Committee and Elections Coordinator whose duties shall be to chair the Elections Commission in all student elections, removals and referendums, and to coordinate the placement and operation of student delegations to the Senate,
- v. a financial assistant whose duties shall be to assist the University Student Congress President in the preparation of congressional budgets and to record all congressional financial transactions;
- vi. any other person as the University Student Congress shall so designate through its By-laws.

Further duties may be established within the University Student Congress By-laws.

## Article VIII Committee Structure

The University Student Congress shall have the following Standing Committees:

- i. a Student Activities Board which shall consist of seven members elected by the University Student Congress. The Board shall have the responsibility for whatever portion of the Student Activities Fee that the University Student Congress shall designate. The Board shall have the responsibility to recommend, for Congressional action, proposals governing student clubs and organizations;
- i. a Student Activities Board which shall consist of members elected by the University Student Congress. The Board shall have the responsibility for whatever portion of the Student Activities Fee that the University Student Congress shall designate. The Board shall have the responsibility to recommend, for Congressional action, proposals governing the student clubs and organizations;**
- ii. a Student Program Board which shall consist of seven members elected by the University Student Congress. The Board shall have the responsibility for providing shall have responsibility for whatever portion of the Student Activities Fee that the University Student Congress so designate;
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- iii. an Elections Commission which shall consist of seven members to be elected by the University Student Congress and chaired by the Committee and Elections Coordinator. The Commission shall be charged with supervising, planning, and coordinating all student elections, removals and referendums provided for within this Constitution. The Commission shall have the responsibility to recommend, for Congress action, the procedures for the conducting of such elections. An individual who serves as a member of the Elections Commission shall not be eligible to seek elective office in any election conducted by that Commission in which they participate;
- iii. an Elections Commission which shall consist of members to be elected by the University Student Congress and chaired by the Committee and Elections Coordinator. The Commission shall be charged with supervising, planning, and coordinating all student elections, removals, and referendums provided for within this Constitution. The Commission shall have the responsibility to recommend, for Congress action, the procedures for the conducting of such elections. An individual who serves as a member of the Elections Commission shall not be eligible to seek elective office in any election conducted by that Commission in which they participate;**
- iv. a Steering Committee which shall consist of three members and a chairperson to be elected by the University Student Congress. The chairperson must be a member of the University Student Congress and shall be a non-voting member of the committee. The chairperson shall chair University Student Congress meetings when the Executive Assistant is unable. The Steering Committee shall be responsible for calling the meetings of the University Student Congress.

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Decisions of the University Student Congress shall be subject to Congressional review.

#### **Article IX Relationship with the University Senate**

- i. **The University Student Congress President or his/her designee shall hold a seat on the University Senate. The remainder of the student delegation shall be chosen through an approved election process by the Elections Commission of the University Student Congress;**
- ii. **In the event that the University Student Congress and the University Senate present recommendations not in agreement on the same subject, the University Student Congress may recommend the establishment of equal representation to resolve the differences to the satisfaction of both bodies.**

#### **Article X Removal**

For the purpose of this Article, let "T" equal the total number of valid ballots cast in the previous general election.

- i. **Removal of Congressmembers or the President may be initiated by a majority vote of the University Student Congress or by presentation of a petition containing signatures totalling at least  $0.2T$ .**
- ii. **If the University Student Congress initiates, removal is brought about by a two-thirds vote of the total voting membership of the University Student Congress unless they shall, by majority vote, refer the question to the student body in the manner provided in Section iii of this Article.**
- iii. **If the student body initiates, removal is brought about by a two-thirds vote of the ballots cast provided that at least  $\frac{2}{3}T$  ballots are cast.**

#### **Article XI Referendums**

- i. **University Student Congress may conduct a student referendum on any issue brought before it. A referendum may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting.**
- ii. **The student body may initiate a referendum by obtaining petition signatures totalling not less than one-third of the number of valid ballots cast in the previous general election.**
- iii. **The Elections Commission shall have the responsibility to call this election within three weeks of the culmination of the initiation procedure.**

#### **Article XII Vacancies**

- i. **When the position of University Student Congress President becomes vacant due to resignation or removal, the vacancy must be filled by a Congressionally-nominated person receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership of the University Student Congress.**

- ii. When a student Congressmember position becomes vacant due to resignation or removal, the vacancy must be filled by a congressionally-nominated person receiving a plurality vote of at least two-thirds of the total voting membership of the University Student Congress at that meeting.

**Article XIII Adoption and Amendment of By-laws**

The University Student Congress may adopt or amend its By-laws by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership of the University Student Congress following a first and second reading of the proposed By-laws or amendment at publicly announced meetings of the University Student Congress at least seven days apart.

**Article XIV Amendment Procedure**

Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by

- i. the University Student Congress by
  - 1. conducting a first and second reading of the proposed amendment at publicly announced meetings of the University Student Congress at least seven days apart, and;
  - 2. an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership of the University Student Congress, and;
  - 3. an affirmative vote of three-fifths of those students voting in a student referendum, and;
  - 4. obtaining ratification by the Board of Trustees.
- ii. the student body by
  - 1. the collection of petition signatures totalling two-thirds of the total number of votes cast in the previous Presidential election, and;
  - 2. an affirmative vote of three-fifths of those students voting in a student referendum, and;
  - 3. obtaining ratification by the Board of Trustees.

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