

SENATE

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OAKLAND ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

March 9, 1962

Minutes

<u>PRESENT</u>: Messrs: BEARDSLEE, W. COLLINS, CUSAK, GALLOWAY, HAMMERLE, HETENYI, HEUBEL, HILDUM, HOLMES, HOOPES, HUCKER, LEWIS, MAHAR, MAHER, MARTIN. MATTHEWS, McKAY, OBEAR, O'DOWD. POPE, RHODE, ROOSE, SELLS, SIMMONS, STOUTENBURG, STUBBLEFIELD, SUSSKIND, SWANSON, TAFOYA, TOMBOULIAN, VARNER, WHITE, WILDER, WISNER ABSENT: Messrs: J. COLLINS, FITZSIMMONS, HADEN, MOBLEY, SCHWAB

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 by Chancellor Varner. Action on the minutes of the previous meeting was held in abeyance because many had not yet received them.

Dean O'Dowd said that it had been the intention of the Steering Committee that there be 5 members on the Student Affairs Committee rather than 6 as indicated.

Dean O'Dowd moved that the charge to the Library Committee "to aid the library staff in allocating funds among the academic divisions and the general library fund, to work within each of the divisions for the establishment of acquisition priorities, to serve in an advisory capacity on general library policy, and to maintain a liaison with the student library committee" be approved and that the membership be changed slightly from the Memorandum of February 22 to consist of three faculty members and the University Librarian. The latter will be an *ex officio* member of the Committee and non-voting. It was the intention of the Steering Committee that the Associate Deans and the Librarian be nominated for the first year to have the strongest possible committee and to establish precedence within the divisions. Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield.

Mr. Hucker again raised the question of whether the Senate would be the governing body or whether the administration is the governing body. Dean O'Dowd pointed out that the Senate is an initiating and recommending body to the Chancellor. After further discussion, the motion was <u>adopted.</u>

Dean O'Dowd moved that the charge to the Cultural Programs Committee "to formulate policy for and render advice and assistance to those agencies responsible for the development of cultural programs designed to enrich the intellectual and social life of the University community and its local publics" be adopted. Membership will consist of four faculty members, one professional staff member, and two students. Mr. Varner raised the question of how the students should be selected. The suggestion was made by Mr. Collins that they be appointed pro-tem by the Student Government. Motion adopted.

Dean O'Dowd moved that the charge to the Developmental Programs Committee "to subject all phases of the

University operation to continuous consideration and to reflect imaginatively upon all ways in which MSUO may improve itself. The committee shall make recommendations of programs and policies to the Steering Committee which, in turn, will refer these to the appropriate standing or *ad hoc* committees for detailed study" be adopted. Membership will consist of five members. Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield.

Mr. Hetenyi moved to delete the word imaginatively from the charge. Seconded by Mr. Tomboulian. Not Adopted.

Dean O'Dowd's motion adopted.

Dean O'Dowd moved that the Senate adopt the charge to the Faculty Grants Committee "to recommend and administer policies governing the distribution of an annual faculty supplementary research fund, to receive applications from faculty members, and to make the awards." Membership will consist of four members, including a member from each academic division, and the Dean of the University; the latter will be an *ex officio* member of the committee and non-voting. Seconded by Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Wilder read his memorandum of February 28 to Dean O'Dowd stating the value of having a librarian on the Faculty Grants Committee. Mr. Wilder moved to amend the membership portion of the motion to read "Membership will consist of five members, including a member from each academic division, a librarian, and the Dean of the University". Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi.

Mr. Tomboulian read his memorandum to Dean O'Dowd to the effect that although the committee would consist of three members, one of these should be the Librarian.

Motion made by Mr. Hammerle, seconded by Mr. Hildum, to amend the amendment as follows: the latter two (Dean and librarian) shall be *ex officio* and non-voting. Adopted

Dean O'Dowd's motion with amendments was <u>adopted</u>. The membership of the Faculty Grants Committee will read, "Membership will consist of five members, including a member from each academic division, a librarian, and the Dean of the University; the latter two will be *ex officio* members of the committee and non-voting".

Dean O'Dowd moved that the charge to the Publications Committee "to formulate the policy for and review all University publications other than catalogs and course bulletins, but to include all student publications" be adopted. The Publications Committee should consist of five members, one member of which will be the Director of University Relations. Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield.

Mr. Wilder moved to strike out the word catalogs. Seconded by Mr. Maher. Not adopted.

Mr. Hetenyi asked who had the responsibility for the catalog. Mr. O'Dowd said this belonged to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Mr. Pope proposed an amendment to strike out the first eight words and change to "to advise on" and put a period after course bulletins. Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield. There was considerable discussion about which publications would come under the jurisdiction of the Publications Committee. Mr. Wisner moved to lay the motion on the table. Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield. Adopted

Dean O'Dowd moved that the charge to the Faculty Affairs Committee "to consider general policies, and other matters, of concern to the well being of the faculty and professional staff. The committee is empowered both to consider matters within its competence on its own initiative and as directed by the Senate or appropriate agencies. It

is not the function of the committee to review applications of general University policy to specific individuals." Membership will consist of four faculty and one professional staff member. Seconded by Mr. Hildum. Considerable discussion followed, revolving around the point that the AAUP has a similar committee and the responsibilities would overlap. Mr. Stubblefield moved the question, seconded by Mr. Simmons. <u>Adopted</u>. The original motion was adopted.

Mr. Vamer pointed out that there was one more statement in the memorandum of February 22 that required Senate action. "Chairmen of all standing and *ad hoc*. committees of the Senate shall be members of the Senate and they shall be nominated by the Steering Committee". The Chair called for unanimous consent of the Senate to consider this question immediately. Given. Mr. Wilder moved that the chairmen of all standing and *ad hoc* committees will be nominated by the Steering Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi. <u>Adopted</u>

Dean Sells reported that the Student Government Senate has proposed that if there are not enough petitions of candidacy submitted for the Senate to exceed the number of positions open, that a moratorium would be declared. At the time of his report, there were 16 petitions; 22 candidates were needed by 3:30 p.m. that same afternoon.

Mr. Vamer reported on the insurance problem. The Faculty Affairs Committee at MSU has worked with the American Hospital Plan to provide coverage somewhat similar to that of Blue Cross since Blue Cross is withdrawing their coverage. March 14 is the deadline for signing up with the new plan. Mr. Elliott, a representative of the American Hospital Plan, will meet on March 9th with all those interested in obtaining more information about that plan.

Dean O'Dowd reinstated the previous *ad hoc* committee on health insurance plans to study the insurance problem.

Mr. Vamer commended Mr. Collins on the distinguished performance of the University Chorus at the March 3 concert.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20.

