



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

April 19, 1966

MINUTES

PRESENT: Messrs.: S. Appleton, Beardslee, M. Brown, H. Burdick, Cammack, Chernov, Collins, Button, Galloway, Gibson, Haden, Hammerle, Harding, Hetenyi, Heubel, Hoopes, Lessing, Lowy, McKay, Marz, G. Matthews, Johnson, O'Dowd, Simmons, Stoutenburg, Susskind, Swanson, Brace, Tipler, Vann, Varner, Williamson

ABSENT: Messrs.: G. Brown, Burke, Clarke, Mobley, Pitts, Stubblefield, Brieger

GUESTS: Messrs.: Burner, Daniels, W. Jones, Lynch, Obear, Pino, and Torch

Chancellor Varner called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Mr. Chernov reported that approximately 60 members of the Charter College would spend the winter semester 1967 in Europe. The group would be divided into three equal sections and on a rotating basis would spend time in Mainz, Germany with Dr. Chernov; Paris, France with Dr. Lessing; and Madrid, Spain with Dr. Burdick.

Chancellor Varner discussed the following topics with the Senate:

- a. Current legislative action regarding the 1966-67 budget.
- b. Status of proposed building program -- Performing Arts Building, Central Heating Plant, Social Science-Education Building, and the Biology-Engineering Building.
- c. Decision not to send transcripts to the Draft Boards. (Mr. Vann asked that this information be publicized to the student body.)

Chancellor Varner, after taking time to review the history of the discussions about basketball, announced that basketball will be instituted as an intercollegiate sport in the 1966-67 season. Several members of the Senate spoke to this announcement indicating their concern and dissatisfaction, while others registered support.

Mr. M. Brown moved to accept the minutes of April 6, 1966. Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd. Approved.

Mr. M. Brown moved to accept the minutes of April 12, 1966. Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd.

Mr. Chernov moved to correct the wording in the last sentence of item 5 on page 4 to read: "The

question was called on all four amendments and they, with the new amendment, were adopted." Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd. Approved.

The minutes of April 12, 1966, as corrected were then approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marz moved that the Senate authorize a final vote on the following three motions at this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Beardslee. Adopted.

Mr. Marz moved the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Standing and Baccalaureate Honors that: "The Faculty of Oakland University nominates the undergraduate students named in the attached list to receive the bachelor's degree at the Fourth Spring Commencement on Saturday, April 23, 1966." Seconded by Mr. Dutton. Adopted.

Mr. Marz moved the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Standing and Baccalaureate Honors that: "The Faculty of Oakland University award University Honors to the graduating students named in the attached list." Seconded by Mr. Dutton.

Mr. Marz moved to add the name of Bruce Phillips Cameron to the University Honors list under cum laude. Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd. Adopted.

The original motion re: University Honors with the addition was then adopted.

Mr. Marz moved the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Standing and Baccalaureate Honors that: "The Faculty of Oakland University award Departmental Honors to the graduating students named in the attached list." Seconded by Mr. Dutton.

Mr. Marz moved to add the name of Bruce Phillips Cameron to the Departmental Honors list under Area Studies. Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd. Adopted.

Mr. Hoopes moved to add the name of Phyllis Jane Vallier to the Departmental Honors list under English. Seconded by Mr. M. Brown. Adopted.

The original motion re: Departmental Honors with the additions was then adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. O'Dowd, for the Steering Committee, reintroduced the motion made by Mr. Hetenyi at the April 6, meeting of the Senate which was previously seconded by Mr. Matthews:

The Committee on Instruction is instructed to reconsider all variable credit courses from the viewpoint of keeping them in line with the spirit of the Hucker Plan.

Comment:

This motion would have the effect of retaining the four credit unit in all cases of regular courses, UC and departmental, and interpret the leeway proposed to permit low credit courses for such areas as chorus, computer programming, etc.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Simmons, for the Academic Affairs Committee, introduced a revised version of the second part of Mr. Hetenyi's motion of April 6. After consultation between Mr. Hetenyi and the Committee, it was agreed to amend the requirements for the field distribution courses under the new curriculum plan as follows;

- F. Science and Mathematics: 12 credits
OR Science and/or Mathematics: 8 credits

A student choosing this option will then take an additional four credits under Part C, Fine Arts, in which case the requirement under C would be Art and Music.

This motion was previously seconded by Mr. Matthews who seconded the revised version.

Comment:

For the student who ordinarily would take courses in Mathematics and Science in the pursuit of his major and 12 credits would be satisfied by his departmental courses and he would only need to take the four credits in Art or Music. For the non-science oriented Liberal Arts student who does not wish to complete the full 12 credits in Science and Mathematics, we offer the option of satisfying this requirement with 8 credits of course work in Science and/or Mathematics and taking the additional four credits under Fine Arts.

Mr. O'Dowd, for the Steering Committee, moved to amend (in the light of Senate action at the meeting of April 12, which stated that parenthetical statements qualifying the field-distribution requirements in the Hucker legislation would be descriptive and not prescriptive) that the words, "in which case the requirements under C would be Art and Music," be dropped from the revised Hetenyi motion. Seconded by Mr. Heubel. Not adopted.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the revised motion to delete the words, "and/or," and substitute the words, "and when desirable mathematics." Seconded by Mr. Chernob. Not adopted.

Mr. Chernob moved to amend the revised motion to delete the words, "in which case the requirement under C would be Art and Music," and substitute the words, "but not in the same subject discipline." Seconded by Mr. Lessing. Not adopted.

The main motion was then adopted.

Mr. Simmons reintroduced the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, previously seconded by Mr. Lowy, to authorize a course in Geography to be offered beginning fall semester 1966.

A course in Geography is authorized to be offered beginning fall semester 1966 for the benefit of students who wish to become better acquainted with the influence of relief, climate, and natural resources on the life, movement and history of man.

Adopted.

Mr. Hammerle moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Chernow. Adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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