



# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

## **Oakland University Senate**

17 January 2008  
Oakland Center Gold Rooms  
3:10 p.m.

### ***Agenda***

Respectfully submitted by Virinder Moudgil for the Steering Committee

#### **A. Informational Items**

1. Update on *ad hoc* committee to study new program approval process - Mr. Severson
2. Update on First Year Experience - Ms. Awbrey
3. Summer Calendar - Ms. Snyder, Mr. Shablin

#### **B. Roll Call**

Approval of the [minutes](#) of 15 November 2007

#### **C. Old Business**

None

#### **D. New Business**

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to approve changes in the membership of the General Education Committee. (Mr. Murphy)

**MOVED** that the membership of the General Education Committee consist of the following:

Nine faculty members, one of whom shall be chair, and one student; *ex officio* and non-voting: the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, a representative from the Advising Steering Committee, the Registrar or designee, and the Director of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment or designee.

Comment: This would add the Director of OIRA or designee as a permanent, non-voting member. The OIRA director has been assisting the GEC informally for years, advising on assessment and enrollment issues. Because of the complex and changing assessment issues that the GEC works on, an OIRA representative is a logical and necessary addition to the permanent composition of the GEC.

First reading: debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

2. Motion from the Steering Committee to recommend approval of changes to the undergraduate degree requirements for second degree students. (Ms. Bhargava)

**MOVED** that a student who has completed an undergraduate degree at a regionally accredited institution (including Oakland University) is not required to complete Oakland University's general education requirements for the second bachelor's degree. A student who has completed a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an international university will have his or her transcript evaluated to determine what general education courses at OU will be required.

Comment: The current policy mandates that a student seeking a second undergraduate degree at Oakland complete the general education requirements - essentially requiring these students to repeat a general education program. Because of the intense, and in some cases unique, nature of OU's general education requirement, this requirement adds significantly to the burden of second-degree students and likely serves as a deterrent to some students who might return to pursue a second undergraduate degree.

First reading: debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

3. Procedural motion from the Steering Committee to staff senate standing committees: (Ms. Williams)

**MOVED** that the persons below be appointed to the committee designated:

**SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Mary Mittelstaedt (SON) - Winter 2008 (replace Jay Meehan)

**ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

Pat Piskulich (CAS - Political Science) - Winter 2008-2009 (replace Madelyn Kissock)

Chris Clason (CAS - Modern Languages & Literatures) - Winter 2008 (replace Fran Meuser)

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Youngjoo Kim (SEHS) - Winter 2008-2009 (replace Marilyn Mouradjian)

**SENATE PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Richard Rozek (SHS) - Chair, Winter 2008

Jim Serocki (SBA) - Winter 2008 (replace Mary Stein)

**UCUI**

Harvey Qu (CAS - Mathematics) - Winter 2008-2009

Procedural motion: debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote.

E. Good and Welfare

NOTE: Current vacancies on standing committees:

General Education Committee - 1 vacancy through 2009

UCUI - 1 vacancy Arts and Humanities, 1 vacancy Social Sciences - through 2010

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