



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

SENATE

**Oakland University Senate**

February 15, 1966

*Minutes*

PRESENT: Messrs. S. Appleton, Beardslee, Brieger, M. Brown, Chernow, Clarke, Haden, Hammerle, Hetenyi, Heubel, Lowy, Marz, G. Matthews, O'Dowd, Pitts, Stoutenburg, Swanson, Tipler, Varner, Williamson

ABSENT: Messrs. G. Brown, H. Burdick, Burke, Cammack, Collins, Dutton, Galloway, Gibson, Harding, Hoopes, Lessing McKay, Johnson, Mobley, Simmons, Brace, Stubblefield, Susskind, Vann

GUESTS: Messrs. J. Appleton, Atkinson, Bruner, Crowder, Jones, Lepley, McKay, Obear, Starr, Torch

Chancellor Varner called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Chancellor Varner discussed the following topics with the Senate:

- A. The Governor's budget recommendation for the 1966-67 school year.
- B. The new construction which the legislature is now considering;
  - 1. Engineering Building
  - 2. Performing Arts Classroom-Office Building
  - 3. Central Heating Plant
  - 4. Education-Social Science Classroom-Office Building
- C. The probable increase in room and board rates this fall.
- D. The appointment of Glen Paulsen as Campus Planner.
- E. The names of Dr. Stahl, Dr. Meselson, and Mr. Kyes for honorary doctorates at the April graduation and the names of Messrs, Fulbright and McNamara for commencement speakers.
- F. The status of the several grants being sought by the University.
- G. The visit of the North Central Accreditation team in late March.
- H. The reasons for the delay in launching the Performing Arts program this fall.

Mr. Hetenyi moved to accept the minutes of January 12, 1966.

Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd.

Mr. M. Brown moved to correct the minutes by substituting the following wording for the last paragraph on page 3.

Seconded by Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Brown moved to amend Article II by adding "or for release" to the end of the sentence and to substitute the word "Senate" for the word "committee" in Article VII.

Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield. Adopted.

The correction was adopted.

Mr. McKay requested that his name be removed from the guest present list to the Senate member present list at the January 12 meeting.

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pitts reintroduced the recommendation of the Athletic Policy Committee, previously seconded by Mr. Hoopes, to authorize basketball as an intercollegiate sport for a trial period of three years.

The following items were covered during the discussion on this motion.

- a. Mr. Chernow read a statement left by Mr. Burke stating his concern about basketball as an intercollegiate sport at Oakland University.
- b. A senator asked when the three-year trial period would begin. (Answer; playing season, 1966-67.)
- c. A senator indicated his desire to see more support for basketball from the student body before the Senate was asked to vote on this motion.
- d. A senator asked the approximate cost of an intercollegiate program in basketball. (Answer: Mr. Lepley estimated the cost to be about \$2,000 the first year, \$1,500 the second year, and \$1,500 the third year.)
- e. A senator asked how many new staff members will be needed. (Answer; Mr. Lepley stated that no new staff members would be necessary.)
- f. Several senators stated what they considered to be the advantages or disadvantages to the University if basketball was adopted as an intercollegiate sport.

Mr. Haden moved to return the motion to the Athletic Policy Committee to add a procedure for evaluating the three-year trial period.

Seconded by Mr. Chernov. Not adopted.

After more discussion and questions similar to those already listed, the question was called and the recommendation of the Athletic Policy Committee was not adopted.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lowy moved the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction to adopt the following motion:

#### COURSE PROFICIENCY

Any student giving evidence of proficiency in a course in which he is not registered may be granted permission to demonstrate this proficiency upon petition to the appropriate department chairman or program director. If the results are satisfactory, he may receive exemption from this course but will receive no academic credit or grade for the course. (The failure to grant credit does not apply to courses completed in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board.)

In exceptional cases and upon recommendation from the chairman or program director, the Committee on Instruction may award credit, provided that such credit does not exceed 20 percent of the credits earned for a degree at Oakland. The credit will be entered in the "transfer credit" column on the student's record.

Seconded by Mr. Marz. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to approve the following changes in the membership of the Committee on Instruction;

Mr. Lowy as chairman to replace Mr. Tombouljian currently on Sabbatical leave, Mr. Davis to replace Mr. Tombouljian as a member of the committee, and Mr. DuBruck to replace Mr. Moeller who is unable to be active in the committee because of his teaching schedule.

Seconded by Mr. Williamson. Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to adopt the following motion:

#### Committee on University Government

1. A ten-member committee will be established for the purpose of recommending a new organization for the governance of the University.
2. The committee will be chaired by the Chancellor.

3. The membership of the committee will consist of the Chancellor, five members of the faculty nominated by the Steering Committee and approved by the Senate, and four members appointed by the Chancellor.

4. Before the new organizational document or constitution is presented for action of the Board of Trustees, it must be:

a. Reviewed by all faculty and staff at an open hearing, and

b. ratified by the majority of all members present and voting at a meeting of the body consisting of the Academic Senate, tenured faculty members who are not senators, and department chairmen who are neither senators nor tenured members of the faculty. This body will have the authority to accept or reject the document; it may not amend the organizational document.

Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. O'Dowd moved for the Steering Committee the following nominations to serve on the Committee on University Government:

Professor Richard Brace  
Professor James Haden  
Professor William Hammerle  
Professor Edward Heubel  
Professor Rubin Torch

Seconded by Mr. Marz. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to adopt the following motion to guide the Committee on Faculty Government:

It is the sense of the Senate that some student representation in making decisions affecting the welfare of the University is desirable. Consequently, the Committee on Faculty Government is requested to give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of including some student representation in the new University Senate.

Seconded by Mr. Swanson. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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