



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

3rd Meeting
December 15, 1971

MINUTES

PRESENT: A quorum

ABSENT: Messrs. Brieger, Cafone, Coon, Dovaras, Gibson, Harding, Hill, Howes, Seeber, Schultz and Torgoff

In informal comments before the meeting was called to order, President O'Dowd announced that the Student Congress had appointed three representatives to the University Senate, namely, Messrs. Arthur Cook and Mark Silverberg and Ms. Marianne Berry.

President O'Dowd called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. .

A. OLD BUSINESS

* 1. The motion THAT THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT BE CHANGED FROM "THE SATURDAY AFTER MEMORIAL DAY" to "THE WEEKEND AFTER MEMORIAL DAY", introduced at the previous meeting and eligible for final vote at this meeting, was unanimously approved.

2. Mr. Schultz, who had earlier proposed a constitutional amendment broadening student representation in the Senate, amended his original proposal so that the motion under consideration read:

ARTICLE V, section i, OF THE UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTION SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS- THE SENTENCE "THREE SENATORS SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE STUDENTS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY" SHALL BE CHANGED TO "THE STUDENTS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SHALL ELECT 17 SENATORS."

After considerable discussion, Senator Silverberg called for a roll call vote and Senator Hetenyi called for a secret ballot. This was followed by Senator Beardman's call for a vote by hand count. After a period of considerable parliamentary confusion. Senators Silverberg and Hetenyi withdrew their requests. The count of hands produced 21 for, 22 against the proposed constitutional amendment. Motion failed.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. a. Mr. Williamson moved THAT THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS ON THE DECEMBER 15 AGENDA [B 1-5] BE MADE ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL VOTE AT THIS MEETING. Seconded by Ms. Tripp. Approved unanimously.

b. Professor Williamson moved that the charges and membership specifications for the Admissions Committee and the Financial Aids Committee as listed in the December 15 meeting agenda be adopted. Seconded by Professor Marz. Senator Light moved to amend the statement of membership for each of the committees to include two non-specified A-P members. Seconded by Senator Woodard. Amendment failed on a voice vote.

Chairman Burke moved that the distinction between voting and nonvoting members be deleted and that all committee members be accorded full voting rights. Seconded by Vice President Appleton.

Motion failed on a voice vote.

* On a voice vote, the main motion establishing the Admissions Committee and the Financial Aids Committee was approved.

* c. Mr. Williamson moved the establishment of a University Planning Committee with charge and membership as specified in the meeting agenda. Seconded by Dean Hetenyi. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

* d. Mr. Williamson moved the establishment of a Spring and Summer Session Committee with charge and membership as indicated in the December 15 meeting agenda. Seconded by Dean Hetenyi. Mr. Light moved to amend the statement of membership to add three administrative-professionals in addition to those named by title. Seconded by Senator Woodard. This amendment passed on a voice vote.

The main motion as amended was then passed on a voice vote.

* e. Mr. Williamson moved that the charge and membership specifications for the Campus Environment Committee as listed in the December 15 meeting agenda be adopted. Seconded by Professor Chernov. Motion passed on a voice vote.

2. b. Vice President O'bear moved

THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT O'DOWD THAT A HEARING OFFICER WITH SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE BE APPOINTED TO ADJUDICATE CASES OF STUDENT CONDUCT INVOLVING SERIOUS INJURY TO PERSONS, OR THEFT OF OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR SUCH OTHER CASES THE PRESIDENT SHALL CHOOSE TO SUBMIT TO THE HEARING OFFICER. IN SUCH CASES THE HEARING OFFICER SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY IN LIEU OF THE STUDENT CONDUCT COMMITTEE.

Motion was seconded by Senator Beardman. This was a first reading of this motion. There was essentially no discussion on this motion due to an urgently felt need on the part of some of the membership to adjourn.

Professor Heubel moved adjournment at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried as indicated by the departure of the members.

Submitted by
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University Senate

*Motions and amendments adopted at this meeting

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