

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP MEETING

January 3, 1966

Present: Messrs. Cammack, Crowder, Eklund, Gibson, Hetenyi, Hough, Matthews, O'Dowd, Stoutenburg, Swanson, Varner

Absent: Messrs. Atkinson, G. Brown, Dutton

Guest: Mr. David Johnston

Chancellor Varner announced that the North Central Association accrediting team tentatively plans to visit Oakland University during the second week in May.

Chancellor Varner has tentatively arranged with Dr. Larry Witt, Michigan State University, to have Mr. Albert Ravenholt from the American University Field Staff visit Oakland University on January 26. Dr. Ravenholt is a Far Eastern Area Studies scholar who will lecture to the total University community as well as meet with the Area Studies faculty. Mr. Dutton will be asked to organize Mr. Ravenholt's schedule.

Chancellor Varner announced that the University has received a modest sum of money and negotiable instruments from the Oakland University Foundation members as a result of a recent solicitation letter.

The National Institute of Health Site Visitation Committee will be on campus January 26.

Mr. Matthews relayed a question of Mr. Carl Vann regarding the University providing a bus for students to attend the Charles Evans Hughes Lectures at the Rackham Building in Detroit. The first lecture is scheduled for February 2. Chancellor Varner indicated that Mr. Vann should contact Messrs. Dutton, O'Dowd, and Swanson to determine the feasibility of this request.

Mr. Cammack expressed his appreciation to the Alumni Council for their recent \$2200 gift to the Kresge Library.

Mr. Cammack, in answer to a question from Chancellor Varner, stated that book losses are estimated at \$8,000 a year annually.

Mr. Hetenyi asked about the state of negotiation with the Mott Foundation regarding renewal of the \$132,000 grant. Chancellor Varner indicated that the grant will be renewed for this year and that the program will continue at approximately the same level. There is hope that the English Fellowship program can be doubled with some expansion in the community school operation, the economic development program, and the cultural enrichment program.

Mr. Hetenyi asked about the progress of the remodeling in the Kresge Library as it related to the Reading Center. Mr. O'Dowd indicated further information will be available on this matter in the near future, but there was nothing to report specifically at this time.

Mr. Gibson stated that he has hired Mr. Gilbert Wedekind, professor in Engineering, who will be on campus in the next two weeks. Mr. Gibson announced that next week the senior engineering students will begin a study of the mass transportation problems in Detroit.

Mr. Matthews reported that information coming to him from the professional meetings indicates that recruiting in mathematics is very difficult while there are for the first time several potential candidates in Spanish. Also, he stated that there are indications that fringe benefits will become a more important item in recruiting in the near future, particularly at the higher academic ranks.

Mr. Eklund stated that President Curtis Tarr of Lawrence College will visit Oakland University on February 2, to discuss alumni education. Because this date also is the beginning of the Charles Evans Hughes Lectures, the Chancellor suggested that it would be best if President Tarr and his colleagues could arrive on the evening of February 1, in order to reduce the pressure of having two groups on campus February 2.

Mr. Hough announced that he will be sending to the National Science Foundation a proposal for \$25,000 to support undergraduate equipment in the IBM and computer area for the Social Sciences. The original plan is to establish a statistics lab and then move into research.

Mr. Hough reported that the recruiting for Economic faculty members is very difficult and it appears that it will continue for some time into the future.

Mr. O'Dowd announced an open meeting of the Senate on January 6, to review the proposal of the Athletic Committee.

The next Senate meeting will be on January 12 to approve the December 1965 candidates for a bachelor's degree.

Mr. O'Dowd announced that planning for a new classroom-office building for completion in 1968 will receive considerable attention in the immediate future. It is thought that this building will ultimately become a performing arts building.

Meeting adjourned.

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