

YEAR -END REPORT FROM THE
COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

First:

The single biggest issue of concern to the Committee this year has been access to the campus by handicapped students. This topic dominated the agenda at three meetings and will continue into the 1985-86 year. At its last meeting, held on April 10, 1985 the committee adopted a resolution to support the recommendations of the 1985 Handicap Student Concerns Committee presented to President Champagne by Lisa Binsfeld. Ms. Binsfeld has agreed to work with the Campus Development and Environment Committee in the Fall to pursue action by the University on these recommendations.

It was further recommended that at least one representative of the Handicap Student Concerns Committee be a member of the University Committee in the Fall.

Second:

The committee is also recommending that the Handicapped parking area serving O'Dowd Hall on the East side of the building be re-designed and enlarged. Testimony was taken from Lt. Gilroy of Campus Security regarding this "serious mistake". In Lt. Gilroy's words... "The area is so poorly engineered, we have created an additional problem for persons in Vans, not solved one".

Third

There was concern expressed by the committee about how buildings on campus are placed. That is, who decides where a new building is erected and what safeguards are in place to consider environmental and aesthetic concerns.

The new "Salt Storage Building" was a point in question. It is the committee's understanding that the placement of this structure is not as indicated in verbal requests by Mr. Canton's office.

It is proposed a formal policy be adopted by Oakland University which requires plans for all proposed new structures and modifications to existing structures including land scaping changes be submitted to the Campus Development and Environment Committee for recommendations and studied before construction begins and that it be a requirement of the University that those recommendations be considered before the adoption of final plans for any change in the campus environment. It is further recommended that the University should be required to submit, in writing, reasons for not following recommendations tenured by the Committee if such situations should arise.

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