



# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

## Oakland University Senate

November 28, 1967

### *MINUTES*

PRESENT: Mr. Atkinson, Miss Attwood, Messrs. Burdick, Burke, Butler, Chernov, Dutton, Galloway, Gerulaitis, Gibson, Harding, Hetenyi, Hoopes, Howes, Iodice, Johnson, Miss Juth, Messrs. Kleckner, Langer, Lowy, Matthews, McKay, Norris, O'Dowd, Righter, Shank, Stoutenburg, Susskind, Swanson, Tombouljian, Torch, Varner, Williamson, Mrs. White.

ABSENT: Messrs. S. Appleton, Cafone, Davis, Fernald, Hahn, Hanmerle, Hough, Kent, Linsalata, Lyons, Pino.

GUEST: Mr. Troy Crowder

Chancellor Varner called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

The Chancellor read a prepared statement regarding the plagiarism hearing scheduled for November 21, involving Mr. Mascitelli and one of his students. The matter was satisfactorily resolved without the formal hearing.

Mr. McKay asked what, if anything, can be taken off of the official record card. Mr. Atkinson answered that nothing officially entered on the record card is taken off, but if there is an official change authorized, a single ink line is drawn through the previous entry, but there is never an erasure of a typed or inked entry.

Mr. McKay asked whether the Placement Counsel had met to discuss the open hearing regarding military recruiters using Placement Office facilities. Mr. O'Dowd stated that the Counsel is scheduled to meet on December 6, to take up the matter.

In answer to Mr. Chernov's question regarding faculty appointments to the Commission on Student Life, Mr. Howes stated that some faculty vacancies still exist, but that the Commission has been considering substantive matters when the Commission has a quorum.

Mr. Johnson moved to accept the minutes of November 15. Seconded by Mrs. White.

Mr. Hoopes asked that the last sentence page 2 of the minutes be corrected to indicate his concern was not with changing the name of the College of Arts and Sciences but that his comment was directed toward changing the word "college" in the name.

The minutes with the correction were adopted.

Chancellor Varner appointed Mr. Burke parliamentarian for this meeting.

Mr. O'Dowd moved to amend his motion of November 15, regarding the charges and memberships specifications of the standing committees to read, "The Senate approves the charges and membership specifications of the standing committees listed in the attached sheets, with the following amendments advanced by the Steering Committee:

1. Change the title of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to Athletics Committee.
2. Change the membership of the Graduate Study Committee from five members to six members.
3. Change the membership of the Library Committee from two members-at-large to three members-at-large; and
4. Change the membership of the Research Committee by adding the chief administrative officer for research, who is *ex officio* and non-voting."

Seconded by Mr. Righter. Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd's original November 15 motion, previously seconded by Mr. Righter, with the amendment was adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd moved to amend his original motion of November 15, regarding nominees to the standing committees of the Senate to read, "The Senate appoints the nominees listed in the attachment to standing committees of the Senate, including the following changes suggested by the Steering Committee:

1. On Admissions and Financial Aids, replace Tucker with Coffman;
2. On Library add Boddy;
3. On Graduate Study add Butler;
4. On Research add Pino."

Seconded by Mr. Righter. Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd restated his original motion of November 15, previously seconded by Mr. Righter.

Mr. Burke asked if it would not be better to have another member from the English Department on the Student Publications Committee. Mr. O'Dowd answered that this committee may assign the responsibility to pass on student publications policy if the question of content arises. Mr. Susskind stated his support of Mr. Burke's concern but said that he would accept the nominated membership if the Committee would involve a consultant in matters dealing with the content. Mr. Lowy explained that in the past the Committee had steered away from acceptance or rejection of content.

Mr. Norris voiced his concern about the definition of the word "research" as used in the Research Committee. He questioned whether the meaning included the Performing Arts. If it did not then he felt that there should be a member added to the committee to represent the Performing Arts faculty. Mr. O'Dowd stated that he divided research between federal grants and faculty grants and that in the past the Committee seemed to have understood this division in the source of funds.

It was further stated that it has been the practice of the Committee to provide faculty grants for worthwhile faculty projects regardless of department.

Mr. O'Dowd's motion with the amendment was then adopted.

Mr. McKay moved that "Each standing committee advise the Steering Committee of the outline or nature of reports which it expects to make during the coming year and the Steering Committee will then recommend appropriate motions to the University Senate to empower the standing committees to accomplish their work."

Seconded by Mr. Burke.

After much discussion Mr. Hetenyi moved to refer this matter to the Steering Committee for further consideration. Seconded by Mr. Shank. Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that "The Senate authorizes the faculty of the School of Engineering to operate as a committee of the whole in the exercise of the authority delineated in Article III, Sec. iv of the constitution of Oakland University, until February 1, 1968. "Seconded by Mr. Hoopes.

The motion was ruled procedural by Mr. Burke and eligible for vote today.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd reported the activities of the Steering Committee as follows:

- a. The Steering Committee has established an *ad hoc* Student Nomination Committee which is being requested to nominate students to the Senate for positions on the standing committees.
- b. The Steering Committee also has established an *ad hoc* Senate Visitor Policy Committee. The committee is charged to study all aspects of the problem surrounding the admission of visitors to Senate meetings and recommend a course of action to the Steering Committee.
- c. The Steering Committee proposes that the Senate establish the first Thursday of each month as the regular monthly meeting day beginning with the winter semester 1968.

Meeting dates in the winter will be: January 4, January 11, February 1, March 7, April 4, April 16, May 2.

The January 11, April 16, and May 2 meetings are scheduled for the approval of degrees and honors for degree candidates.

Mr. Williamson asked for the names of the members on the *ad hoc* committees, Mr. O'Dowd said that the committee membership was not complete, and he was still checking with people to serve. However, he did announce that Miss Carol Juth is chairman of the Student Nomination Committee, and Mrs. Gertrude White is chairman of the Senate Visitor Policy Committee.

Mr. Lowy questioned the dates established for the winter Senate meetings, because some senators would be unable to attend the meetings since they have classes scheduled on Thursday afternoons. He suggested that Senate meetings be held on different days each month in order to eliminate the problem.

Mr. Burke asked how the Student Nominating Committee would appoint members to the standing committees. Mr. O'Dowd said that the *ad hoc* committee would select two students for the Publications Committee and two students for the Athletics Committee by any device they choose, and present these names to the Steering Committee who would then present the nominees to the Senate for approval.

Mr. Gibson suggested that the matter of Senate meeting dates be referred to the Steering Committee for further consideration.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m.

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