



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

April 18, 1968

MINUTES

PRESENT: Messrs. Appleton, Atkinson, Burke, Butler, Cafone, Chernow, Button, Galloway, Hetenyi, Howes, Iodice, Johnson, Juth, Kent, Matthews, McKay, O'Dowd, Pino, Righter, Simmons, Stoutenburg, Susskind, Swanson, Tombouljian, Torch, Varner, Williamson, Mrs. White.

ABSENT: Miss Attwood, Messrs. Burdick, Davis, Fernald, Gerulaitis, Gibson, Hahn, Hammerle, Harding, Heubel, Hoopes, Hough, Kleckner, Langer, Linsalata, Lowy, Lyons, Norris, Richter, Shank.

GUESTS: Messrs. Coffman, Forbes, Gaylor, Mazzara, Schillace, Wedekind.

Chancellor Varner called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Chancellor Varner reported on Oakland University's store-front center in Pontiac, which will be located in an abandoned drug store on the corner of Wilson and Sanford. The program will undoubtedly move slowly because neither the Negro community leaders nor the University actually knows what will be done. There is a possibility that some credit courses may be offered at the center as well as non-credit programs. He stated this project is to help the Negro community in educational areas proposed by them. This project was authorized by the Board of Trustees at their March meeting.

Mr. Hetenyi moved to accept the minutes of April 11. Seconded by Mr. O'Dowd. Approved.

Old Business

* Mr. McKay moved the recommendation from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee "THAT THE TWO MOTIONS PRESENTED BELOW BE APPROVED FOR FINAL VOTE AT THIS MEETING." Seconded by Mr. Simmons. Adopted.

Mr. McKay moved the recommendation from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee "THAT THE FACULTY OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AUTHORIZE THE POTENTIAL GRADUATES AT THE BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE LEVELS NAMED IN A LIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIXTH SPRING COMMENCEMENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1968." Seconded by Mr. Torch.

* Mr. Simmons moved to amend the motion by recommending that the record show that Sandra Sue Stroup earned a double major--Liberal Arts/Political Science and Liberal Arts/Spanish. Seconded by Mr. McKay. Adopted.

* The motion with the amendment was then adopted.

Mr. McKay moved the recommendation from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee "THAT UNIVERSITY HONORS BE AWARDED CONTINGENT UPON THE CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE TO THE POTENTIAL GRADUATES NAMED IN A LIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING. " Seconded by Mr. Torch.

Mr. McKay described the process used by the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to determine the Magna Cum Laude list and the Cum Laude list. In the former the lowest GPA was 3.67 and in the latter the highest GPA was 3.60.

* The motion was then adopted. (See attached list.)

Mr. McKay then reported the Departmental Honors granted by the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering. (See attached list.) Mr. Iodice reported to the Senate the activities of the Faculty Affairs Committee for the year 1967-68. (See Attachment.) Mr. Iodice suggested that the nepotism rule be brought up for discussion and consideration by the Steering Committee in the fall.

Mr. Tomboulian moved the recommendation from the Graduate Study Committee that "following the established guidelines for new graduate programs, the Graduate Study Committee has endorsed two new program concentrations in Engineering. The Committee recommends the extension of the M. S. in Engineering to include the following concentrations in addition to the current concentration in Systems Engineering: (1) Energy Systems, (2) Electro Magnetic and Optical Systems. (See summary of these two concentrations attached.) Seconded by Mr. Appleton.

Final action on this motion will be taken at a subsequent meeting.

* Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that "THE SENATE AUTHORIZES FURTHER DISCUSSION AND A FINAL VOTE ON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GRADUATE STUDY COMMITTEE AT THE MAY MEETING. " Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi. Adopted.

Mr. O'Dowd restated his original motion of January 16 regarding the report of the Placement Council concerning the use of University facilities by prospective employers of Oakland students, previously seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Chernob asked for the chair to rule as to the meaning of the last of the report. Mr. Varner stated that the sentence is not central to the report. Mr. Chernob agreed. Mr. Hetenyi suggested that we approve it minus the last sentence. Mr. Chernob said that this could not be done within the context of the last paragraph.

Mr. Simmons called the question. Adopted.

* The motion was adopted. (See Attachment.)

Mr. O'Dowd reported the activities of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee has asked Mr. Morris and Mr. Torch to join the Academic Standing and Honors Committee for the spring semester. In order to hear cases of alleged academic violations the committee must have five members present. Summer schedules require that additional personnel be available to serve on the committee if it is to carry out its duties.

New Business

Mr. O'Dowd reported the activities of the Steering Committee. He indicated that in terms of Article IV-The University Senate: Powers, and Article v The University Senate: Membership and Organization, the following three actions were approved by the Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences at a meeting on April 15, and received by the Steering Committee.

1. The first action is as follows:

A new major, Chinese Languages and Civilization, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, has been authorized with the following requirement. The requirement in Chinese for this major is seven courses, ordinarily CHE 114, 115, 214, 215, and three others selected from departmental offerings in consultation with an advisor. Five additional courses including AS 490 are required for which UC 062 is prerequisite.

The Steering Committee has ruled that the authorization of a major in Chinese Language and Civilization is within the purview of the College. The proposal has been properly prepared and reviewed within the College and now has the status of University policy.

2. The second action which contains three parts takes the following form:

a. UC 063; Advanced Chinese Studies and UC 067: Advanced Indian Studies be deleted from the UC offerings (p. 62 of present catalog).

b. The heading, Western Institutions, under Distribution Requirements (p. 54 of present catalog), be changed to read Western History and Philosophy and that appropriate editorial changes be made throughout the catalog consistent with this change.

c. A new course, UC037: Western Philosophy, be added to the UC offerings under the heading, Western History and Philosophy. UC 036: Western Institutions would remain unchanged.

The Steering Committee has ruled that these changes in the University Course Program Distribution Requirements do not represent a substantive change in existing policy. The amendments to the established program are consistent with intent of the Distribution Requirements as approved by the-Senate and consequently they are accorded the status of University policy.

3. The third action approved by the Assembly of Arts and Sciences amends the existing University Language Requirement by adding the following provision for satisfying the requirement:

LINGUISTICS 176 (ENGLISH 176) AND LINGUISTICS 177 MAY BE ELECTED BY CERTAIN QUALIFIED STUDENTS AS AN OPTION TO SATISFY THE ONE-YEAR FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT IN TEACHER EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY) AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJORS AND LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS IN BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, AND PHYSICS, WITH APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

In the view of the Steering Committee this action represents a substantive change in the Language Requirement as originally approved by the Senate .

Therefore, the action goes beyond the powers delegated to the organized faculties. In order to establish this action as University policy, it is necessary for the Senate to accept the report of this action by the Assembly of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the report of the Assembly of Arts and Sciences in number three above. Seconded by Mr. Dutton.

Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation from the Steering Committee that

THE SENATE AUTHORIZES FURTHER DISCUSSION AND A FINAL VOTE AT THE MAY MEETING ON THE REPORT OF ACTION CONCERNING THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT BY THE ASSEMBLY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

* Seconded by Mr. Torch. Adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

* Motions and amendments adopted at this meeting.

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