



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
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**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE**

First Meeting  
Thursday, September 22, 1983  
3:10 p.m..  
123-130 Oakland Center

***AGENDA***

Respectfully submitted by Keith E.. Kleckner for the Steering Committee,

**A. Old Business:**

None

**B. New Business:**

**1. Steering Committee Election (Mr. Witt, Elections Committee Chair)**

Comment: Six Senators are to be elected to serve during 1933-85. Article IV, ix, of the Constitution of the Oakland University Senate as amended and approved May 6, 1982, reads as follows with respect to the membership of that body:

ix. The University Senate shall have a. Steering Committee composed of the Provost of the University (or his designee), who shall serve as chairperson, and six other Senators elected at the first Senate meeting of the Fall semester. The Committee's term of office shall be two years. No more than two seats shall be held by Senators from any one faculty.

**2. Motions Regarding the Graduate Council:**

**a. Constitutional Amendment to revise the provisions under which the Graduate Council is established (Mr. Feeman).**

**MOVED** that Article VI of the Constitution of the Senate be repealed and replaced by the language contained in the attachment entitled UNIVERSITY SENATE CONSTITUTION.

**First Reading:** Debatable but not eligible for final vote at this meetings By past practice, constitutional amendments are not amendable on the Senate floor; rather substantive concerns are referred to the initiating body, in this case, the Graduate Council.

**b. Corollary Motion to establish a new standing committee (Mr. Feeman)**

**MOVED** that the Senate establish a standing committee called the Graduate Council, the charge and membership of which are specified in the attachment entitled UNIVERSITY SENATE - NEW STANDING COMMITTEE.

First Reading: Debatable, amendable, but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: These companion motions originated in the Graduate Council after an extensive study by an *ad hoc* committee of the Council. The Council approved these two actions during the Winter 1983 semester and, under the provisions of the current constitution of that body, the actions were ratified by mail referendum. Implementation of these two motions will serve to repeal the separate constitution of the Graduate Council and to make the Senate the legislative body which deals with all aspects of graduate program academic governance. The aims in establishing a new Council are "to provide an effective, workable body to assist the Dean in the preparation of proposals for Senate consideration and to assist in current matters of graduate administration as the Dean may wish to bring before it, to provide solid representation for those organized faculties currently offering graduate programs, and to provide the Dean with a small group of faculty with whom to work directly on a regular basis." The endorsement carries with it the following changes and recommendations:

- 1). The reconstitution of the Graduate Council as described in the attachment.
- 2) The change in title of the "Graduate School" to "Office of Graduate Study."
- 3) The change in title for the Dean from "Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School" to "Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Study,"
- 4) The addition of the Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Study to permanent membership on the Senate's Academic Policy and Planning Committee.

Item 4 above will be advanced to the Senate in a subsequent corollary motion. First, the Steering Committee needs to study the composition of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee with an eye toward reducing its size, currently 15 members. Meanwhile, Dean Feeman sits on the APPC as the Provost's designee.

### 3. Motion to Appoint APPC Chair (Ms. Boulos)

**MOVED** that Prof. J. Curtis Chipman replace Prof. Joel Russell as Chair of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee

Procedural Motions Debatable, amendable and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: Prof. Russell has resigned as Chair of the APPC, but will continue as a member; Prof. Chipman is already a member, as are Professors Gregory, Shantz, and Weng.

### C. Good and Welfare

#### D. Information Items:

1. Commission on Health Sciences (Mr. Feeman)

#### E. President's Remarks.

President Champagne will discuss current events of interest to the Senate and will present

some ideas for later Senate considerations

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