



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
SENATE

Oakland University Senate

March 12, 1970

MINUTES

PRESENT: Messrs. Akers, J. R. Appleton, Barthel, Beardman, Briod, Burke, Butler, Cherno, Davis, Dovaras, Gerulaitis, Harding, Hetenyi, Heubel, Hildum, Kent, Matthews, McKay, Obear, O'Dowd, Rue, Seeber, Stern, Swanson, Torch, Witt.

ABSENT: Messrs. H. Burdick, Coon, Cramer, DeMent, Button, Fernald, Gibson, Good, Haskell, Iodice, P. J. Johnson, Kleckner, Letvin, Mascitelli, Miss Mattis, Messrs. Righter, Simmons, Springfield, Stoutenburg, Sturner, Susskind, Tipler, Torgoff.

Several guests were present.

Chancellor O'Dowd called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Chancellor O'Dowd reported on the hearing with the House Committee on Colleges and Universities regarding separation and his meeting with Senator Zollar about Oakland University's deficit problem.

Mr. Hetenyi moved the approval of the February 5 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis. Adopted.

New Business

Chancellor O'Dowd presented the recommendation of the Steering Committee to award an honorary degree to Chancellor Emeritus Varner at the April 1970 commencement.

* Mr. Hetenyi moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee

"THAT FORMER CHANCELLOR VARNER BE INVITED TO DELIVER THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT THE APRIL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES AND THAT HE BE AWARDED AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AT THAT TIME."

Seconded by Mr. Stern. Adopted.

Mr. Obear moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that,

"the Senate establish an *ad hoc* committee to be charged to consult with the

Chancellor in the selection of the Provost, and that the committee be constituted as follows:

- 5 representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences
- 2 representatives from the School of Education
- 2 representatives from the School of Engineering
- 1 representative from the School of Economics and Management
- 1 representative from the School of Performing Arts
- 1 representative from the Professional Library Staff
- 1 representative from the Administrative-Professional Association

Seconded by Mr. Hildum.

Mr. Stern moved to amend the motion by reducing the representatives from the School of Education and the School of Engineering to one (1) each.

Mr. Hetenyi introduced a substitute motion to increase the Library representation to two (2).
Seconded by Mr. Butler.

Following discussion, Mr. Hetenyi withdrew his motion and Mr. Butler withdrew his second to it.

Mr. Stern withdrew his motion.

Mr. Stern proposed one (1) representative from each of the groups indicated in the motion. Mr. Hetenyi seconded. Motion defeated.

Mr. Stern moved to amend the motion by adding one (1) student representative.

Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis.

Following discussion, Mr. Stern withdrew his motion and Mr. Gerulaitis his second.

Mr. Seeber moved to amend the motion to read, "that the Chancellor be charged to consult with the student body at large on the selection of a Provost."

Chancellor O'Dowd ruled that this motion would need to be referred to the Steering Committee.

Motion ruled out-of-order.

* Mr. Chernov moved that,

"THE SELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE FROM UNIVERSITY WIDE PROGRAMS (I.E., GENERAL EDUCATION, EXPLORATORIES, SENIOR COLLOQUIA, COLLOQUIA, AND COLLEGES) TO BE CHOSEN BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE."

Seconded by Mr. Beardman. Approved.

* The original motion as amended by the Chernov amendment was then approved.

"THAT THE SENATE ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO BE CHARGED 'TO CONSULT WITH THE CHANCELLOR IN THE SELECTION OF THE PROVOST', AND THAT THE COMMITTEE BE CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

5 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS
 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY STAFF
 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE-PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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Mr. Seeber moved that, "the Chancellor consult with the student body in the matter of the appointment of the Provost by means that seem appropriate to him." Second by Mr. Stern.

The motion will be referred to the Steering Committee before further action is taken.

* Mr. Obear moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"THE SENATE IS ASKED TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING LIST OF NOMINEES TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

MESSRS. J. BEARDMAN (CHAIRMAN), J. BARNARD, D. DOANE , R. DONALD, H. KENNEDY, AND P. TOMBOULIAN."

Seconded by Mr. Stern. Adopted.

Mr. Matthews moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"the Chancellor be requested to seek authorization from the Board of Trustees to establish at Oakland University a Department of Linguistics."

Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis.

Mr. Hildum moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee that

"The Academic Policy Committee recommends to the University Senate the following legislation:

a. Freshman exploratory courses shall be reclassified into three groups as follows:

UC 01 - The existing form of exploratory, with a limit of 18 students and a strong emphasis on writing skill, preferably through frequent short writing assignments.

UC 02 - A second-term exploratory, with the writing in the form of longer less frequent assignments, and an enrollment of 25.

UC 03 - An 8-credit exploratory, with a proportional number of class hours built around a topic chosen in the same way other exploratory topics are chosen, but with an intensive concentration on writing and reading skills: open only to certain students, as explained below: limited to 20 students, and staffed by a faculty member and a student assistant.

b. Each entering student is normally expected to take 8 credits in exploratories, either a UC 01 and a UC 02, or a UC 03. For UC 01 and UC 02, the letter-designated distribution categories are retained, and a student is asked to choose his courses from different categories.

c. All entering freshmen take writing and reading tests during the earliest possible orientation session. (For the present, we continue to accept transfer credits for exploratories, following established standards.) On the tests, two criterion levels will be determined: excellent and satisfactory.

d. Students who surpass the "excellent" criterion may, but need not, waive UC 01. This number shall not exceed 10% of the class.

e. Students who fall below the "satisfactory" criterion may, but need not, satisfy their exploratory requirement with a UC 03 course. They will be informed of their test results and urged, though not required, to use the UC 03 option.

f. The UC 03 instructors and assistants will form a group to exchange information about problems and specific teaching techniques.

g. Students in UC 03 who do not reach the satisfactory criterion during the first term will, if they choose to take a second UC 03 (and assuming reasonable effort on their part), receive an incomplete. At the end of the second UC 03, their earned grade is applied to both terms--i.e., all 16 credits. A student below satisfactory who does not take more exploratory work receives an appropriate numerical grade for his 8 credits."

Seconded by Mr. Stern.

Mr. Burke moved to delete the second sentence of item d, "This number shall not exceed 10% of the class." Seconded by Mr. Gerulaitis.

Mr. Chernov moved to delete the comma, the word "skill", and the word "preferably" in item a paragraph 1. Seconded by Mr. Matthews.

Mr. Gerulaitis moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
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Secretary
University Senate

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