

Oakland University Senate

First Meeting
Thursday, 19 September 1996
3:10 p.m.
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Agenda

Respectfully submitted by William Connellan for the Senate Steering Committee

A. Information Items

- report on Charter Schools-Mr. Russi
- campus developments-Mr. Connellan
- approval of the minutes

B. Old Business

1. Motion from the Steering Committee (Mr. Andrews, Mr. Dahlgren)

MOVED that, during the term for which they are appointed, no member of a Senate Committee shall receive any money, award, or anything of value as a result of an action or recommendation of a Senate committee of which they are a member.

Second reading: Debatable, amendable and eligible for final vote.

Comment: Current Senate policy, adopted in 1984, disqualifies any member of a standing committee from applying to that committee for funds during his/her period of service. The proposed motion clarifies and extends that policy in order to avoid any potential conflict-of-interest.

C. New Business

1. Procedural motion from the Steering Committee to staff Senate standing committees (Mr. Dillon)

MOVED that the persons listed below be confirmed as nominated to Senate standing committees for the terms specified:

a. ACADEMIC CONDUCT

Jon Froemke (Assoc. Professor of mathematical Sciences) 1996-98
Ravi Khattree as co-chair (Professor of Mathematical Sciences (1996-97)

b. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Thaddeus Grudzien (Assoc. Professor of Biological Sciences) 1996-97 as a replacement for Geoffrey Wawro (Asst. Professor of History)
Lee Mobley (Asst. Professor of Economics) as a replacement for Sherman Folland (Assoc. Prof. of Economics)

c. GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Barbara Mabee as chair (Assoc. Professor of German) 1996-97

Wilma Garcia (Assoc. Professor of Rhetoric) 1996-97 as a replacement for Walli Andersen (Assoc. Professor of Rhetoric)

d. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Brian Murphy, as chair (Professor of English) 1996-97

e. RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Arthur Bull (Assoc. Professor of Chemistry) 1996-97 To replace Jon Yates (Assoc. Professor of Biological Sciences)

f. SENATE PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Michelle Piskulich as chair (Assoc. Professor of Political Science) 1996-97

g. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT

College of Arts and Sciences-

Paul Graves (Assoc. Professor of Philosophy) 1996-98

h. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE INSTRUCTION

School of Health Sciences:

Beth Marcoux (Assoc. Professor of Physical Therapy) 1996-99

Eric Follo as chair (Assoc. Professor of Education) 1996-97

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

Comment: This motion completes the process of staffing Senate committees for the immediate future. The names listed above, drawn principally from volunteer lists, reflect the Steering Committee's current expectations about committee membership. Veteran senators will not be surprised to find corollary motions on subsequent agendas to replace members who will be on leave. Faculty who wish to volunteer for Senate standing committees may still make their wishes known to the Steering Committee and will be considered as vacancies arise. When considering the overall balance of these committees, it is important to remember that most have student and administrative members as well as faculty elected by the Senate.

2. Motion from the Steering Committee to revise the charge to UCUI (Ms. Reynolds)

MOVED that the charge to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction be revised to read as follows:

1. To recommend to the University Senate academic policies and procedures concerning undergraduate education and, when necessary, seek advice from other appropriate bodies concerning the impact of these policies and procedures;
2. To evaluate and monitor petitions of exception regarding university-wide undergraduate academic requirements except for university-wide general education requirements;
3. To prepare an annual report on all petitions of exception to be shared with the Office of Academic Affairs, the Registrar, individual Committees on Instruction, and the Senate

Planning Review Committee;

4. To make recommendations to the University Senate regarding proposed and existing undergraduate programs, including recommendations for program modification, suspension or discontinuance;
5. To advise the Senate Planning Review Committee (SPRC) and the Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC) concerning proposed new undergraduate programs and to maintain regular communication with SPRC and SBRC through exchange of minutes;
6. To cooperate with the General Education Committee in overseeing the undergraduate instruction throughout the University and to maintain regular communication with that committee through the exchange of minutes;
7. To schedule and monitor decennial reviews of all undergraduate programs in a timely fashion and to report findings to the Senate Planning Review Committee and the University Senate;
8. To evaluate ongoing and proposed undergraduate programs for their consistency with University academic policies and mission, to monitor catalog copy to ensure compliance with all such policies, and to monitor all catalog changes impacting outside of the Committee on Instruction making the change;
9. To approve, disapprove and monitor courses which satisfy the university-wide ethnic diversity requirement; and
10. To advise the Senate on all matters that body or its Steering Committee may refer to the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction concerning undergraduate instruction and the general requirements within which the specifics of the undergraduate degree programs function.

First reading: Debatable, amendable but not eligible for final vote.

Comment: Changes are underlined and a copy of the current charge to UCUI is included as Appendix A. Improved communication with the Senate Budget Review Committee will enable the SBRC to consider the financial implications of proposed new programs or program suspensions. UCUI has always been responsible for reviewing undergraduate programs; the mandated decennial reviews provide UCUI and the individual units with a time frame and the opportunity to plan and prepare for the reviews on a regular basis. The responsibility of approving, disapproving and monitoring ethnic diversity courses was mandated by the Senate in the ethnic diversity legislation (approved 4/9/92) and this addition to the UCUI charge simply brings it up to date and in line with the legislation.

3. Committee reports.

Campus Development and Environment Committee:Mr. Brieger
Senate Planning Review Committee:Mr. Russell
Academic Computing Committee:Mr. Mathieson

Comment: In order to inform senators about the contributions of Senate committees, which quietly carry out much of the work for which this body is responsible, the Steering Committee has invited the chairs of these bodies to make brief oral presentations to the Senate at the beginning of the academic year. This also provides an opportunity for senators to recommend agenda items these groups might appropriately address as they continue their service. Other committee chairs will report in October.

D. Good and Welfare

APPENDIX A:

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE INSTRUCTION Charge.

1. To recommend to the University Senate academic policies and procedures concerning undergraduate education and, when necessary, seek advice from other appropriate bodies concerning the impact of these policies and procedures;
2. To evaluate and monitor petitions of exception regarding university-wide undergraduate academic requirements except for university-wide general education requirements;
3. To prepare an annual report on all petitions of exception, to be shared with the Office of Academic Affairs, the Registrar, individual Committees on Instruction, and the Senate Planning Review Committee.
4. To make recommendations to the University Senate regarding proposed and existing undergraduate programs, including recommendations for program modification, suspension, or discontinuance;
5. To advise the Senate Planning Review Committee concerning proposed new undergraduate programs;
6. To cooperate with the General Education Committee in overseeing undergraduate instruction throughout the university and to maintain regular communication with that committee through exchange of minutes;
7. To ensure review of all undergraduate programs in timely fashion and report findings to the Senate Planning Review Committee and the University Senate;
8. To evaluate ongoing and proposed undergraduate programs for their consistency with university academic policies and mission and to monitor catalog copy to ensure compliance with all such policies; [and]
9. To maintain regular communication with the Senate Planning Review Committee through exchange of minutes; and
10. To advise the Senate on all matters that body may refer to it concerning undergraduate

instruction and the general requirements within which the specifics of the undergraduate degree programs function.

Approved by the University Senate, March 16, 1995.

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