



OAKLAND  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

2001-2002 COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE  
MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2002  
Auburn Hills Campus

Auburn Hills: V. Anderson, S. Blackman, H. Broesamle, B. Catherino, B. Konopka,  
M. Merritt, R. Muro, P. O'Connor, J. Pardon, R. Powell,  
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Guests: L. Glenn, C. Kurzer, V. Love, P. Nowaczynski

District Office: C. Brown, D. Bugay, R. Thompson

Guests: G. Cartsonis

Highland Lakes: K. Burdette, D. Fiems, S. Hanna, K. Robinson, R. Solarte, R. Spainhour, R.  
Taylor, G. Keith

Orchard Ridge: J. Berry, G. Faye, N. Valenti, T. Walter, B. Zemke, E. Callaghan

Guests: J. Brown, P. Jackson

Royal Oak/Southfield: C. Benson, N. Boulos, J. Eichold, R. Koblin, D. Niemer, S. Reif  
M. K. Lawless, G. May, D. Rowe, S. Sutherland

Guests:

The College Academic Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair G. Faye. The following individuals were present:

2) Acceptance of Agenda:

**Motion: To accept the agenda as written. Seconded, passed.**

3) Approval of Minutes:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of January 24, 2002. Seconded, passed.**

4) Leadership:

No Report

5) Presentation:

There were no presentations.

6) Old Business

*College Catalog* – Proposal for Course Repetition Policy

This proposal is to remove any reference of a grade (on page 35 of the 2001-2002 catalog, reference is made to a grade of “F”). The second paragraph under Course Repetition will now state: “A course may be repeated. However, the listing of the original grade remains part of the permanent record. The best grade and credits are used to compute the grade point average”.

**Motion: To accept the proposal as stated. Seconded, passed.**

*College Catalog* – College Residency Policy

This proposal will change the rule under Requirements for an Associate Degree (on page 47 of the current catalog). Number three (3) will now state: “All transfer students must complete 15 credit hours at OCC.” Also, the second paragraph under number six (6) starting out with: “Students leaving OCC who have...” will be deleted.

P. O’Connor stated in an e-mail that currently, students may only get a degree from OCC if they do one of two things:

- 1) If they have taken 48 or more OCC credits, they may apply for an OCC degree after transferring the remaining credits required for the degree back to OCC. (example: a student wants to earn an OCC Liberal Arts degree. She has 54 OCC credits, when her significant other moves to California. The student takes the remaining 8 credits at a college in California, then transfers those credits back to OCC; we accept all of the credits and give her an OCC diploma.)
- 2) If they take the last 15 credits at OCC.

P. O’Connor reviewed the “residency” policies from 4 other community colleges as follows:

*Mott* – will grant a degree to students who ear 30 Mott credits at any time.

*Washtenaw* – their policy is the same as OCC’s

*Macomb* – will grant a degree to any student who earns 15 Macomb credits. The student must also be enrolled at Macomb the semester the degree is granted.

*Miami Dade (Florida)* – requires that 15 of the last 30 credits must be earned at Miami Dade.

Senate meeting discussion:

This proposal is being brought forward in an attempt to create flexibility for students. Requiring students to get the last 15 credits from OCC allows us to measure of quality control. However, it is difficult to enforce the current rules because students are so mobile and have access to other modes of education such as MCCVLC and distance learning. A request was made to spend more time on this issue.

A recommendation was made to form an ad-hoc committee to examine the issue. Senate Leadership will determine when the committee will report their findings to the Senate. Vice Chancellor Carol Brown will be part of the committee. Recommendation passed.

#### *College Catalog – Catalog Usage Proposal*

This proposal is to change the College rule under Procedure for Graduation (on page 55 of the current catalog). The rule will now state: “Students must follow the catalog in use at the time of initial enrollment, or any subsequent enrollment, provided, the student has not had an enrollment break of more than three years. After a break of more than three years, the student must reapply for admission and follow the catalog in effect at the time of re-enrollment at any subsequent enrollment. Only one catalog may be used to provide requirements. Students may not use a catalog older than 10 years from the effective date of the most recently published catalog”.

#### Discussion:

Currently, 77% of students who obtain a degree from OCC do so within 10 years. We don't know how many of these students might be impacted by this proposal because we don't know how many students stop out for 3 years and are forced into a new catalog anyway. Exceptions can be made through an appeal or an extenuating circumstance appeal process. It's the technical programs that are most affected by this rule. Technology is an ever changing field.

**Motion: To form an ad-hoc committee to examine the issue and report back on its findings at the September 2002 College Senate meeting. Seconded.**

**Motion: To have the same committee assigned to examine the residency policy issues discussed above also examine the catalog usage proposal issues. Seconded, passed.**

#### 7) New Business

*GE Motion* - The Highland Lakes Campus Senate Council presented the following:

The GE Attribute requirements do not mesh with program/degree requirements. There are degrees and programs from which a student cannot graduate due to an inability to fulfill General Education Attribute Requirements, so they must take courses over and above the number required for graduation.

Incoming Transfer students are transferring in courses that fulfill the GE Distribution Requirements but do not meet the necessary GE Attribute Requirements. Therefore, they also must take more courses to graduate.

#### Discussion:

For the most part, the current rules are working. It's important to identify the real problem, how many programs are affected, how many students are affected. There have only been 2 waivers granted this year.

Counselors are having problems explaining the GE Attribute system to students. A suggestion was made to try and merge the GE Attribute requirements and the GE Distribution Requirements into a single list. It is our responsibility to ensure that students get their attributes covered no matter which program they are completing. Problems occur because international students and transfer students come in with generic credits that don't match ours.

**Motion: To re-evaluate the GE Attributes and their implementation. A report is due in September. Seconded, passed.**

*Pre-reqs/Co-reqs/Recommended* - Prereqs are sometimes not enforced. It was suggested that a new category, Recommended, be added.

**Motion: To add the new category of recommended. Seconded.**

Discussion:

If pre-reqs are activated in Datatel, a student will not be able to register for a course if that student has not obtained the pre-reqs. It was decided that students would probably ignore any courses that were listed as recommended so it is ineffective to add the recommended category.

**Motion withdrawn.**

*College Planning Council Request for Clarification and Definition* - Members of the College Planning Council requested that the College Senate help define the expressions "student-centered" and "learner/learning-centered" in order to assist them in preparing OCC's five-year strategic goal statements.

Motion: To lodge the request with the College Senate. The request will be reviewed by the individual Campus Senates in April. A report will be made at the April 25, 2002 College Senate meeting. Seconded, passed.

8) Standing Committees

Curriculum Committee/R. Spainhour

**Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Seconded, passed.**

The College Academic Senate, on March 22, 2001, moved to establish a "task force" to recommend a process to evaluate established courses in the non-credit curricula and develop an approval process for non-credit offerings.

**Motion: To follow the recommendations of the Non-Credit Task Force. Seconded.**

**Motion: To send the recommendations back to campuses for review and then report to the College Senate at the April 25 meeting. Seconded, passed.**

Curriculum Review/R. Powell

CIS and Mental Health were reviewed. Dean David Matthews was welcomed as a new member.

SOAC/P. O'Connor

Chuck Bonwell will be presenting on May 10.

Diversity – No report

TLTR-No report

Student Life-No report

9) Ad Hoc Committees

There was nothing reported under Ad Hoc Committees.

10) Administration

Mr. Thompson officially announced that he will retire in June, 2003 after serving OCC for 37 years. Hiring a new chancellor will take time as the process is complex.

Chancellor Thompson reported the following:

- Next year is the first year of our 10 year mileage renewal.
- Next year is the first year of our 5 year plan.
- NCA will conduct a focused visit March 10, 11, 2003. Stability, Assessment, and Planning activities will be reviewed.
- OCC plans to hire one new dean for Auburn Hills and two new deans for Orchard Ridge by July 1, 2002.
- A new CIO is joining OCC in April.

G. Faye remarked on the fact that OCC is very fortunate to have such open communication. It is important for us to appreciate that fact.

11) Community Comments

*Auburn Hills* - Stepping Stones into Tech Zones event is scheduled for April 4 from 6-8 pm in T-1. It is an opportunity for applied science, engineering tech students and undecided students to learn about career options in the technology fields. Representatives from 8 colleges will present transfer opportunities. Greg Crouger, of Kelly will give a keynote address on career trends in technology fields.

*District Office* - A motion will be made at the April 25, 2002 College Senate meeting to formally adopt the existing OCC flag as the official flag of the College.

*Highland Lakes* - A Student Art Show is planned. The Honors Convocation is scheduled for May 30, 2002

*Orchard Ridge* - Mousetrap by Agatha Christie will be presented April 11, 12, 13, 2002 in the Smith Theatre. Student Appreciation Day is being planned.

*Royal Oak* -Blue Grass season is concluding. A Positive Futures Fair is planned for April 8, 2002. 250 employees have responded to the e-mail survey.

12) Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilynn Kokoszka, Secretary

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Patricia J. Funtik, Recording Secretary