



2002–2003 COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2002  
Southfield Campus

The College Academic Senate was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Chair G. Faye. The following individuals were present:

Auburn Hills:	R. Bowden, B. Catherino, L. Glenn, B. Konopka, S. Miller, M. Ston, S. Blackman, Libby Clements (student)
Guests:	R. Powell
Highland Lakes:	D. Fiems, B. Garnsey, R. Grass, S. Hanna, C. Maze, M. Petrack, K. Robinson, R. Spainhour, G. May
District Office:	G. Keith, R. Thompson
Guests:	T. Ingram
Orchard Ridge:	J. Berry, J. Brown, G. Faye, M. Kokoszka, M. McGee, T. Walter, R. Zemke, E. Callaghan, Uche Nwagwu (student)
Guests:	B. Stanbrough
Royal Oak/Southfield	D. Bartleman, C. Benson, K. Hugelier, R. Koblin, M. Lawless, K. Lorencz, D. Niemer, S. Reif, D. Rowe, M. Smydra
Guests:	G. Bryan, L. Cole

2) Acceptance of Agenda:

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

3) Approval of Minutes:

A request was made to revise the June 6, 2002 minutes regarding the Online Course Worksheet for Distance Learning Types I and II:

**Motion: To adopt these amendments and other proposed revisions recommended by the Technology Management Committee (TMC). Seconded, passed.**

**Motion: To approve the revised minutes. Seconded, passed.**

4) Leadership:

G. Faye reminded everyone that the Leadership Committee does not attempt to bring forth motions.

5) There were no presentations.

6) Old Business:

*Prerequisites* – G. Keith noted that prerequisites will only appear in the catalog if and only if they are enforceable. Faculty need to review their intention because prerequisites will be activated in Fall, 2003 unless the College has formal documentation deactivating them. Faculty have until February, 2003 to decide whether or not to activate prerequisites. Disciplines wishing to deactivate prerequisites must follow the curriculum process to do so. Once a prerequisite has been deactivated, it will be removed from the catalog.

The following is quoted from the College Academic Senate minutes of March 28, 2002 regarding the question of adding a “Recommended” category.

*“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.”**

Dr. Keith asked the Senate to support the following three (3) initiatives:

1. Copyright – Dr. Keith will form a committee whose task it will be to develop a comprehensive copyright statement and to develop a process for screening materials for copyright violations. The College has an obligation to protect itself from liabilities.
2. Distance Education – A committee will review any statements the College has regarding distance education and determine how our online courses fit into distance education.
3. Academic Technology Plan – Develop an Academic Technology Plan to integrate with the current Hardware Technology Plan.

Student Life – The Orchard Ridge Campus is currently developing a philosophy of student life document that will come forward at the October College Senate meeting. *Curriculum Handbook* – The newly revised Curriculum Handbook is condensed from 76 to 36 pages, a major accomplishment.

**Motion:            To place the Curriculum Handbook on the October Campus Senate agenda for review. Seconded, passed.**

Course Cartridge Checklist – The intent of the Course Cartridge Checklist is to make faculty aware of the problems they might encounter with course cartridges.

**Motion:            That the College Academic Senate endorse the Course Cartridge Checklist. Seconded, passed.**

The Online Course Worksheet for Distance Learning Courses Types I and II is finished. Please use it to help plan online courses.

7) New Business:

*Chancellor's Selection Process* – The Board of Trustees took it upon themselves to appoint faculty members to the Chancellor's Selection Committee. Members of the Academic Senate object to the fact that the faculty members chosen to serve on the Chancellor's Search Committee were chosen by someone other than the faculty themselves. It was noted that the Trustees are within their legal rights to deny faculty input on such matters.

**Motion:            To include the letter written by Dennis Fiems to the Board of Trustees in these minutes of the College Academic Senate. Seconded, passed.**

**Motion:            The Senate expresses its strongest objections to the violation of shared governance in the appointment of individuals to the Chancellor's Advisory Committee.**



Motion: To place the recommendation that Senate Councils not elect alternates on Campus agenda in October. Seconded, passed.  
Orchard Ridge – John Gardner will be at Orchard Ridge September 27 to speak on the Freshman Year Experience.

The following page contains the letter written by Dennis Fiems to the Board of Trustees regarding the Chancellor's Selection Committee:

**Dennis Fiems  
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White Lake, Michigan 48386**

September 15, 2002

Oakland Community College  
The Board of Trustees  
2480 Opdyke Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2266

Dear Trustee,

The Board of Trustees is beginning the process of the selection of the next Chancellor of Oakland Community College. As we all recognize, this is perhaps the most important task of a Board of Trustees. The Board has great latitude as to how this process may take place. If the Board chooses, it may conduct a search and selection on its own with little if any input from any other group within or without the College.

However, the Oakland Community College Board has chosen to form an Advisory Committee to participate in this effort. The Board has instructed Dr. Harrison to ask the faculty to submit their names and a brief statement explaining why they wish to serve if they want to be considered for membership on the Advisory Committee. It appears that the Board will then select the faculty and presumably other members of the Advisory Committee. If the purpose of crating an Advisory Committee is to give other voices within the College or Community a chance to be heard in the selection process, it is sadly flawed.

It is flawed because of the great harm it does to the idea of what a representative is. A representative is selected by and from the people they represent. It is in this way that people hold representatives accountable. For someone else to choose a “representative” of a group is to make a sham of the process and to subvert the very idea of representation. The only legitimate basis for someone to claim to represent a group is to be selected by that group or to be selected by representatives duly chosen by the group.

This has been one of the most fundamental struggles of our nation’s history. It is all too common for one individual or group to claim that they know what is best for another. Alternately an individual or group might claim superior knowledge, judgment or information that enables them to reach a better decision. Sometimes it is argued that a group just doesn’t deserve representation, or those in power may not prefer those who would likely be chosen. But representation has as its central principle the belief that those represented are best qualified to select their representatives. This is the basis on which the members of the Board of Trustees themselves are chosen through an election open to all qualified voters. They are not appointed by some individual or group. If this is a legitimate way to select our Trustees, Congress and Presidents, it should be a good enough principle to choose the representatives to the Advisory Committee.

I urge the Board to reconsider its proposal. Let the constituent groups of the Advisory Committee choose their own representatives. This is consistent with a long tradition of past practice at our College, and its is most consistent with our values as a nation.

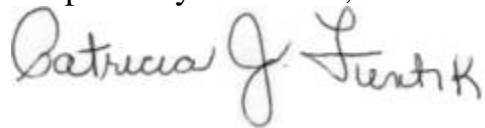
Sincerely,

Dennis Fiems

12) Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia J. Lenth".

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Marilynn Kokoszka, Secretary

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Patricia J. Funtik, Recording Secretary

Curriculum Handbook/R. Spainhour OCT AGENDA

Curriculum Review Committee Report/B. Powell OCT AGENDA