

22 April 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steering Committee, University Senate

FROM: John B. Cameron, Chairperson  
Campus Development and Environment Committee

RE: I. Annual Report, CDEC, 1980-1981.  
II. Recommendation to the Steering Committee.  
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I. Annual Report, Campus Development and Environment Committee, 1980-1981.

The CDEC was composed of the following members during 1980-1981:

Faculty: Louis Bragg, John Cameron, Ted Landau, David Meyer,  
Uma Keischl

AP's: Jerry Dahlgren, Bill Marshall, Cynthia Redwine

Students: Greg Hamel, Tim Kieft, Mark Kochis, Lori Poel, Anthony Brogdon

VP for Campus and Student Affairs: George Karas

The CDEC met five times during 1980-1981: On July 17, 1980; January 16, 1981; February 20, 1981; March 13, 1981; and April 10, 1981. Attached (Appendix 1-5) are the minutes of those meetings.

During the summer Mr. Kiichi Usui, Curator of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery and member of CDEC, presented to CDEC a proposal to erect on the campus a large-scale sculpture by Michael Hall, Sabbath Day. Mr. Usui and the artist examined three sites, only one of which proved to be feasible, located to the southeast of the library. Hall's piece, 19 feet tall, would have represented an important enhancement of the campus' visual environment. Unfortunately, the proposal did not come to fruition (Appendix I, Minutes). Fortunately (see below), other proposals concerning works of outdoor sculpture, six in number, apparently will be realized.

In our second meeting, of January 16, 1981 (Appendix 2, Minutes), Mr. Usui reported on the outdoor sculpture project; models of the proposals of the fourteen finalists (out of seventy-six entrants) could be seen until February 28, 1981 in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Appendix 6a-d contains the major documentation assembled by Mr. Usui concerning this project, eventually submitted to and approved by the board at their meeting of April 15, 1981.

The CDEC also passed unanimously at the January 16th meeting a motion "that the university pursue the continuation of the bike path, parallel to University Drive, eastward to Adams Road, in order to connect it with the bike-path system of Avon Township, and if necessary use university transportation monies in order to effectuate same. (See II, Recommendation #1). Given the fact that the road connecting the West and East campuses now is virtually complete, lacking only the arrival of good weather so that it can be asphalted, it was felt that the matter of the bike path merits the university's serious consideration.

Our February 20, 1981 meeting was devoted entirely to the outdoor sculpture project, which had been discussed in brief at our January 16th meeting. CDEC passed unanimously the following recommendation:

"That the sculptures of the five finalists, Sydney Atkinson, Tom Bills, Mel Leiserowitz, John Piet, David Barr, chosen by the selection committee of the Gallery Associates, and for which a sponsor has been identified, be accepted by the Board of Trustees of Oakland University for installation at stipulated sites on the OU campus and that if a commitment from potential sponsors for the sixth, Hanna Stiebel's can be secured that it too be accepted by the Board for installation on the identified site." (See II, Recommendation #2).

Our meetings of March 13 and April 10, 1981 (Appendices #4, #5) had as agenda items: (1) The Parking and Routing of Traffic; (2) Campus "Beautification" and Visual Shielding via Trees and Shrubs; and (3) the Naming and Signing of Roads. In view of the importance of the issues, those members of CDEC present at the March 13 meeting felt that the decisions taken at the March 13th meeting be communicated to those members not in attendance, and if they had any suggested changes, that same be communicated to the chairperson.

After discussion of item (1), Parking and Routing of Traffic, the CDEC decided upon the following recommendation:

"That a committee be formed with representatives from the following university constituencies: Physical Plant, Parking Commission, Campus Development and Environment Committee, University Relations, and the Board of Trustees. This committee would have as its charge to study the flow of traffic on the campus of Oakland University and its surrounding area, including entrance into and exit from the parking lots."

Concerning item (2), Campus "Beautification", the CDEC unanimously approved the following resolution:

"That the chairperson of CDEC write a letter to the director of the Alumni Association, or supervisor, with carbons to President Champagne, R. Dearth T. Gitter, J. Mills, Jane Hershey, P. Harris, recommending that the Alumni Association consider memorial tree plantings, and that if such a program be initiated, other members of the community be invited to participate in this memorial tree and shrub planting program."

Concerning item (3), the Naming and Signing of Roads, the CDEC decided unanimously to defer action on this issue until the Fall.

For 1981-1982 the chairperson of the CDEC will be Uwe Reischl. Uwe will be intermittently in the Rochester area during the Spring and Summer terms, and if there is any matter within CDEC's purview please contact Mr. Reischl.

II. Recommendations, CDEC, 1980-1981.

1. The Bike Path. CDEC recommends:

"That the university pursue the continuation of the bike path parallel to University Drive, eastward to Adams Road, in order to connect it with the bike-path system of Avon Township, and if necessary use University transportation monies in order to effectuate same."

2. Outdoor Sculpture. CDEC recommends:

"That the sculptures of the five finalists, Sydney Atkinson, Tom Bills, Mel Leiserowitz, John Piet, David Barr, chosen by the selection committee of the Gallery Associates for which a sponsor has been identified, be accepted by the Board of Trustees of Oakland University for installation at stipulated sites on the OU campus; and that if a commitment from potential sponsors for the sixth, Hanna Stiebel, can be secured, that it too be accepted by the board for installation on the identified site. This recommendation is somewhat "academic", as they say, since the substance of this resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees at their April 15, 1981 meeting."

3. Parking and Routing of Traffic. CDEC recommends:

"That a committee be formed with representatives from the following university constituencies: Physical Plant, Parking Commission, Campus Development and Environment Committee, University Relations, and possibly the Board of Trustees. This committee would have as its charge to study the flow of traffic on the campus of Oakland University and its surrounding area including entrance into and exit from the parking lot."

4. Campus "Beautification" and Visual Shielding via Trees and Shrubs. CDEC recommends:

"That the Alumni Association consider sponsoring commemorative tree and shrub plantings on the campus, not only as natural objects in their own right, but also as visual shields. The campus continues to lose trees, as tree planting and maintenance activities of Physical Plant are limited. The corresponding decline in the natural beauty of Oakland's campus could be substantially reduced by such a tree and shrub-planting program.

An important aspect of such a program is the memorial. The history of Oakland University--students, alumni, staff--would be enhanced by such a commemorative activity. In view of the relative "youth" of Oakland this enhancement would be, in the view of the Campus Development and Environment Committee, particularly significant. If such a program be initiated, we strongly recommend that other members of the community be invited to participate in this commemorative tree and shrub planting and maintenance program.