

OU adjusts procedures to keep meetings private

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Instead of opening its committee meetings to press and public, as a student asked it to, the Oakland University Board of Trustees changed a few rules so its committees can continue meeting in private.

The student, Margaret O'Brien, who is also senior editor of the student newspaper, asked county prosecutor Richard Thompson to investigate the situation, so he did.

In a letter to board secretary John DeCarlo, Thompson concluded that "the current operational procedures of the board's two standing committees violate the Open Meetings Act."

The two committees in question are called University Affairs and Finance and Personnel. Each of them is composed of four board members.

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Among Thompson's findings is that the written records of the committee meetings, which have been closed to press and public since 1970, were routinely mailed to the rest of the trustees. "This allows substantially the same level of communications that would exist if the quorum of the full board had been meeting," Thompson wrote.

The board's response last week was to modify the rules to "make certain the committees don't have final authority on anything," said board chairman James Sharp Jr. Also, the word "advisory" was added to each committee's official name. And in the future, Sharp said, board members will not see the written records of committee meetings until the next public meeting.

But O'Brien won't be satisfied until the board holds committee meetings out where everybody can see them.

Calling Thompson's letter "toothless," O'Brien said, "we still have a body, but someone threw out the evidence. Instead of dealing with the problem, they decided to get rid of the evidence."

O'Brien likewise took issue with the board's action at a public meeting last week when it went into a closed session (no public or press allowed) to discuss Thompson's letter. "They went into a closed session to discuss how they can keep having closed sessions," O'Brien said.

Oakland's faculty union also opposes the board's preference for privacy in committee meetings. "The vast majority of our sister institutions welcome faculty, students and other interested observ-

ers to board committee and sub-committee meetings," union president Ron Cramer told the board last week. "In the modern world of open covenants openly arrived at, it is archaic and anachronistic to continue conducting university business in private. The current policy does not advance the true interests of the board or its public constituents."

At its January meeting the board is supposed to discuss the "philosophical reasons" for having closed committee meetings. O'Brien said that if the board doesn't agree to open committee meetings after that, The Oakland Post will sue the university. A four-year Oakland Post veter-

an, O'Brien led the newspaper as editor in chief two years ago when it sued the university's police department for not making campus crime reports public.

A week after that suit was filed, by faculty adviser Jane Brigg-Bunting, the university relented and began turning over copies of the reports.

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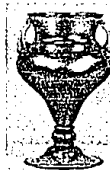
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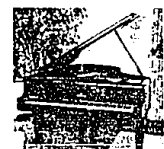


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