

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
March 22, 1948, 4:10 p.m.  
Room 101, Monnet Hall

The Senate met in regular session with President G. L. Cross in the chair.

The following members were present:

(Chairman) President G. L. Cross

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| Bender, John F.        | McFarland, Dora      |
| Casey, John H.         | Monnett, V. E.       |
| Comp, L. A.            | Morgan, L. N.        |
| Frederickson, E. A.    | Newton, W. K.        |
| Dangerfield, Royden J. | Nielsen, J. Rud      |
| Dawson, E. F.          | Pray, Joseph C.      |
| Eaton, Howard O.       | Rohrer, John H.      |
| Frauchiger, Fritz      | Sears, Alfred B.     |
| Goodman, George J.     | Self, J. Teague      |
| Huntington, R. L.      | Foster, Henry H.     |
| Larsh, Howard W.       | Sommers, Blanche E.  |
| Leek, John             | Swearingen, Lloyd E. |
| Livezey, Wm. E.        | Weese, A. O.         |
| Meacham, E. D.         |                      |

The following members were absent:

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| Adams, Arthur B.    | Rinsland, Henry D. |
| Benson, Oliver E.   | Schultz, E. J.     |
| Brixey, John C.     | Shuman, Ronald B.  |
| Carpenter, Paul S.  | Smay, Joe          |
| Holland, Sam        | Springer, C. E.    |
| Jones, Rupel J.     | Taylor, Joseph R.  |
| Joyal, Arnold E.    | Willibrand, W. A.  |
| Richter, Kenneth M. |                    |

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved after a correction was made to show Dr. John F. Bender present at our February 23 meeting.

Mr. Eugene D. Rosin, a representative from the senior class, appeared before the University Senate to submit a plan whereby a senior who had an over-all grade-point average of 1.5 and an average up to the time of the final examination of 2.0 would be exempt from the final examination in those courses. Mr. Rosin suggested that if this grade-point average was not satisfactory to the members of the Senate that they themselves suggest a standard whereby the students meeting those standards could be exempt.

The members of the Senate, after some discussion on the proposition, recommended that the request from the senior class be rejected and that all seniors be required to take the final examinations.

Dr. J. H. Leek, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the following report, which was approved by the Senate:

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

"At its last meeting the senate voted to create a standing committee on scholarships. It was pointed out at the time by the secretary, Mr. Hatfield, that this action by-passes the procedure for amending the by-laws. The Committee recommends, therefore, that a motion be adopted at this meeting to add to the list of standing committees a new committee as designated above; the proposal to be circularized to the membership in writing at least two weeks before the next meeting, at which time it shall be finally voted on; this being the procedure prescribed for amending the by-laws.

"In the meanwhile the Committee recommends that the Special Committee on Scholarships and Loan Funds continue to function with its present personnel, and that the same personnel be transferred to the new Committee on Scholarships when that Committee is duly authorized.

"The Committee also suggest that the Committee on Scholarships and Loan Funds co-opt Mr. Boyd Gunning as an outside member because of the nature of his work and contacts."

At the regular meeting of the Senate on February 23, the Senate Committee on Curriculum and University Standards presented a proposed curriculum for the newly-created School of Industrial Management Engineering. Certain errors were discovered in the curriculum and it was referred back to the Committee for further study and report at the March 22 meeting. Those corrections were made and Dr. Huntington, representing the Committee, again submitted a proposed curriculum for this new school. However, after considerable debate and discussion on the matter, it was decided to table the curriculum until the next meeting of the Senate, which will be April 26. In the meantime, it is suggested that the Committee give this curriculum further study, contact all of the original members of those who were especially interested in this curriculum for the new school, and have all members and interested parties present at the next meeting of the Senate when the curriculum will again be given further consideration.

Dr. J. Teague Self, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Libraries and Laboratory Facilities, presented the following report, which was approved:

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

Report on Library Space

"The Senate Committee on Library met on Wednesday, March 10, 1948, at 4:00 p.m. Professors Morgan, Rohrer, Leek, and Self were present. The main business was the consideration of the following motion passed by the Senate May 5, 1947: "That the Senate Committee on Libraries and Laboratory Facilities make a study and report on the further improvement of library facilities" and a motion passed by the Senate on February 2, 1948, as follows: "That the Senate Library Committee make a study and report on the following library problems:

- (1) Is there sufficient space in the General Library for our students to do their necessary library work?
- (2) How could additional space be provided?"

"At the last meeting of the Committee, it was the consensus of opinion that further study of the library as directed in the first motion was unnecessary in

view of the fact that recommendations concerning the needs and improvement of the library had been made previously and that these had not been rejected or completely fulfilled by the administration. Past committee reports were sent, however, to Mr. J. L. Rader who was asked to study these and report to the committee on actions which had been taken with reference to committee recommendations, as well as his recommendations. Mr. Rader's report follows: "Concerning the library fee, this recommendation was carried out, I think, three years ago by action of the Board of Regents of Higher Education and the Board of Regents of the University. The fee was fixed at \$3.00 per semester, and, I believe, \$1.00 for the summer school.

"The request for an increased budget for the purchase of books has been at least partially met by an appropriation of \$63,000 for the current year for the purchase of books and periodicals.

"The library now owns a large microfilm reader and one individual reader, and I believe there is another microfilm reader available in the Phillips Collection. Plans are being made at this time to place the microfilm reader in a separate room in the basement.

"Nothing has been done to expand the physical plant, and until funds are available for that purpose, very little can be done. You will be interested to know that plans are in progress for improvement of the lighting system on the first and second floor of the library building, both in the offices and reading rooms. Also, work is in process of preparing a number of temporary desks for the use of graduate students in the book stacks.

"You asked, I believe, for suggestions, and I shall outline here a few of the more serious problems which we have.

"1. Perhaps the most pressing and immediate problem is shelf space. Shelving space has been exhausted for several years. It is obvious that each single shelf should provide room for expansion. Failing in this we shall very soon be faced with the problem of shifting all of the books. It requires almost no imagination to visualize the time and labor required to move each one of some 350,000 volumes and pieces.

"Obviously, something should be done about more shelving space.

"2. Of perhaps greater importance is the question of adequate reading room space. There should be seating space in the reading rooms for at least 20% of those enrolled here. I have suggested that some relief could be obtained by use of temporary buildings secured from government surplus or other sources. The present number of seats in the library is:

Main Reading Room - 240  
Browsing Room - 28  
Periodical Reading Room - 60  
South Campus Reading Room - 125

"3. The completion of the unfinished rooms at either end of the stacks would afford a considerable space for the use of graduate students. It would afford some space for the faculty also. Several years ago it was estimated that \$30,000 would be required to finish these rooms. I have no definite idea, but my guess would be that it would now cost \$60,000. Negotiations are now being conducted

to construct several make shift desks at the ends of the stacks for graduates and faculty.

"The increase in circulation has been tremendous. From September 15 to about October 15, we used up 50,000 call slips. This increase in circulation and use of the library has greatly increased the work of the staff, which has never been large enough.

"A very serious problem is the question of salaries for the library staff. Although several modest increases have been made in the salary scale, it is far too low. It is an actual fact that the graduates of our School of Library Science are receiving beginning salaries in excess of those paid to some members of our staff. This condition will make it impossible for us to retain indefinitely a trained and experienced staff. Apparently, every effort is being made to correct this situation and some progress has been made, but sometimes it seems that it is very slow.

"The obvious conclusion is that adequate reading space and sufficient shelving space to care for the growth of the library cannot be secured without considerable expansion of the building itself. It is simply a question of how soon funds will be available for this purpose. There should be seats in the reading rooms to accommodate at least 20% of the enrollment at the University."

"All of the actions taken have been previously recommended by the Senate Library Committee. It is obvious also that other necessary actions mentioned will require expenditure of funds by the University, and little can be done about these until funds are available.

"With reference to the second motion, the committee reports that there is not sufficient space in the general library and recommends that seminar rooms in the basement of the library, which have been used for offices, be vacated (in view of the fact that additional space is being provided by new buildings), and that these rooms be reserved for the use of graduate students.

"It is further recommended that the removal of the bindery from the library building to one, possibly at the north campus, be considered as a partial solution to the space problem.

"The Committee also points out to the Senate the need for a study of departmental libraries on the campus with respect to the following:

1. The efficiency with which books and periodicals are catalogued for reference use.
2. The availability of books and periodicals for use outside the library.
3. The use made of books and periodicals as compared to those in the main library.
4. The use which related departments can make of books and periodicals. If the Senate desires, the committee will make this study.
5. That the study include recommendations concerning policies for establishing new departmental libraries in the future."

The Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, Dr. Fritz Frauchiger, Chairman, submitted a report on Group Life Health and Accident Insurance. The report was approved. A complete copy of this report is attached to this issue of the Journal of the Senate.

A letter from G. E. Wadsack, Director of Registration, stated that several recommendations had been made concerning possible changes in our present plan of scheduling final examinations. He recommended that the Senate make a study of this problem and make recommendations to him accordingly. The Senate referred the matter to the Committee on Coordination for study and report at our next meeting.

On February 2, 1948, the Senate Research Committee submitted a report making certain recommendations in regard to the faculty teaching loads. These recommendations were approved by President Cross and published in the Gazette on March 22.

The Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Hatfield, Secretary