

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
Monnet Hall, Room 101
May 2, 1949

The Senate met in special session to complete the business carried over from the last regular session on April 25. Vice President M. L. Wardell was in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Benson, Oliver E.
Blankenship, Forrest F.
De la Torre, A. M.
Eaton, Howard O.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Farrar, C. L.
Frederickson, E. A.
Huntington, R. L.
Keeley, Joe
Keeton, W. Page
Livezey, William E.
Matlock, J. Ray
Monnett, V. E.
Morgan, L. N.
Pray, Joseph C.
Rinsland, Henry D.
Schultz, E. J.
Sears, Alfred B.
Shuman, Ronald B.
Sneed, Earl
Snyder, L. H.
Sommers, Blanche E.
Swearingen, Lloyd E.
Wardell, M. L.
Winfrey, L. E.
Good, Leonard
Herbert, H. H.
Lottinville, Savoie

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cross, President G. L.
Adams, Arthur B.
Beach, Leonard B.
Brixey, John C.
Cass, Carl B.
Comp, L. A.
Copeland, Fayette
Goodman, George J.
Larsh, Howard W.
Meacham, E. D.
Richter, Kenneth M.
Self, J. Teague
Springer, C. E.
Taylor, Joseph R.
Penfound, Wm. T.

The Committee on Committees made a report on certain proposals to revise the standing committees of the senate in such a manner as to more evenly divide the work of the various committees. As amended, and finally passed, these are the changes that are to be made in the committees:

- (1) The Senate committee on "Curriculum and University Standards" is to be abolished as such, and two committees formed in its place:
(Committee on Curriculum)
(Committee on University Standards)
- (2) The committee on "Co-Ordination" is to be discontinued.

The following report on the special committee on Religious Education was approved:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To the Senate:

We recommend the following action:

That the Senate transmit to the Board of Regents through the President the following suggested statement of University policy, to be published in whole or in part in the University Catalogue:

1. The University requires that all instruction in any course dealing with religion or with matters related to religion shall be non-sectarian. The University recognizes its obligation as a tax-supported institution to

ensure that all instruction in the field of religion shall be in voluntary courses of an elective character that are not prerequisite to any degree. Within these limits the University seeks to provide ample opportunity for instruction in this important field, keeping in mind the words of Mr. Justice Jackson in his concurring opinion in the *McCullum* case (333 US 235):

"...Perhaps subjects such as mathematics, physics or chemistry are, or can be, completely secularized. But it would not seem practical to teach either practice or appreciation of the arts if we are to forbid exposure of youth to any religious influence. Music without sacred music, architecture without the cathedral, or painting without the scriptural themes would be eccentric and incomplete, even from a secular point of view....Certainly a course in English literature that omitted the Bible and other powerful uses of our mother tongue for religious ends would be pretty barren....One can hardly respect a system of education that would leave the student wholly ignorant of the currents of religious thought that move the world society..."

2. All responsibility for appointing any professor of religion must be lodged in the Board of Regents on nomination from the President, and the whole appointing procedure must conform to the routine procedure employed for the appointment of any member of the faculty. Whatever curricula or new courses are to be offered will be approved in the normal manner by the faculty concerned. The Arts and Science College grants credit not to exceed twelve hours for academic work in this field. Other colleges may, if they wish, accept elective credit of this nature up to a maximum of twelve hours.

3. The University has always accepted and will continue to accept transfer credit from accredited institutions for courses in religion and religious subjects if the courses in question are non-sectarian. Such credit can be accepted only if it was earned in residence on the principal campus of the accredited institution concerned.

4. The President of the University shall appoint a University committee to coordinate all University teaching of religious subjects and to make recommendations to the President relative to:

- a) new courses and curricula in religion and related subjects as proposed by various departments and colleges, and
- b) nominations for appointment to the faculty of personnel to teach such courses.

H. O. Eaton, Chairman
W. Page Keeton
J. Ray Matlock
Alfred B. Sears
C. E. Springer
John E. Fellows

It was voted that this be the last meeting of the Faculty Senate until next September--unless the President of the University deems it necessary to call a special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Hatfield, Secretary