

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
January 30, 1950, 4:10 p.m.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

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The Senate met in regular session with Vice Chairman M. L. Wardell in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bender, John F.
Bienfang, Ralph
Blankenship, F. F.
Cass, Carl B.
Cosgrove, A. L.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Farrar, C. L.
Frederickson, E. A.
Hoy, Harry
Kritser, Harriet W.
Lottinville, Savoie
Ortenburger, A. I.
Penfound, Wm. T.
Pray, Joseph C.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rinsland, Henry D.
Rohrer, John H.
Sanders, Stella
Sears, Alfred B.
Shuman, Ronald B.
Sneed, Earl
Stow, Lloyd
Wardell, M. L.
Winfrey, L. E.
Benson, O. E.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cross, G. L.
Beach, Leonard

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Calhoun, John C.
Comp, L. A.
Copeland, Fayette
Couch, Glenn C.
De la Torre, A. M.
Franklin, C. M.
Goodman, George J.
Keeley, Joe
Livezey, William E.
Matlock, J. Ray
Monnett, V. E.
Nielsen, J. Rud
Schriever, Wm.
Schultz, E. J.
Smith, Paul W.
Snyder, L. H.

The Journal of the Senate for the November 21, 1949, meeting was approved.

President Cross approved the recommendation of the Committee on University Standards as reported in the Journal of the University Senate of November 21, 1949:

"The regulations pertaining to eligibility for nonathletic student activities as now appear on page 42 of the University Catalog for 1943-49 should be rescinded and in lieu thereof the following regulations are approved and are to become effective at the beginning of the second semester during the current academic year:

"ACTIVITIES - ELIGIBILITY - NON-ATHLETIC: The Rules of eligibility which govern participation in non-athletic student activities are administered by the Dean of Students in conjunction with the faculty sponsor of the student organization concerned. For exceptions applying to local musical and dramatic programs, see under College of Fine Arts.

1. To be eligible for non-athletic co-curricular activities during any semester, a student must be regularly enrolled in at least 12 hours (6 hours in a summer session) with a grade average of "C" or better in all work undertaken.
2. All students with prior residence, must have successfully completed during the next preceding semester at least 12 hours (6 hours in a summer session) with a grade average of "C" or better in all work undertaken.
3. The rules set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, insofar as they pertain to organizational activities which are wholly within a school or college, are subject to modification by agreement between the Dean of Students and the faculty of the School or college concerned."

Professor Carl B. Cass, Chairman of the Committee on Faculty Personnel, presented a report pertaining to academic rank for Research Institute personnel. The following recommendation was approved:

"That personnel employed by the Research Institute shall have official ranks which shall parallel the professorial ranks of the general faculty - the ranks of assistant research _____ (chemist, engineer, mathematician, etc.), associate research _____, and research _____ being essentially equivalent to the faculty ranks of assistant professor, associate professor, and professor; and that, when anyone holding a research appointment teaches courses in any department, that department may initiate a request for a professorial rank which may or may not be parallel to the research rank he holds. If the professorial rank is granted, it will be in addition to the research rank. The appointments of persons to the Research Institute and to professorial ranks shall be conterminous.

Professor O. E. Benson, member of the special committee appointed to work with the Student Senate on the subject of "Final Examination Exemption Policy for Qualified Seniors," submitted the committee's report and made the following recommendation:

"Your committee recommends, therefore, that the Faculty Senate reaffirm its past position on exemption for seniors from final examinations by denying the student petition. This decision is based on the committee's opinion that the disadvantages attendant to the granting of exemption out weigh the advantages. Also in reaching this decision cognizance was taken of the situation that exists at the University of Oklahoma wherein the various colleges are apparently responsible for their own final examination program."

After a discussion of the student committee's reasons for requesting exemptions and an enumeration of the disadvantages to a program of exemption from final examinations, the recommendation was approved. This approval denied the petition presented in Student Senate Bill No. F - 47, dated November 30, 1949.

An information report concerning fifty course changes since September 22, 1949, was submitted by Professor L. N. Morgan, Executive Secretary of the Council on Instruction.

Professor Earl Sneed, Chairman of the Committee on University Standards, submitted a report on the proposal to revise the present rules regarding cheating, which was requested in March, 1949, by Dr. K. E. Crook, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry.

Professor Sneed reviewed the present rules concerning cheating, which were recommended by the University Senate and approved by the President of the University on February 16, 1948.

The following excerpt from the report includes the Committee's recommendation:

"Your committee has discussed the present rules pertaining to cheating and the need for revision of those rules in the light of Dr. Crook's letter. After several meetings your committee has arrived at these conclusions:

- (1) That the present rules do cover 'attempts to cheat on an examination,' and 'misrepresenting of facts in connection with suspected cheating' for the present rules concern 'cheating cases,' a term sufficiently broad to include the aforementioned situations.
- (2) That 'stealing of State property used for instructional purposes in a course' and for 'other unethical conduct in connection with course work' should not be included in any rules pertaining specifically to cheating, and that punishment for stealing State property and other unethical conduct can be adequately handled by the Student Conduct Committee under existing rules.
- (3) That the committee does not concur with the suggestion 'that required participation of the Instructor or Instructors concerned in hearings on such cases be limited to the submission of a written statement or statements' for the committee believes that instructors should appear in person at hearings on cheating cases if the student concerned or the Student Conduct Committee so desires.

In summary, your committee recommends that the present rules pertaining to cheating remain unchanged."

The Committee's recommendation was approved.

The Faculty of the College of Engineering submitted an appeal from a decision of the Council on Instruction. This appeal referred to courses in Industrial Education 8 and Industrial Education 222 which were disapproved by the Council on Instruction.

Dr. John C. Rohrer moved that the appeal made by the faculty of the College of Engineering be referred to the Committee on Curriculum for consideration and recommendation of action back to the Senate; and that the pro and con of the case be presented with the recommendation; and that when a recommendation concerning an appeal from the Council on Instruction is to be presented to the Senate, that both the college concerned and the Council on Instruction be notified and invited to that Senate meeting by the Secretary of the Senate. The motion was approved.

Since there was no further business, the Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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