

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
November 24, 1952, 4:10 p.m.  
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Olin L. Browder, Jr.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bavinger, E. A.	Kelly, Florene C.	Raines, J. M.	Bell, R. E.
Browder, O. L.	Leek, J. H.	Reese, J. E.	Bruce, J. B.
Brown, H. B.	Livezey, W. E.	Scatori, Stephen	Cross, George L.
Crook, K. E.	Marrs, Wyatt	Sears, A. B.	Hughes, F. C.
Edmondson, V. G.	Matlock, J. R.	Self, J. T.	Pugmire, D. R.
Fite, G. C.	Mertes, J. E.	Springer, C. E.	Rackley, J. R.
Goodman, G. J.	Monnett, V. E.	Stanley, A. J.	Ragan, W. B.
Hall, R. G.	Moorhead, M. L.	Wardell, M. L.	
Harlow, J. G.	Morris, F. C.	Warren, Mary A.	
Herbert, H. H.	Peach, W. N.	Wilcox, S. C.	
Hollon, W. E.	Poston, Lawrence	Wiley, J. B.	
James, R. V.	Pray, J. C.		
Kelly, Ellen	Pritchard, J. P.		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the October 27, 1952 meeting was approved.

SMOKING IN UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

Explanatory Comment:

At the October 27, 1952 meeting of the Senate, Dr. George L. Cross made a motion that the question of smoking in University Buildings be referred to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for consideration. His motion was approved.

Report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations:

The Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations met on Thursday, November 6, and submits the following recommendation regarding smoking in University Buildings:

It shall be the policy on the Norman campuses of the University that there be no smoking in classes or laboratories while they are in session. This does not apply to informal groups such as seminars unless there is an objection by any member of the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen D. Kelly  
J. M. Raines  
Stephen Scatori

D. Ross Pugmire  
Frank C. Hughes, Chairman

(Wyatt Marrs and A. J. Stanley could not attend the Committee meeting)

Senate Action:

Following the reading of the above report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations, there was a discussion of the need for a smoking regulation and the scope of such a regulation. It was then moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be accepted. The motion was approved.

CLASS VISITATIONS BY  
MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Explanatory Comment:

At the October 27, 1952 meeting of the Senate, Professor Herbert moved that the question of visitations by administrative officers be referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel. The motion was approved.

Report of the Committee on Faculty Personnel:

In the University Senate meeting October 27, 1952, Professor Raines spoke on the matter of faculty-administration relations. He discussed two situations in which faculty interests and administration interests appeared to be in conflict.

One of the situations arose from a letter from Vice President Franklin addressed to certain faculty members indicating that he intended to visit "a good many classes". The letter stated that Mr. Franklin wished to begin by visiting classes of "those distinguished professors who were recipients of the \$500 award for outstanding teaching and counseling".

The question of visitations by administrative officers was referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

The Committee met three times to discuss the question. In response to Committee requests, Vice President Franklin and President Cross have provided written statements of their positions. President Cross informed the Committee that the Administration has no policy with respect to class visitations by members of the administrative staff because the question has never arisen before and it did not occur to the Administration that a policy might be necessary or desirable.

For the purposes of the Committee's report, President Cross has given permission to quote his personal position as follows:

"It is unthinkable that any member of the administrative staff should visit a class of any member of our instructional staff except with the permission of the instructor involved, obtained well in advance of the class period".

The Committee supports this position of President Cross.

The committee further recommends that the President's position become institutional policy and that any change in this policy be brought about only by mutual agreement between the faculty and the administration. If class visitation is to become institutional policy, the Senate requests an opportunity to

participate in the formulation of the new policy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Harlow  
J. C. Pray

H. B. Brown  
S. C. Wilcox

J. R. Matlock  
J. B. Wiley

M. L. Moorhead  
W. N. Peach, Chariman

Senate Action:

Dr. Peach read the report of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and moved that the report be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded.

During the discussion which followed, Dr. Sears suggested that the first sentence of the last paragraph of the report be deleted. Dr. Brown suggested that the last sentence of the last paragraph of the report be deleted.

Dr. Crook made a motion to recommit the problem of class visitation to the Committee on Faculty Personnel with the suggestion that the Committee consider the possibility and desirability of developing a plan of visitations for administrative purposes. His motion was seconded but failed to pass.

Professor Morris suggested that the term "institutional policy" in the last sentence of the report be deleted and that the term "general practice" be inserted.

Dr. Wilcox made a motion that the last paragraph of the report be changed to read as follows:

The Committee further recommends that: (a) the President's position become institutional policy and that any change in this policy be brought about only by mutual agreement between the faculty and the administration, and (b) if a regular program of class visitation by members of the administrative staff for administrative purposes is to become institutional policy, the Senate requests an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the new policy.

The motion by Dr. Wilcox was seconded.

Dr. Self offered a substitute motion that action on the committee report be deferred until the January meeting of the Senate. His motion was seconded but failed to pass.

The Senate then approved the motion by Dr. Wilcox to amend the last paragraph of the report of the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

A vote on the amended report was called for and the Senate approved the report with the changes in the last paragraph as indicated in the statement above.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Dr. Sears announced that Religious Emphasis Week was scheduled for the week of December 7-13. He stated that the Committee for Religious Emphasis Week desires to have a good attendance at convocations and would like to have all

University classes dismissed in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, Dec. 8 -- 9:00 Classes	Wednesday, Dec. 10 -- 11:00 Classes
Tuesday, Dec. 9 -- 10:00 Classes	Thursday, Dec. 11 -- 1:00 Classes

Dr. Sears made a motion that the practice of dismissing classes in accordance with the above schedule be approved by the Senate. These classes to be dismissed so that students will be free to attend the Religious Convocations to be held in Holmberg Hall.

Dr. Wardell offered an ammendment to the motion made by Dr. Sears to the effect that the matter of dismissing classes during Religious Emphasis Week should be left to the option of the instructors involved. The motion was seconded but failed to pass.

Dr. Sears then restated his original motion as follows: That lecture classes be dismissed during Religious Emphasis Week in accordance with the schedule above. The motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 26, 1953, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Tuesday Afternoon, January 20.

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