

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
February 23, 1953, 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>
Bell, R. E.	Leek, J. H.	Ragan, W. B.	Bavinger, E. A.
Browder, O. L.	Livezey, W. E.	Raines, J. M.	Bruce, J. B.
Brown, H. B.	Marrs, Wyatt	Reese, J. E.	Goodman, G. J.
Crook, K. E.	Matlock, J. R.	Scatori, Stephen	Hall, R. G.
Cross, G. L.	Mertes, J. E.	Self, J. T.	Hollon, W. E.
Edmondson, V. G.	Monnett, V. E.	Springer, C. E.	Hughes, F. C.
Fite, G. C.	Moorhead, M. L.	Stanley, A. J.	Pritchard, J. P.
Harlow, J. G.	Morris, F. C.	Wardell, M. L.	Pugmire, D. R.
Herbert, H. H.	Peach, W. N.	Warren, Mary A.	Sears, A. B.
James, R. V.	Poston, Lawrence	Wilcox, S. C.	
Kelly, Ellen	Pray, J. C.	Wiley, J. B.	
Kelly, Florene C.	Rackley, J. R.		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the January 26, 1952 meeting was approved.

FACULTY TENURE

Explanatory Comment:

On April 28, 1952 the Senate elected a Special Committee on Tenure to examine the prevailing methods of granting tenure and to report the results of its investigation together with any recommendations regarding a change in the procedures. The Special Committee on Tenure consisted of Professors Hinman, Marrs, Poston, Reese, and Wilcox.

The formal report of this Committee was presented to the Senate by Dr. Wilcox on January 26, 1953. The report was duly considered and approved by the Senate and was transmitted to President G. L. Cross. The complete report of the Committee was published in the Journal of the University Senate for January 26.

On February 12, 1953 President Cross wrote to the Chairman of the University Senate and suggested that the matter of faculty tenure be considered further by the Senate. President Cross indicated that he believes that the recommendations submitted to him would restrict the methods by which departments could function on tenure matters. He stated that each department should be left free to decide the method by which its recommendations shall be originated within the framework of our plan for "departmental administration." President Cross also indicated that he does not believe that there is a need for automatic appeal in tenure cases. He requested that the stipulations regarding appeal be studied further.



Senate Action:

President Cross explained in detail the suggestions that he had made in the letter to Dr. Browder, Chairman of the Senate.

Dr. Wilcox moved that the recommendations of the Special Committee on Tenure be submitted to the Committee on Faculty Personnel and that the committee take cognizance of the remarks of President Cross and revamp the recommendations in the light of the information given by him. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Dr. Poston, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards, made a progress report relative to the work being done by his committee on the matters of (1) developing uniform academic standards and (2) studying the athletic program of the University as it relates to educational policy.

No action was taken by the Senate on these matters.

SENATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Explanatory Comment:

At the meeting of the Senate on January 9, 1953, Dr. Raines raised for discussion the matter of whether or not a committee of the University Senate might be formed to meet in an advisory capacity with the Board of Regents of the University.

The matter was referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications for study. The Committee discussed the general proposition as a committee and, through appointed representatives, it learned of the views of President Cross relative to the advisability of establishing such an advisory group.

Senate Action:

Professor Edmondson, as Chairman of the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, presented the following recommendation:

That a committee, to be known as the Senate Advisory Committee, be established by the Senate; that the membership of the committee consist of the Chairman of the Senate and the chairmen of all standing committees of the University Senate, with the Chairman of the Senate acting as Chairman of the Senate Advisory Committee; and that a request be made, through the President of the University to the University Regents, for at least two joint meetings of the Senate Advisory Committee and the University Regents in each calendar year.

Professor Edmondson moved that the above recommendation be approved by the Senate. The motion was seconded and approved.



PROPOSAL FOR AN AGENDA COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

Explanatory Comment:

At the April, 1952 meeting of the General Faculty, President Cross stated that he believed it would be well to organize an Agenda Committee to be charged with the responsibility for the preparation of agenda for all meetings of the General Faculty.

In accordance with the suggestion by President Cross, the University Senate, at its meeting on January 26, 1953, referred the matter to the Committee on Committees.

Report of the Committee on Committees:

The Committee on Committees, to which was referred the matter of a committee on agenda of the general faculty, desires to submit the following report and recommendation:

In view of the apparent need of a committee on agenda for the meetings of the General Faculty, the committee recommends that the following communication be transmitted to the General Faculty by the Senate:

"The University Senate submits to the General Faculty for its consideration the following proposal:

"1. That the General Faculty establish a Committee on Agenda for its meetings.

"2. That the function of this committee be to prepare and announce in advance to the members of the faculty the agenda for all regular and special meetings.

"3. That this committee consist of three persons holding membership by virtue of the offices they fill and two persons elected by and from the General Faculty, as follows:

"a. The Secretary of the General Faculty, who shall be chairman of the committee;

"b. The President of the University, as chairman of the General Faculty;

"c. The Chairman (or, in his stead, the Vice Chairman) of the University Senate;

"d. and e. Two members of the General Faculty, other than the above, who shall be elected quadrennially at the regular spring meeting of the General Faculty. In the first election to fill these committee places, one person shall be elected for a two-year term and one for a four-year term; thereafter, persons elected to the committee shall serve four-year terms, except when chosen to fill vacancies.

"4. That in preparing the agenda for meetings the committee shall be governed by the regulations concerning the General Faculty and the Senate, as set forth in the Faculty Handbook, and shall make provision for the following items of business, among others:

- "a. Communications by or from the President of the University;
- "b. Communications submitted by the University Senate;
- "c. Proposals or questions submitted by individual members of the General Faculty. Such communications shall be entertained as a part of the agenda only when submitted in writing at least two weeks in advance of the time of the faculty meeting to permit consideration by the agenda committee."

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

H. H. Herbert, Chairman  
J. E. Reese  
J. Bruce Wiley

Senate Action:

Professor Herbert apologized for not having the above report in duplicated form so that it could be in the hands of all senators. He read the report and answered several questions concerning it. Dr. Crook moved that the report be acted upon even though it had not appeared in the agenda for the meeting.

Dr. Wilcox moved that the report of the Committee on Committees be adopted by the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 30, 1953, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Tuesday Afternoon, March 24.

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