

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
 March 30, 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>
Bavinger, E. A.	Harlow, J. G.	Moorhead, M. L.	Matlock, J. R.
Bell, R. E.	Herbert, H. H.	Morris, F. C.	Mertes, J. E.
Browder, O. L.	Hollon, W. E.	Peach, W. N.	Pritchard, J. P.
Brown, H. B.	Hughes, F. C.	Poston, Lawrence	Pugmire, D. R.
Bruce, J. B.	James, R. V.	Pray, J. C.	Rackley, J. R.
Crook, K. E.	Kelly, Ellen	Reese, J. E.	Ragan, W. B.
Cross, G. L.	Kelly, Florene	Self, J. T.	Raines, J. M.
Edmondson, V. G.	Lee, J. H.	Springer, C. E.	Scatori, Stephen
Fite, G. C.	Livezey, W. E.	Wardell, M. L.	Sears, A. B.
Goodman, G. J.	Marrs, Wyatt	Wilcox, S. C.	Stanley, A. J.
Hall, R. G.	Monnett, V. E.	Wiley, J. B.	Warren, Mary A.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the February 23, 1953 meeting was approved.

NEW SENATORS ELECTED

Dr. Donnell M. Owings, Chairman of the University Elections Committee, has reported that at their March meetings the several faculties elected the following persons to the University Senate for the term 1953-56:

The College of Arts and Sciences elected Arthur Bernhart, Paul R. David, Cortez Ewing, Dora McFarland, Ralph E. Olson, Paul G. Ruggiers, and Lewis E. Winfrey to replace K. E. Crook, G. C. Fite, H. H. Herbert, W. E. Hollon, J. W. Marrs, J. P. Pritchard, and S. C. Wilcox.

The College of Business Administration elected Raymond R. White to replace H. B. Brown, Jr.

The College of Engineering elected L. A. Comp to replace F. C. Morris.

The College of Education elected Willard R. Lane to replace D. R. Pugmire.

The College of Fine Arts elected Harrison Kerr to replace F. C. Hughes.

The Graduate College elected M. O. Wilson to replace C. E. Springer.

At its regular meeting in April the General Faculty will elect two senate representatives to replace J. R. Rackley and Mary A. Warren.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Explanatory Comment:

At the January 9, 1953 meeting of the Senate, the Committee on Academic Standards was asked to consider the following questions:

1. What should be the purpose of the athletic program at the University of Oklahoma and its relationship to educational policy?
2. What action -- involving possible changes in policy and organization -- should be taken to put into effect such purpose?

Report of the Committee on Academic Standards:

I. Reorganization and Functions of the Athletic Council

- A. Appropriate steps should be taken as soon as possible toward the dissolution of the Athletic Council as a corporation.
- B. Beginning on June 1, 1953, the Athletic Council shall be composed of nine tenure-holding members of the faculty, one undergraduate student, one alumnus, and the director of athletics.
- C. The Athletic Council shall be reorganized in the following manner:
 1. At its meeting in April, 1953, the senate shall nominate six tenure-holding members of the faculty to serve on the Athletic Council for three years, six for two years, and six for one year. The President of the University shall appoint three from each group.
 2. In subsequent years, at the senate meeting in April, a like procedure shall be followed for the replacement of the three members whose terms are due to expire on June 1, and all appointments shall be for a period of three years.
 3. The undergraduate representative shall be chosen annually by the Student Senate.
 4. The alumni representative shall be chosen annually by the Alumni Association.
 5. The chairman shall be chosen annually by the members of the council from the nine tenure-holding members of the faculty.
- D. Within the framework of the applicable policies and rules of intercollegiate regulatory or accrediting agencies, the functions of the Athletic Council shall be as follows:

1. All questions of policy relating to intercollegiate athletics shall be referred to the Athletic Council for its consideration and recommendations. The council may on its own initiative consider such questions. In either event, the council shall submit its recommendations to the president of the University. Such questions of policy shall include the following:

- a. Policies relating to the eligibility of athletes.
- b. Policies relating to financial assistance to athletes.
- c. Policies relating to the scheduling of intercollegiate contests, including post-season contests.

The above enumeration shall not be construed to remove from the council's consideration any other questions of policy relating to intercollegiate athletics.

2. The council shall consider the annual budget request prepared by the athletic director, and submit its recommendations in respect thereto to the president.

3. The council shall make recommendations to the president concerning the appointment of the director of athletics and all members of the various coaching staffs.

4. The University's representative to the intercollegiate conference shall be appointed by the president upon the recommendations of the council.

5. The council shall meet monthly during the regular school year, on dates set by the council or the chairman, and at other times on call by the chairman.

II. Statement of Athletic Policy

A. Since it is a major purpose of the University to provide the opportunity for all students to develop to the fullest possible degree all abilities and skills, it shall be the purpose of intercollegiate athletics to provide the opportunity for each student to attain the highest possible efficiency in athletic endeavors. The program shall be conducted in the realization that athletics is not an end in itself, but merely one of the contributing factors in the total education of the student.

(COMMENT: It is not the primary purpose of intercollegiate athletics to provide spectacles for the amusement of the public. A distortion of values in this respect creates pressures on the University to betray its fundamental objectives and seek winning teams at any price, and inevitably culminates in a temper of opinion which would flout all restraints and have the University behave as though it were a law unto itself.)

B. The responsibility for the program of intercollegiate athletics shall rest upon the chief executive of the University, with the same faculty participation in the formulation of athletic policies that exists in the formulation of policies in other fields.

(COMMENT: The University is always sensitive to the opinions of all interested persons and groups, in athletics as well as other matters; but when the final authority and responsibility for athletic policies and practices are wrested in any degree from the University administration, the whole educational program of the University is placed in the most serious jeopardy.)

C. The amateur status of intercollegiate sports shall be carefully maintained. To this end every athlete should be required, as a condition of eligibility, to proceed normally in his academic work toward the attainment of a university degree, and financial grants-in-aid should not exceed an amount which is reasonably calculated to defray the costs which are incident to university residence.

(COMMENT: By positive acts and expressions, the University should discourage the attitude in any athlete or prospective student that his residence in the University is primarily a means for exploiting or glorifying his athletic prowess or for qualifying for participation in professional sports.)

D. A policy of providing financial aid to students who participate in athletics, when carefully regulated and limited in extent, is approved.

(COMMENT: Such a policy, when so regulated and limited, is not inconsistent with the amateur status of college athletes nor with the proper aims of intercollegiate athletics. Under ideal circumstances, the granting of scholarships to athletes might be administered differently from present prevailing practices. Such circumstances, however, do not now exist. It seems necessary to assert that the elimination of abuses in intercollegiate athletics cannot be expected to follow from any policy which is blind to the subterfuges which are readily at hand to subvert it. And no expedient has yet been proposed which insures that such subterfuges can effectively be prevented or controlled. Under such circumstances, it is believed that an open and honest policy in this regard is preferable to one which is essentially hypocritical. A pretense of purity is scarcely justified in the face of almost universal practices, which inevitably appear when a university washes its hands of this matter, and the existence of which is conceded by all except those who deliberately choose not to see. Under-the-counter transactions corrode the moral fiber and distort the sense of values of the students affected thereby, and produce the further evil, mentioned above, of withdrawing from the university administration, where it properly belongs, the ultimate control and responsibility for a university's athletic program. To proclaim that financial aid to athletes will not be countenanced in any form, when such aid inevitably will be forthcoming from some source or other, is, therefore, not only hypocritical, but tends to promote the very moral evils which the several regulatory agencies are most anxious to prevent.)

E. The University shall promote and insist upon sportsmanlike conduct on the part of those who participate in its sports, as well as those of the student body who support its teams.

(COMMENT: This is vital to the health of any athletic program. It is recommended that a code of good sportsmanship for all sports fans be formulated and announced and that the student body and its representative groups be enlisted in an effort to bring about its general acceptance and observance.)

Respectfully submitted,

Olin L. Browder, Jr.
John B. Bruce
George J. Goodman
V. E. Monnett
J. Teague Self
Morris L. Wardell
Lawrence Poston, Jr., Chairman

Senate Action on the Foregoing Report:

Because Dr. Browder, Chairman of the Senate, is a member of the Committee on Academic Standards, he requested that Dr. Pray, Vice Chairman of the Senate, preside over the discussion of the report. Dr. Pray, as presiding officer, requested that Dr. Poston make comments which might clarify points in the report.

Dr. Poston explained the procedure by which the report was formulated and moved that it be accepted by the University Senate. His motion was seconded.

Following the motion for acceptance, the report was discussed item by item and approval of each item was obtained.

Amendments to the report were as follows:

Item I-B to read as follows: Beginning on June 1, 1953, the Athletic Council shall be composed of nine tenure-holding members of the faculty, one undergraduate student, one alumnus, the director of athletics (as an ex-officio, non-voting member), and the athletic business manager (as an ex-officio, non-voting member, to serve as secretary of the Council).

Item I-D-2 to read as follows: The council shall consider the annual budget request prepared by the athletic director, and submit its recommendations to the president for consideration by the budget council.

Item II heading to read as follows: Statement of Intercollegiate Athletic Policy.

Item II-A to read as follows: Since it is a major purpose of the University to provide the opportunity for all students to develop to the fullest possible degree all desirable abilities and skills, it shall be the purpose of intercollegiate athletics to provide the opportunity for each student to attain proficiency in athletic endeavors. The program shall be conducted in the realization that athletics is not an end in itself, but merely one of the contributing factors in the total education of the student.

Following the item by item discussion of the report of the Committee on Academic Standards and the adoption of the ammendments shown above, the entire report of the Committee was approved by the Senate.

Dr. Browder then reassumed his chairmanship of the Senate.

"STOP DAY" -- A RESOLUTION FROM THE STUDENT SENATE

Explanatory Comment:

In April, 1952 the Student Senate sent to the University Senate the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Student Senate request the administration to inaugurate a "stop day" with no regular class periods immediately preceding the beginning of final exams.

The University Senate on May 26, 1952 referred the resolution to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for a report in 1952-53.

Senate Action:

Professor Hughes, Chairman of the Committee on Student and Public Relations, reported that his Committee is considering the matter and will have specific recommendations to make at the regular meeting of the Senate on April 27, 1953.

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

Explanatory Comment:

On March 11, 1953 President Cross wrote a letter to Vice President Cate in which he made several recommendations relative to changes which should be made in the budgetary procedures of the University. The letter is reproduced on pages 7 and 8 of this Journal.

Senate Action:

Dr. Poston moved that the recommendations as stated in items 1 through 7 on the second page of the letter written by President Cross be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded and the recommendations were approved.

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March 11, 1953

Mr. Roscoe Cate
President's Office

Dear Mr. Cate:

I believe we agree that the budgetary procedures of the University of Oklahoma have not been entirely consistent with the plan of administrative organization of the institution that has been described to the faculty and public.

Our plan of administrative organization provides that the dean of the appropriate undergraduate college, the Dean of the University College, and the Dean of the Graduate College shall have equal influence concerning departmental requests having to do with budgets, promotions in rank, increases in salary, and tenure. Our budgetary procedures do not give these three deans equal influence. This is true because only the recommendations of the undergraduate dean are requested by the Budget Council in regard to the budgetary problems of the departments. The Dean of the University College and the Dean of the Graduate College hold membership on the Budget Council and the only influence they exert is that of the privilege of voting on the budgetary request of each department.

The undergraduate dean is called before the Budget Council at the time a department's budget is being considered. He is invited to make specific recommendations and to defend the request of each department. This places the other two deans at a disadvantage. They are placed in the position of having to evaluate, perhaps critically, the departmental requests and the recommendations of the dean of the undergraduate college. This, I believe, impairs their effectiveness in working with the departments.

In this connection, I have always been slightly opposed to the presence of administrative personnel on the Budget Council. I think that deans should not hold membership on this Council. I think the Financial Vice-President should be chairman of the Council and that the Executive Vice-President probably should be an ex officio member for purposes of supplying information to the members of the Council. But I think that no other administrative personnel should have membership. The recommendations of a Budget Council constituted in this fashion would be much more representative of faculty thinking than is the case at present.

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I am suggesting the following as a possible solution to this problem:

1. Reconstitute the Budget Council in such a way that membership is provided only for those nominated by the University Senate with the Vice-Presidents of the University as ex officio, non-voting members--the Financial Vice-President to be chairman of the Council.
2. Have all departmental recommendations delivered only to the Presidents Office.
3. Have copies of departmental recommendations prepared in the President's Office and distributed to all the deans concerned.
4. Have each dean add his recommendations on his copy, add substantiating materials, and return to the President's Office, where all recommendations can be consolidated on one sheet for use of the Budget Council and departmental chairmen.
5. Have the Budget Council conduct departmental budget hearings with only the departmental representative or representatives present.
6. After departmental hearings are held, invite the three deans concerned with each college to meet with the Council (each college separately) to discuss any questions on which the Council desires further information from the deans.
7. With respect to the final budget recommendations presented to the president, include on one sheet recommendations from
 - a. The departmental budget committee
 - b. The dean of the appropriate undergraduate college
 - c. The dean of the University College
 - d. The dean of the Graduate College
 - e. The University Budget Council

I am informing the Senate and deans of these proposals by carbon copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross
President

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cc: Olin Browder
C. M. Franklin
Deans

STUDENT RELATIONS

Explanatory Comment:

The Agenda for the March 30, 1953 meeting of the University Senate included a statement by Dr. Ross Pugmire in which he proposed that the University Senate recommend a policy of early notification of all candidates for degrees whose eligibility is in question, such notification to be given early enough before the date of graduation exercises to give candidates fair warning of the jeopardy of their status.

Senate Action:

The details of the statement by Dr. Pugmire were not discussed.

Dr. Self moved that the matter be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Fite made a motion to amend the motion by Dr. Self to the effect that a report on this matter be made by the appropriate committee at the next regular meeting of the Senate. The amendment was seconded and passed. The original motion as amended was passed.

NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Pray made a motion that in the future the committee on committees procedure be utilized in the University Senate in the formation of all Senate and University Committees. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 5:50 P. M. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 27, 1953, at 4:10 P. M. Material for the Agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Tuesday Afternoon, April 21.

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