

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
September 28, 1953 - 4:10 p.m.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Dr. Joseph C. Pray.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bavinger, E. A.	Kelly, Florene C.	Ragan, W. B.	Cross, G. L.
Bell, R. E.	Lane, W. R.	Reese, J. E.	Goodman, G. J.
Bernhart, Arthur	Leek, J. H.	Scatori, Stephen	Kerr, Harrison
Bruce, J. B.	Livezey, W. E.	Sears, A. B.	Monnett, V. E.
Comp, L. A.	McFarland, Dora	Self, J. T.	Peach, W. N.
David, P. R.	Mertes, J. E.	Tuma, Gerald	Raines, J. M.
Duncan, J. P.	Moorhead, M. L.	Wardell, M. L.	Stanley, A. J.
Ewing, Cortez	Morris, Virginia	Westfall, O. D.	
Farrar, C. L.	Olson, R. E.	White, R. R.	
Fraser, George	Poston, Lawrence	Wilson, M. O.	
Hall, R. G.	Pray, J. C.	Winfrey, L. E.	
James, R. V.			

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the Senate for the meetings held on May 25 and May 28 was approved.

SENATE ELECTIONS

Chairman of the Senate

Dr. Joseph C. Pray was elected Chairman of the University Senate by acclamation.

Vice Chairman of the Senate

Dr. J. E. Reese was elected Vice Chairman of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

Dr. Gerald A. Porter was elected Secretary of the Senate.

DISTRIBUTION OF UNIVERSITY SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Explanatory Comment

The Charter of the University Senate, as approved by the Regents of the University in 1947, provides in part as follows:

The faculty of each college and degree granting school of the University shall be entitled to representation in the Senate proportionately on the basis of a quota to be determined by the general faculty every third year beginning in 1947. However, each college and independent degree granting school shall elect at least one member to the Senate. Any member of that faculty is eligible for election as such representative if he meets the eligibility requirements prescribed hereafter. The general faculty shall elect the remaining members of the Senate.

Senate Action

Dr. Moorhead moved that consideration of the proportional distribution of membership in the University Senate for the three-year period, September 1, 1954 to September 1, 1957, be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was approved by the Senate.

Dr. Pray, as Chairman of the University Senate, referred the matter to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

NOMINATIONS FOR SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

Report of the Committee on CommitteesTo the Senate:

September 21, 1953

The persons listed below are nominated by the Committee on Committees for membership on the standing committees for the year 1953-54. Three committee places remain unfilled because of vacancies caused by leaves of absence or resignations from the faculty. These will be filled when persons are elected to fill the existing Senate vacancies.

It is suggested that the person first named in each committee list be asked to call the first meeting and effect and organization.

Committee on Academic Standards

1. *J. B. Bruce
2. Cortez Ewing
3. V. E. Monnett
4. W. N. Peach
5. Lawrence Poston, Jr.
6. J. T. Self
7. M. L. Wardell

Committee on Courses and Curricula

- ✓ 1. R. G. Hall
2. R. V. James
3. Florene C. Kelly
4. J. E. Mertes
5. Arthur Bernhart
6. J. E. Reese
7. Harriett Harvey

Report of Committee on Committees -- Continued

Committee on Faculty Personnel

1. C. L. Farrar
2. G. J. Goodman
3. Dora McFarland
4. M. L. Moorhead
5. R. E. Olson
6. J. C. Pray
7. O. D. Westfall
8. L. E. Winfrey

Committee on Teaching and Research

1. Paul R. David
2. W. E. Livezey
3. J. H. Leek
4. Gerald Tuma
5. W. B. Ragan
6. M. O. Wilson
7. Paul Ruggiers

Committee on Journal

1. M. L. Moorhead
2. J. C. Pray
3. Stephen Scatori

Committee on Student and Public Relations

- *1. L. A. Comp
2. Virginia Morris
3. Harrison Kerr
4. J. M. Raines
5. J. P. Duncan
6. A. J. Stanley
7. R. R. White

Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications

- *1. E. A. Bavinger
2. R. E. Bell
3. W. E. Lane
4. Stephen Scatori
5. A. B. Sears
6. George Fraser
7. Mendel Glichman

Respectfully submitted,

*J. E. Reese, Chairman
L. E. Winfrey

Senate Action Relative to the Report of the Committee on Committees

Dr. Reese, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, moved that the nominations indicated in the above report be approved. His motion was passed by the Senate. There were no nominations made from the floor of the Senate. Thus, the Report of the Committee on Committees indicates the membership of the standing committees of the Senate for the year 1953-54.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Election of Replacement for Professor J. B. Wiley

Dr. Reese, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, reported that a leave of absence granted Professor J. B. Wiley created a vacancy on the Committee for the remainder of a three-year term, 1952-53.

Dr. Ewing moved that a replacement for Professor Wiley be elected to serve only during the time that Professor Wiley remains away from the campus. His motion was approved.

Professor C. L. Farrar was nominated to serve on the Committee of Committees until the return of Professor Wiley. He was elected by acclamation.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES -- continued

Increase in the Membership of the Committee

Dr. Livezey commented on the ever-increasing scope of the duties of the Committee on Committees. He indicated that he believes that the number of people serving on the Committee should be increased.

Dr. Reese moved that Part 1 of Section E of the By-Laws of the Senate be amended so that the Committee on Committees will consist of five members instead of three. His motion was approved by the Senate.

In accordance with the procedure for amending the By-Laws of the Senate, this amendment will be distributed to the members of the Senate two weeks in advance of the next regular meeting at which time a vote will be taken on it.

CONSIDERATION OF LETTER FROM
JOHN M. RAINES

The Letter

Dear Professor Porter:

September 28, 1953

Because I am teaching a course in Midwest City on Monday afternoons, it will not be possible for me to attend Senate meetings regularly for the next ten weeks. After that, I would be able presumably to resume regular attendance.

I should like to submit this case to the judgment of the Senate. If the Senate believes that under the circumstances I had better resign, this letter can serve as my letter of resignation. If, however, it appears more desirable for me to resume my duties at the end of this period, I shall be glad to do so.

Respectfully yours,

JMR/ad

John M. Raines
English Department

Senate Action

Dr. Bernhart moved that the Senate recommend to the General Faculty that a replacement for Dr. Raines be elected. His motion was not seconded.

Dr. Wardell made a motion that Dr. Raines continue as a Senator. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Self pointed up the fact that Dr. Raines is a Senator elected by the General Faculty. He offered a substitute motion that the letter from Dr. Raines be referred to the General Faculty for action. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTION

Report of the Committee on Committees

September 21, 1953

To the Senate:

The resignation of Professor Olin L. Browder and a leave of absence granted to Professor J. B. Wiley have created two vacancies on the Council on Instruction. According to Senate rules, four nominations must be submitted to the President. At least one nomination should be from the College of Law and another from the College of Engineering.

The Committee on Committees submits the following nominations:

Winston O. Smith.....Engineering
 Maurice H. Merrill.....Law
 V. A. Elconin.....Arts and Sciences
 J. C. Pray.....Arts and Sciences

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Reese, Chairman
 L. E. Winfrey

Senate Action

Dr. Reese moved that the nominations indicated in the Report of the Committee on Committees be approved by the Senate. His motion passed.

ELIBIBILITY OF STUDENTS TO RECEIVE DEGREES

Letter from President Cross

July 16, 1953

Dear Professor Porter:

During the past few months, two cases have come to my attention of individuals who were eligible for suspension for poor scholarship at the time that their degrees were conferred.

The system of academic accounting permits such situations to occur by virtue of the fact that an individual who becomes involved during a terminal semester still may not lose grade points enough to take his average below the "C" necessary for graduation.

It seems to me that his situation is somewhat anomalous, in terms of the overall university concern with high level performance, and that it perhaps should be made the subject of an investigation and recommendation by the University Senate.

I ask that the Senate investigate and recommend in regard to a University-wide policy concerning the eligibility of students to receive degrees in semesters during which they are eligible for suspension.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross, President

GLC:aa

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS TO RECEIVE DEGREES -- continued

Senate Action

Dr. Hall moved that the matter of the eligibility of students to receive degrees be referred to the Committee on Academic Standards. His motion was approved by the Senate

REORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL

Letter from President Cross

Dear Dr. Browder:

June 11, 1953

I am asking the University Faculty Senate to consider the possible reconstitution of the present University College Council. The council is now composed of two representatives from Arts and Sciences, two from Engineering and one from each of the other colleges, plus a representative of the general students and another for the unclassified students.

I should appreciate it if the Faculty Senate, after study by its appropriate committee or committees, would consider the reorganization of the University College Council along the following lines:

1. Suggested Membership: One representative from each academic department in the University, under the chairmanship of the Dean of University College.
2. Suggested Responsibilities:
 - (a) To study all introductory courses with reference to course content, particularly with respect to the integration of introductory courses in various areas (Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, etc.).
 - (b) To develop short-term programs (one-year, two-year, etc.) especially those that cut across college lines (i. e., a combined program in Home Economics and Secretarial Science) in the University College.
 - (c) To encourage and stimulate the development of two-year programs in other colleges, both general (such as the new programs in General Business) and specialized or vocational (such as the two-year programs in Secretarial Science).

Cordially yours,

G. L. Cross
President

REORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL -- continued

Senate Action

Dr. Livezey made a motion to refer the matter of reorganization of the University College Council to the Committee on Courses and Curricula. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Hall offered a substitute motion that the matter be referred to a special committee. His motion was not seconded.

Professor Westfall made a substitute motion to refer the matter to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Letter from President Cross

Members of the University Senate:

August 26, 1953

In studying University Committees this summer, I notice that of all standing committees appointed from my office each year nominations for six are made by the Faculty Senate. These committees are as follows:

1. Athletic Council
2. Budget Council
3. Council on Instruction
4. Council on Planning and Development
5. Council on Faculty Retirement
6. Committee on University Libraries

There are numerous other committees, of course, and many of these I think have a considerable amount of responsibility in regard to policy. It occurred to me that the Faculty Senate should have the responsibility of submitting nominations to my office in regard to membership on these committees. I should like to receive from the Senate following the April meeting of 1954 nominations for membership on the following committees in addition to the six listed above:

1. Admissions and Advanced Standing
2. Class Schedule Committee
3. Student Conduct Committee
4. University Elections Committee
5. Faculty Intramural Committee (The Senate may wish to suggest that the Faculty Intramural Committee be constituted as a sub-committee of the new Athletic Council, particularly since the budget for intramural athletics has been transferred to the Athletic Council.)
6. Military, Naval, and Air Committee
7. Pan American Committee
8. Public Lectures and Colloquia Committee
9. University Scholarship Committee
10. Serial Publications Committee

I shall appreciate your favorable consideration of this respect.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross, President

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES -- continued

Senate Action

Dr. Self moved that the matter of nominations for university committees be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. The motion was approved.

Dr. Pray, as Chairman of the University Senate, referred the matter to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

ABSENCE DUE TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Letter from President Cross

Dear Professor Porter:

June 1, 1953

This letter has reference to action taken by the University Senate on May 25 concerning item D under Old Business. The Senate voted "that campus wide activities (Religious Emphasis Week, Career Conference, etc.) be scheduled at times when there is the least conflict with classes, such as late afternoons, evenings, and Saturdays."

It is not clear whether this action is intended as a recommendation to the administration of the University, or whether it is intended as a directive to the various organizations which schedule meetings on the campus.

If it is intended as a recommendation to the administration, I must admit that I would hesitate to instruct the campus organizations that their meetings must be scheduled at such times as "late afternoons, evenings, and Saturdays" as long as attendance on the part of students and participation on the part of faculty remain voluntary. I believe that it would be much better for a committee of the Senate to meet with representatives of the various organizations and attempt to work out cooperatively a schedule of meetings which would conflict to the least possible extent with class work.

If the action of the Senate was intended as directive to the various organizations, then I believe by all means that conferences should be held with representatives of the various groups before any attempt is made to enforce the directive.

Will you please place the above statement on the agenda of the Senate for the next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross
President

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cc: Professor Olin L. Browder

ABSENCE DUE TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES -- continued

Senate Action

The matter of absence due to extra-curricular activities as pointed up by President Cross was referred to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUDGET COUNCIL

Letter from President Cross

Members of the Faculty Senate:

August 26, 1953

Gentlemen:

It has been recommended to me that a member of the Employee Council be included in the Budget Council in order that the classified employees might feel that they have something of a voice in the financial management of the institution. I am presenting this recommendation to you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

GLC:aa
cc: Frank Ives

G. L. Cross
President

Senate Action

Dr. Ewing moved that the matter of membership in the Budget Council as indicated by President Cross be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. The motion was approved.

Dr. Pray, as Chairman of the University Senate, referred the matter to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

WORKSHOP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

Dr. Wardell made a motion that the University Senate recommend to President Cross that the University of Oklahoma participate in an appropriate manner in the second annual workshop of the Association of Independent Colleges of Oklahoma; this workshop to be held at the University of Tulsa on November 6 and 7. The motion was approved by the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 26, 1953, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Tuesday afternoon, October 20.

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