

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, November 29, 1954, 4:10 P. M.

Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Rufus G. Hall, Jr.

Present

Bell, P. E.
Bernhart, Arthur
Bruce, J. B.
Comp, L. A.
David, P. R.
Duncan, J. P.
Ewing, Cortez
Farrar, Clyde L.
Feaver, J. C.
Fraser, George
Goodman, G. J.
Hall, R. G.
Hoy, H. E.
Jorgenson, L. P.
Keown, W. H.
Kerr, Harrison
Lane, W. R.

Present

Lewis, Eunice
McFarland, Dora
Mertes, J. E.
Moore, C. A.
Moorhead, M. L.
Morris, Virginia
Olson, R. E.
Peach, W. N.
Powell, Lytle
Ruggiers, P. G.
Scott, L. V.
Sears, A. B.
Smith, W. O.
Springer, C. E.
Wardell, M. L.
White, R. R.
Wiley, J. B.

Absent

Crook, K. E.
Cross, G. L.
Daron, G. H.
Kelly, Florene
Livezey, W. E.
Pray, J. C.
Weese, A. O.
Wilson, M. O.
Winfrey, L. E.
Wurtzbaugh, Jewel

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the meeting held on October 25, 1954 was approved.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND COMMENCEMENT ✓

Explanatory Comment

On November 11, 1954, the Student Senate passed a resolution relating to the need for earlier examinations for seniors so that commencement activities might be conducted prior to the final examination period in the second semester of the school year. That Student Senate Resolution appears on the next page.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS and COMMENCEMENT -- continued

Student Senate Resolution

Title: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NEED FOR EARLIER COMMENCEMENT
FOR
GRADUATING SENIORS

WHEREAS: There has been definite lack of interest and participation on the part of the student body in graduation exercises; and

WHEREAS: This lack of participation can be attributed in large part to the fact that commencement is held several days following final examinations when most students have left the campus for summer jobs, vacation, to enter service, etc.; and

WHEREAS: Scheduling of commencement exercises on the last week before regular finals start would increase greatly the attendance of graduating seniors at the exercises, would permit attendance of a greater number of undergraduates at the ceremonies, would allow university student musical groups such as choral, orchestra, band, etc., to participate in commencement programs, and would enable graduating seniors going to new jobs to begin earlier and these going into service to spend a few days at home; and

WHEREAS: A plan enabling the faculty to give graduating seniors their finals a week before regular final examination period begins, or dismiss their graduating seniors from any finals at the discretion of the professor, and that this plan would enable commencement exercises to be held earlier and thus gaining the above advantages; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the university faculty and administration adopt this plan submitted by the senior class and the student senate for the improvement of the University of Oklahoma commencement exercises.

Submitted on motion by Dan Blankenship

Motion Seconded by Fallis Beall

Adopted by the Student Senate Passed this 11 day of November 1954

FINAL EXAMINATIONS and COMMENCEMENT --- continued

Senate Action

The Student Senate had requested permission for one of its members to present ideas relative to the matter of having early final examinations for seniors to permit holding commencement exercises early. Mr. Dan Blankenship, President of the Senior Class and a member of the Student Senate, was present and ready to report student beliefs relative to the matter under consideration. He utilized approximately ten minutes in presenting the student point of view and in answering questions directed to him by members of the University Senate.

Following the presentation by Mr. Blankenship, the matter was discussed briefly. Dr. David moved that the matter be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and a report; the committee to meet with students as it sees fit. The motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

The problem was immediately referred to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ✓

Letter From Vice President McCarter

November 13, 1954

Professor Rufus G. Hall
Department of Government
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Hall:

The two Departments of Physical Education have recommended several revisions in our policies concerning physical education requirements for freshmen and sophomores. In effect, these revisions mean the elimination of the following types of exemption from the requirement: (a) exemption for students 25 years of age; (b) exemption for married women; (c) exemption for physical handicaps.

The Council on Instruction has studied the recommendations and has recommended that they be approved. Since they involve a general University requirement, President Cross is now referring them to the Senate with a request for its recommendation.

I am attaching the statement which the Council on Instruction has approved and which shows how the requirements, as revised, would be carried in the University Bulletins.

PKMcC:lc

cc; Professor Gerald A. Porter
Professor L. N. Morgan

Sincerely yours,
Pete Kyle Mc Carter
Vice President

Physical Education Requirements -- continuedStatement Approved by the Council on Instruction

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Requirements: All women students are required to complete one course in physical education in each of four separate semesters during their freshman and sophomore years.

A male student who has reached his twenty-first birthday on or before September 30 of the current school year may take either physical education or air, military, or naval science; he must take one or the other until he has completed the requirements of four semesters.

As much as four hours of credit in flight training may be substituted for four hours of physical education by students not enrolled in air, military, or naval science.

Opportunities for Physically Handicapped Students: Courses are given by the departments of physical education for men and for women which offer opportunities for students with physical handicaps to correct or alleviate the resultant problems and to develop recreational skills. The selection of such courses is made with the approval of the physicians of the Student Health Service.

Exemptions: Release from the requirement in physical education for both men and women will be granted:

1. To students who have served a reasonable length of time in the armed forces.
2. To students entering with advanced standing, under the following conditions:
 - (a) All students who enter with less than sixty hours of advanced standing and less than four semesters in physical education, must enroll in physical education until (1) they have earned four semesters in physical education; or (2) they have earned sixty hours.

Requests to be relieved from physical education requirements for reasons other than those set forth above should be addressed in writing to the Committee on Physical Education.

Senate Action

Certain elements of the changes in physical education requirements were discussed by the Senate. Dr. Moorhead moved that the recommended changes be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

SOCIAL SECURITY ✓

Letter From Vice President McCarter

November 5, 1954

Professor Rufus G. Hall, Chairman
University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Hall:

University faculty members are now eligible for Social Security coverage, provided various technical problems can be worked out satisfactorily.

President Cross has requested me to ask that the Senate appoint a committee to make a study of whether the faculty desires to take steps toward obtaining such coverage. Regardless of what the committee reports, the Senate will no doubt wish to consider whether the matter should be referred to the General Faculty for a vote.

Sincerely yours,

Pete Kyle McCarter
Vice President

PKMcC: lc

cc: Professor Gerald A. Porter

Senate Action

On November 17 the Committee on Faculty Personnel met with Mr. J. W. Kisner, and officer of the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association, to discuss what other institutions are doing about the newly available social security coverage, and recent developments in retirement plans.

Professor Farrar, Chairman of the Committee on Faculty Personnel, made an oral report relative to the above meeting. He stated that it is now possible for the faculty of the University to have both social security and teacher retirement. The discussion on November 17 centered in problems connected with the faculty moving in the direction of participation in both plans. Evidence was presented that such dual participation would be especially valuable for the older members of the faculty. A big problem arises from the fact that the University must match the contributions made by employees in the social security arrangement.

Dr. Ewing moved that the matter of social security be referred to the proper committee for consideration and a report. The motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR ✓

Letter From Student Senate President

November 11, 1954

Dr. Rufus Hall, President
 Faculty Senate
 Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Hall:

For the past two weeks a committee of student senators, representing the student welfare committee, has interviewed administrative officials concerning the university calendar. The objective of this student-oriented study was to ascertain the reasons behind the relative length of the University of Oklahoma school year, as compared to other institutions of higher education.

Enclosed in this envelope may be found a resolution to the Faculty Senate recommending adoption of student senate points in this holiday issue. The student senate feels sincerely that an ample study has been made concerning the facts in question, and that full adoption of its resolution would not seriously disrupt the university calendar which has been erroneously established.

The entire student body joins us in asking your full consideration of this matter. Advantages to students, of course, are obvious; but, we believe the grounds are deserved, and the suggestions not at all unreasonable.

Thanking you for your interest in these projects, we sincerely trust you, the Faculty Senate, will approve our resolution.

Sincerely yours,

AA:ap

Al Alschuler, President
 Student Senate

Student Senate Resolution

Title: BILL REQUESTING EXTENSION OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS: The Christmas holidays of 1954-55 are now scheduled to take place from 10:00 p.m., Dec. 22 to 8:00 a.m., Jan. 3, 1955.

WHEREAS: The basis for attending classes has been set arbitrarily at forty-eight times per semester for a three hour course.

WHEREAS: The Christmas holidays of 1954-55 can be extended to include from 1:00 p.m. Dec. 18, 1954 to Jan. 3, 1955 and still meet an average of 48 times per semester for a three hour course.

University Calendar -- continued

WHEREAS: There are not an excessive amount of school activities scheduled from Dec. 18 to Dec. 22, 1954.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate be respectfully asked to lengthen the Christmas holidays to include from 1:00 p.m. Dec. 18, 1954 to 8:00 a.m. Jan 3, 1955.

Submitted on motion by Brad McDonald

Motion seconded by Rosemary Skinner

Action by the Student Senate passed this 11 day of November 1954.

Senate Action

The Chairman of the Senate commented relative to the preparation of the University calendars in part years and indicated that he had discussed the matter with numerous members of the administrative staff in an effort to locate possible obstacles to changing the calendar in the middle of the year.

Dr. Peach moved that the Christmas holiday recommended by the Student Senate be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Duncan moved that the matter of future preparation of University calendars be referred to the proper committee for consideration and a report. His motion was seconded and passed.

This matter was immediately referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

The question was raised as to whether the change in Christmas holidays might be reported immediately to the newspapers which had requested the information. Dr. Wardell moved that the recommendation concerning the holidays be conveyed to President Cross and that he make whatever announcements might be necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

PRE-ENROLLMENT ✓

Explanatory Comment

On October 5, 1954 the President of the Student Senate requested the University Senate to again consider the matter of pre-enrollment with the thought that pre-enrollment procedures might be extended to include the enrollment of most students. The matter was referred to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

Pre-Enrollment -- continued

Report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations

November 18, 1954

At a meeting of the Committee on Student and Public Relations on November 15, the following action regarding pre-enrollment was approved:

The Student and Public Relations Committee recommends that no increase in the extent of pre-enrollment practices be made at this time.

Submitted by,

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

L. A. Comp, Chairman

Senate Action

Professor Comp presented the above report and moved its adoption by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Letter From Vice President

November 23, 1954

Professor Rufus G. Hall
Department of Government
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Hall:

Because of the demands that various duties are making upon his time so that he often finds it difficult to attend the committee meetings, Professor Elroy L. Rice has requested that he be relieved of duty on the Class Schedule Committee. President Cross has approved his request.

Appointments to this committee are made upon nomination of the Senate. Will you please ask the Senate at its next meeting to nominate two members of the faculty from whom the President may select a replacement for Professor Rice.

Sincerely yours,

PKMcC:lw

Pete Kyle McCarter
Vice President

cc: Professor Gerald A. Porter

Committee Appointment -- continued

Senate Action

The Chairman of the Senate read the above letter to the Senate because it had come through too late to appear in the Agenda.

The Committee on Committees, after due consideration, nominated the following individuals:

Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh -- Plant Sciences
H. H. Rowley -- Chemistry

Dr. David moved that the nomination be closed. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

The nominations submitted by the Committee on Committees were approved by the Senate. President Cross will appoint one of the two persons to replace Professor Rice.

CAMPUS UNITED CHARITY FUND ✓

Professor Fraser made a motion that an appropriate committee of the University Senate consider the matter of setting up a campus united charity fund program to facilitate collection of money for all charities by means of one drive each year rather than several drives. His motion was seconded and passed.

The problem was referred immediately to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 31, 1955, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Monday, January 24.

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