

## JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, February 28, 1955, 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, R. E.  
Bernhart, Arthur  
Bruce, J. B.  
Comp, L. A.  
Crook, Kenneth E.  
David, Paul R.  
Ewing, Cortez  
Feaver, J. Clayton  
Fraser, George B.  
Goodman, G. J.  
Hall, Rufus G.  
Hoy, Harry E.  
Keown, William H.  
Kerr, Harrison  
Lewis, Eunice  
McFarland, Dora

Present

McGrew, William C.  
Moore, Carl A.  
Moorhead, M. L.  
Morris, Virginia  
Olson, Ralph E.  
Peach, W. N.  
Powell, Lytle  
Pray, J. C.  
Ruggiers, Paul G.  
Sears, A. B.  
Smith, W. O.  
Springer, C. E.  
Wardell, M. L.  
White, R. R.  
Winfrey, Lewis E.  
Wurtzbaugh, Jewel

Absent

Cross, George L.  
Daron, G. H.  
Duncan, J. P.  
Farrar, Clyde L.  
Jorgenson, Lloyd P.  
Kelly, Florene C.  
Lane, Willard R.  
Livezey, W. E.  
Scott, L. V.  
Weese, A. O.  
Wiley, J. B.  
Wilson, M. O.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the meeting held on January 31, 1955 was approved.

## PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE OFFERING OF COURSES BY EXTENSION

Approximately nine pages of the Journal of the University Senate for January 31 was devoted to a presentation of a report rendered by the Special Senate Committee on Extension Division Affairs. The Senate at this meeting (February 28) utilized more than an hour and a half discussing various elements of the report.

Dr. Reese, Chairman of the Special Committee, began the discussion by presenting information relative to the manner in which the report of the Committee was developed. He emphasized that the Committee endeavored at all times to develop policies which would pertain to such phases of extension activities as:

1. University faculty participation in the formulation of the extension program.
2. Control of instruction offered through extension classes and short courses.
3. Budgetary implications of extension activity.

Problems Relating to the Offering of Courses by Extension -- continued

Following the presentation of the report by Dr. Reese, Professor Raymond White moved that the report be accepted by the Senate. His motion was seconded.

Dr. David offered a substitute motion that the report be approved item by item with a general discussion prior to consideration of the separate items. His motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman of the Senate called upon Dean Thurman White and Dr. Loren Brown who were present to aid in the discussion of the report of the Special Committee. Both men made statements concerning the report. They indicated enthusiasm for certain phases of it and pointed up problems that would arise if certain portions of the report are adopted.

After considerable discussion of general phases of extension activity, the first item in the report was considered separately. That item (Recommendation I) was approved with one minor amendment. Recommendation II was also discussed at length. At 5:45 p.m., Dr. Ewing moved postponement of further consideration of the Extension Report until a special meeting on Monday, March 6. His motion was seconded and passed. The Senate will meet at 4:10 p.m., Monday, March 6, to continue consideration of the problems relating to the offering of courses by extension.

Dr. Peach moved that because of the time factor all items on the February 28 Agenda be postponed that could be held over until a later meeting. His motion was seconded and passed.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BIG SEVEN CONFERENCE

Explanatory Comment

Although this matter was not on the Agenda, the Chairman of the Senate believed it to be sufficiently important to warrant immediate action. He presented the following letter to the Senate:

February 23, 1955

Dr. Rufus G. Hall, Chairman  
Faculty Senate  
University of Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Hall:

During the two years that the newly organized Athletic Council has served, it has been quite obvious to all members that the position of Faculty Representative to the Big Seven Conference is of great importance to the University. At almost every conference meeting questions arise regarding policies that effect both the athletic program and the academic standards of the University. At such times it is imperative to have a representative with a congenial but strong and forceful personality, who is fully aware of the policies and needs of the University, and who can make decisions quickly and wisely. All Council members further feel that even with these qualities, the man who can best serve the University should have had

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experience as Faculty Representative, particularly since the representatives of the other schools in the Conference are experienced men.

Dean Earl Sneed is our present Faculty Representative; he also serves as Chairman of the Athletic Council. The Council feels that Dean Sneed has performed his duties with competence and interest. He has enjoyed the work. Certainly the experience which he has gained will make him even more competent in the future. Dean Sneed's term of office expires June 1, 1955.

The Council believes that the Faculty Representative should be a member of the Athletic Council. Although this is not stated in the Journal of the Senate (March 30, 1953) we feel that the Senate intended it to be this way. Should Dean Sneed not be reappointed to the Athletic Council when his term expires this year the Council has two logical alternatives: (1) it can recommend the appointment of a new Faculty Representative from the Council membership. This would then be repeated every one or two years, which is not a desirable situation; (2) it can recommend the reappointment of Dean Sneed as Faculty Representative. If this were approved by President Cross, the Faculty Representative would not be a member of the Athletic Council.

To avoid either of these undesirable situations, the Council, at its February 17 meeting, unanimously voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate that the Senate recommend to President Cross that the Faculty Representative be an ex officio member of the Athletic Council.

Such action would probably increase the membership of the Council by one, and there would be a total of three ex officio members--Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Farris, and the Faculty Representative.

We submit this for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl D. Riggs  
Ronald Shuman

CDR/RS:nw

cc to: President Cross  
Dean Earl Sneed

Senate Action

Dr. Wardell moved that the matter of a Faculty Representative to the Big Seven Conference be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed. The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

DEAD WEEK

Explanatory Comment

This matter is another not on the Agenda but of sufficient importance for the Chairman of the Senate to raise in order to expedite action on it. The following letter was presented by Dr. Hall:

February 25, 1955

Dr. Rufus G. Hall, President  
Faculty Senate  
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Hall:

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution passed by the Student Senate February 17, 1955, requesting that a "Dead Week" be established by the Faculty Senate.

We would like for the members of the Faculty Senate to consider this resolution, and if they concur with our opinion, to pass a resolution requesting members of the Faculty to observe this "Dead Week."

This resolution is asking professors not to give any exams which will exceed fifteen minutes during the week preceding finals. It is not the author's intention to eliminate finals in laboratory section or classes in which finals are ordinarily held during this week. They do feel, however, that it is unfair of a professor to wait until the last week of the semester to give his regular four weeks quiz and then give a final three or four days later.

If you are in need of further information or if you would like for members of the Senate Welfare committee to work with a Faculty Senate committee on this matter, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Brad McDonald  
President

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Senate Action

Professor White moved that the problems involved in a "Dead Week" be referred to a Senate committee for consideration and a report. His motion was seconded and passed. The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

ACHIEVEMENT CONVOCATION

Explanatory Comment

At the January 31, 1955, meeting of the Senate the matter of an Achievement Convocation was referred to the Committee on Teaching and Research for consideration and a report. The report of the Committee is as follows:

February 21, 1955

To: The University Senate, Gerald A. Porter, Secretary  
From: Committee on Teaching and Research  
Subject: Achievement Convocation

This report relates to the following recommendation made through the Regents of the University and forwarded to the Senate for consideration:

"The Distinguished Service Citations should be presented in 1955 at a convocation of students and faculty of the University, to be held in October, at which time the University of Oklahoma Foundation teaching awards should also be presented. The committee feels that it would add dignity and importance to the meeting if the faculty appears in academic costume. If the plan proves satisfactory, it might be adopted as an annual 'Achievement Convocation'".

The Committee on Teaching and Research submits the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1: That the presentation of Distinguished Service Citations and of the University of Oklahoma Foundation teaching awards be made at a single 'Achievement Convocation' open to faculty, students, and interested public.

Recommendation 2: That academic costume not be worn by the faculty at the Achievement Convocation. (This Committee feels that the requirement of academic regalia would tend to discourage attendance by the faculty, through the expense and inconvenience involved: - it is estimated that of the faculty members usually attending commencement exercises, 20% to 25% rent their regalia).

Recommendation 3: That the Achievement Convocation be set at a date early in the school year.

Recommendation 4: That acceptance speeches not be included in the program.

Respectively submitted,

COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

Paul R. David, Chairman  
William H. Keown  
William E. Livezey  
Paul G. Ruggiers  
Lawrence V. Scott  
M. O. Wilson  
Jewel Wurtzbaugh

Achievement Convocation -- continued

Senate Action

Dr. David presented the report of the Committee on Teaching and Research and moved acceptance of the report with the individual recommendations to be voted upon separately. His motion was seconded.

Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 were approved. Dr. Ewing moved that Recommendation 4 be stricken. His motion was seconded and passed. Thus, the report of the Committee was approved with Recommendation 4 deleted.

FACULTY PARKING

Dr. David, as Chairman of the Committee on Teaching and Research, made a progress report concerning faculty parking facilities and indicated that some type of report would be available from his Committee soon.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 6:05 P. M. The next meeting will be a Special Session on Monday, March 7, at 4:10 P. M.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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