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Special Session, December 12, 1955, 4:10 P. M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in special session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Jim E. Reese.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Benson, Oliver	McFarland, Dora	Bernhart, Arthur
Clark, Ralph W.	McGrew, William G.	Cross, George L.
Comp, L. A.	Owings, Donnell M.	Daron, G. H.
Crook, Kenneth E.	Powell, Lytle	Dunham, Lowell
David, Paul R.	Reese, Jim E.	Felton, Jean S.
Elder, Ruth	Riggs, Carl D.	Jorgenson, Lloyd F.
Ewing, Cortez	Ruggiers, Paul G.	Larsh, Howard W.
Farrar, Clyde L.	Shuman, Ronald B.	Lewis, Eunice
Feaver, J. Clayton	Snider, Glenn	Olson, Ralph E.
Fraser, George B.	Tongue William R.	Scott, L. V.
Harvey, Harriet	Turkington, D. Barton	Springer, C. E.
Herbert, H. H.	Vliet, R. Dale	Wurtzbaugh, Jewel
Hoy, Harry E.	White, R. R.	
Keeley, Joe	Wilson, M. O.	
Keown, William H.	Winfrey, Lewis E.	
Kerr, Harrison		

STUDENT REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Prior to the convening of the special session of the University Senate on December 12, 1955, a student news reporter and the Vice President of the Student Senate requested permission to attend the special session.

Dr. Reese presented the student request to the Senate. Dr. Ewing moved that the students be admitted to the special session. His motion was seconded and defeated.

Following a brief discussion of publicity to be given to this special session, Dr. Riggs moved that the proceedings be released to students in advance of the distribution of the Journal of the University Senate to the Faculty. His motion was seconded and passed. Because action taken by the University Senate never constitutes more than a recommendation to the President, it was the consensus of the Senate that the student reporter should contact President Cross or Vice President McCarter before submitting his story for publication.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Explanatory Comment

This special session of the University Senate on December 12, 1955, was called by the Chairman of the Senate when the Student Senate requested the faculty group to consider a resolution to extend the Christmas Holiday. Specifically, the Student Senate submitted a resolution recommending that the Christmas Vacation begin at 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 20, 1955, and end at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 1956. The current academic calendar indicates that the vacation will begin on December 22. Thus, the student recommendations involved a two-day extension.

University Calendar -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Reese, Chairman of the University Senate, read the Student Senate resolution. He indicated that he had previously referred it to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for study.

Professor Comp, Chairman of the Committee on Student and Public Relations, presented the report of that Committee which reads as follows:

December 6, 1955

The Committee on Student and Public Relations met on December 6, 1955 with six members present. Dean J. E. Fellows and Professor Jim P. Artman attended the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman of the Committee. Two students, Jim Johnson, President of the Student Senate, and Doug Matthews attended the first part of the meeting and presented the students' reasons behind the request for two additional days for the Christmas vacation.

The Committee has the following recommendations:

1. That the Christmas vacation not be extended.
2. That additional study be made by the appropriate committee to investigate the possibility of having a Calendar that will provide that classes start on a Monday and end on a Saturday; also to provide a Christmas vacation of twelve school days (Monday through Saturday to be considered six school days).

Submitted by Committee on Student and
Public Relations

Harrison Kerr
R. R. White
Harry E. Hoy
Eunice Lewis

Carl Riggs
W. C. McGrew
L. A. Comp, Chairman

After presenting the above report, Professor Comp read statements of arguments from students as to why the holiday should be extended. Dr. Reese presented the points of view of two faculty members who had written him concerning this matter.

Professor Comp moved that Recommendation No. 1 in the Committee Report be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded. The Senate voted (24 to 3) to approve the recommendation. Thus, the recommendation for an extension of the Christmas vacation was disapproved.

After further discussion of implications in this problem, Professor Comp moved that Recommendation No. 2 in the Committee Report be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Reese referred this matter to the Committee on Academic Standards for study and a report.

ADJOURNMENT

This special session of the Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular session of the Senate will convene at 4:10 p.m., Monday, January 30, 1955

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary