

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, January 30, 1956, 4:10 P. M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

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

Present

Benson, Oliver
Bernhart, Arthur
Comp, L. A.
Crook, Kenneth
David, Paul R.
Dunham, Lowell
Ewing, Cortez
Farrar, Clyde
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fraser, George B.
Harvey, Harriet
Herbert, H. H.
Hoy, Harry E.
Keown, William H.
Kerr, Harrison

Present

Larsh, Howard
Lewis, Eunice
Olson, Ralph E.
Owings, Donnell M.
Powell, Lytle
Reese, Jim E.
Riggs, Carl D.
Shuman, Ronald B.
Springer, C. E.
Tongue, William R.
Turkington, D. Barton
Vliet, R. Dale
White, R. R.
Wilson, M. O.
Winfrey, Lewis E.

Absent

Clark, Ralph W.
Cross, George L.
Daron, G. H.
Elder, Ruth
Felton, Jean S.
Jorgenson, Lloyd P.
Keeley, Joe
McFarland, Dora
McGrew, William C.
Ruggiers, Paul G.
Scott, L. V.
Snider, Glenn
Wurtzbaugh, Jewel

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journals of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on November 28, 1955 and the special meeting held on December 12, 1955 were approved.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Letter from Jim Johnson, President of the Student Senate

January 12, 1956

Dr. George L. Cross, President
University of Oklahoma
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Cross:

For some time the Student Senate has been concerned about the problem of the lack of any student viewpoint in the formulation of policies in certain basic areas of University concern. This situation in turn creates a problem in that the students do not know the reasons behind such University policies and cannot understand the necessity for such policies. For these reasons the Student Senate would like to request that student representation be appointed on the University Budget Council and the University Council on Instruction. We would suggest that these representatives be nominated for appointment by the Executive Committee of the Student Senate, as are the student members of other University Standing Committees.

Student Representation on University Councils and Committees --- continued

We are not requesting this representation merely to have a vote on these Councils. Whether or not the student representatives would have a vote is really not important to us. The validity of this request, we feel, is in the fact that when these Councils consider a subject on which there is a valid student viewpoint to be expressed, such viewpoint could be given by the student representative, and he could bring back to the students an understanding of the reasoning behind University policy.

We shall appreciate anything you can do to implement this request.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Johnson
President, Student Senate

Letter from President Cross

January 16, 1956

Professor Jim Reese
Chairman, Faculty Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Reese:

The attached letter which I received the other day from Jim Johnson, President of the Student Senate, will be self-explanatory. Jim suggests that student representation be arranged for the University Budget Council and the University Council on Instruction. Probably he meant to include also the Council on Planning and Development.

In view of the fact that these councils or committees are essentially committees of the faculty and named from nominees suggested by the Faculty Senate, I am referring Jim's suggestion to you for consideration of the Faculty Senate.

As you know, student representation is included on all committees appointed by my office. Participation of students in the activities of these committees has had a beneficial affect, I believe, but the Faculty Senate's decision concerning the extension of this representation to the councils mentioned above will be final.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross
President

Student Representation on University Councils and Committees -- continuedSenate Action

The request from the Student Senate for student representation on the Budget Council and the Council on Instruction was discussed at length by the University Senate. Dr. Shuman moved that the Senate recommend to President Cross that the request from the Student Senate be courteously denied. His motion was seconded and approved.

The Chairman of the Senate was instructed to prepare a letter to President Cross indicating the specific reasons for the recommendation from the University Senate.

LAST DATE FOR ENROLMENT IN CLASSES

Explanatory Comment

At a Special Session of the Senate on March 7, 1955, questions were raised concerning the last day for enrolment in classes. The matter was referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications for study. At the Regular Session of the Senate on May 30, 1955, a report was rendered by that Committee. Following discussion the report was referred back to the Committee for further study and clarification. On January 17, 1956, a second report was submitted as follows:

Report of the Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications

January 17, 1956

Below are the recommendations of the Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications for consideration of the Faculty Senate at the next meeting.

Recommendations:

- (a) It is recommended that late enrolment be no later than two weeks after the first day of classes in any semester or after the first week of classes in a summer session.
- (b) Thereafter, changes in enrolment within a department to a more elementary course may be made at the discretion of the department.
- (c) Enrolment in directed reading, research and independent study courses may be made during a semester or a summer session at the discretion of the department.

Ralph W. Clark, Chairman
Committee on University
Organization, Budget and
Publications

Last Date for Enrolment in Classes -- continued

Senate Action

Professor Fraser, as member of the Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications, presented the report of the Committee and moved that it be adopted by the Senate. His motion was seconded and following considerable discussion was approved.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUDGET COUNCIL

Letter from the Fine Arts Council

January 4, 1956

Dr. Gerald A. Porter
Secretary, University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Porter:

The Fine Arts Council would like to request an amendment to paragraph a) under the heading Membership of the BUDGET COUNCIL in the Faculty Handbook; this paragraph to read as follows:

"Nine members of the faculty appointed by the President from a list of at least eighteen nominated by the University Senate, two of whom should be from the faculties of the following constituent colleges and schools: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Law, Medicine, and Pharmacy; to serve three-year staggered terms, three terms expiring each year. Initial appointments shall be for one, two and three-year terms."

Sincerely,

Dean Harrison Kerr
Professor Gilbert Chase
Professor Rupel Jones
Professor John O'Neil

Senate Action

Dean Kerr commented relative to the foregoing letter and the reasons for it having been submitted to the Senate.

Dr. Ewing moved that the problem of membership of the Budget Council be referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Explanatory Comment

Since September, 1944, an original copy of each issue of the Journal of the University Senate has been typewritten on high grade paper and filed in a permanent binder in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. The necessity for this procedure was questioned by Gerald A. Porter, the current Secretary.

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Cwings moved that: (1) the practice of typewriting approved Journals of the University Senate on durable paper be continued, (2) the Journals prior to 1944 be typewritten and bound, (3) the non-current volumes of the Journal of the Senate be transferred to the University Archives, (4) the copies of old minutes in original form likewise be transferred. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

ADMISSION TO FRESHMAN STANDING IN THE UNIVERSITY

Letter from Vice President McCarter

January 26, 1956

Professor Jim Reese
Chairman, University Senate
Department of Economics
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Reese:

President Cross has received from the Committee on Admissions and Advanced Standing the following recommendation:

"The basic requirement for admission to freshman standing in the University (graduation from an accredited high school) has one exception as follows:

'A student of any fully accredited high school in Oklahoma, who has not graduated, but who has completed fifteen units of acceptable high-school work, may be admitted upon recommendation of his high-school principal, provided he ranks within the top twenty-five per cent of his class, and provided he scores within the top twenty-five per cent on an academic aptitude test administered by the University.' General Catalog, June 15, 1955, p. 21.

"This policy was an important point of discussion at the junior college conference last month. Many were of the opinion that the number of units should be reduced to 14. Accordingly, the Committee on Admissions and Advanced Standing took the matter under advisement. It is the recommendation of the Committee that this change be approved."

Admission to Freshman Standing in the University -- continued

The President is referring this recommendation to the University Senate for action.

Presumably the committee of the Senate to which the question is referred will wish to consult Dean Fellows as Chairman of the Committee on Admissions and Advanced Standing and perhaps other members of the Committee for an explanation of the Committee's reasons for making this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Pete Kyle McCarter
Vice President

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cc: Professor Gerald Porter
Secretary, University Senate

Dean J. E. Fellows

Senate Action

Professor Farrar moved that the matter of admission to freshman standing in the University be referred to the Committee on Academic Standards for study and a report. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Bernhart made a motion to amend the foregoing motion to broaden the scope of the problem and instruct the Committee on Academic Standards to consider the entire problem of admission requirements paying particular attention to the possibility of raising admission standards. His motion was seconded.

Following discussion of the matter, both the amendment and the original motion as amended were passed by the Senate.

CRITERIA FOR FACULTY PROMOTIONS AND PAY RAISES

Letter from the American Association of University Professors

January 27, 1956

Dr. Jim E. Reese, Chairman
University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Reese:

As Secretary of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, I am respectfully submitting a resolution passed by the chapter at a recent meeting held on December 6, 1955. The resolution in essence requested the University Senate to review the criteria for faculty promotion and pay raises with a view toward clarification and possible changes.

Criteria for Faculty Promotions and Pay Raises -- continued

During the meeting some members commented that some of the criteria were ambiguous and difficult to apply. Specific reference to this regard was made to "evidence of service to the University" (number 8) and "citizenship in and loyalty to the United States, and interest in civic affairs" (number 10). Also, there was some question about the relative weight of each criterion in determining promotions and pay raises.

Sincerely yours,

Janice E. Christensen
Secretary-Treasurer

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Senate Action

Dr. Bernhart moved that study of the criteria for faculty promotions and pay raises be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman of the Senate immediately referred this problem to the Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 27, 1956, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Monday, February 20.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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