

## JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, October 29, 1956, 4:10 P.M.  
Monnet Hall, Room 101

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

Present

Bowen, Willis  
Crites, Dennis M.  
Crook, Kenneth E.  
Ezell, John S.  
Feaver, J. Clayton  
Fraser, George B.  
Hall, Rufus G.  
Heilman, Arthur  
Herbert, H. H.  
Hoy, Harry E.  
Jorgenson, Lloyd P.  
Keown, William H.  
Larsh, Howard  
Lewis, Eunice  
Lnenicka, William J.

Present

Morris, John W.  
Nielsen, J. Rud  
Owings, Donnell M.  
Plath, Ernest C.  
Powell, Lytle  
Raines, John M.  
Reese, Jim E.  
Rice, Leslie H.  
Riggs, Carl D.  
Smith, William H.  
Springer, C. E.  
Turkington, D. B.  
Warren, Mary  
Wilcox, Stewart  
Wurtzbaugh, Jewel

Absent

Bell, Robert E.  
Clark, Ralph W.  
Cross, George L.  
Daron, G. H.  
Dunham, Lowell  
Felton, Jean S.  
Harvey, Harriet  
Keeley, Joe  
Livezey, William  
McGrew, William  
Scott, L. V.  
Shuman, Ronald  
Vliet, R. Dale

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the Senate for the meeting held on September 24, 1956, was approved.

## NEW SENATORS

At the meeting of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, October 2, 1956, the following University Senate representatives were elected:

Professor J. Rud Nielsen to replace William R. Tongue (1955-58 term)

Dean William E. Livezey to replace Professor Robert A. Howard (1956-59 term)

## REAPPORTIONMENT OF UNIVERSITY SENATE MEMBERSHIP ✓

At the September meeting of the University Senate, the problem of reapportionment of the University Senate membership was referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications. The Committee, with Dean Ralph W. Clark as the Chairman, was directed to prepare a report for submission to the General Faculty at its meeting to be held in October, 1956.

Reapportionment of University Senate Membership -- continued

The Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications submitted its report to the General Faculty on October 25, 1956. The report was approved in its entirety. The current membership of the University Senate and the membership for the three-year period (1957-60) is summarized below:

<u>Groups Represented</u>	<u>1954-57 Membership</u>	<u>1957-60 Membership</u>
College of Arts and Sciences	14	15
College of Engineering	3	4
College of Law	1	1
College of Pharmacy	1	1
College of Education	3	3
College of Business Administration	3	3
School of Medicine	3	3
College of Fine Arts	2	3
Graduate College	1	1
General Faculty	12	9
Ex Officio Member (President Cross)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	44	44

## SETTLEMENT OPTIONS FOR FACULTY INSURANCE ✓

Report of Committee on Faculty Personnel

October 23, 1956

Dr. Gerald A. Porter, Secretary  
University Senate

Dear Dr. Porter:

At the September session of the University Senate, Dr. Stewart Wilcox made the following motion:

"That the Senate investigate the insurance policies issued to the members of the faculty by the Atlas Life Insurance Company with this object in mind; the possibility of an optional agreement by which the beneficiary may receive the amount of the policy in monthly or yearly fixed payments rather than the lump sum now specified in the policy."

Dr. Wilcox's motion was passed and the matter referred to the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel.

The Committee asked Mr. Giezentanner to refer the question to the Atlas Life Insurance people to determine if such optional payments could be arranged. Mr. Spradling's letter of clarification to Mr. Giezentanner is enclosed and presents, we believe, a complete answer to the question submitted. While no



Settlement Options for Faculty Insurance -- continued

action by our committee is indicated, we suggest that Mr. Spradling's letter, or such parts as are pertinent to the motion, be included in the Senate Journal. It is thought that the information contained would be of value to the holders of our group insurance policies.

Sincerely submitted,  
Committee on Faculty Personnel

Dale Vliet	Leslie Rice
Jim Reese	Stewart Wilcox
Jewel Wurtzbaugh	Joe Keeley,
John Morris	Chairman

Memorandum from Mr. Spradling

To: Dud Giezentanner

Date: October 8, 1956

From: Q. M. Spradling

Subject: Atlas Life Insurance  
Company -- Mode of  
Settlement

In connection with the Faculty Senate action concerning the mode of settlement for the Atlas Life Insurance Company, may we report the following:

1. The group policy does have an optional mode of settlement that has been and is available to each recipient or beneficiary.
2. It will be noted that the certificate that is mailed to each member of the group is only a certificate and does not include all of the provisions of the group policy which is several pages of typing on legal size stationery.
3. Paragraph 6 of the policy is presented for the information of those concerned:

"6. Mode of Settlement Any claim for death under this Policy shall be paid to the Beneficiary designated by the employee either in one amount or in a fixed number of installments for each One Thousand Dollars of Insurance according to the following table, upon the written election of the employee or beneficiary, the first installment to be paid immediately upon receipt of due proof of death.

Number of Years During Which Installments Will be Paid	Amount of Each Installment Payment	
	Annual	Monthly
1	--	84.28
2	506.17	42.66
3	341.60	28.79
4	259.33	21.86
5	210.00	17.70
10	111.47	9.39
15	78.80	6.64
20	62.58	5.27

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"If the Beneficiary shall die before receiving all of the installments to which he or she may be entitled under this provision, the unpaid installments will be commuted at the rate of 2 1/2% per annum compound interest and paid in one sum to the executors or administrators of the Beneficiary. If there is no Beneficiary living at the death of the insured Employee, the amount of insurance due hereunder shall be paid in one sum to the executors or administrators of the Employee."

Senate Action

At the meeting of the Senate on October 29, 1956, the report of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and the foregoing memorandum were read by the Chairman of the Senate. No further action was taken.

CAMPUS UNITED CHARITY FUND ✓

Letter from President Cross

October 12, 1956

Professor Jim Reese, Chairman  
University Senate

Dear Professor Reese:

Last year the University Senate recommended "that we have one drive on the University of Oklahoma Campus for funds for health and welfare"; and "that a committee be appointed by the President of the University to work out the details of the plan, this committee to be selected from the 1954-55 Drive Chairmen."

In October, 1955, this office undertook to implement these recommendations by appointing the committee as recommended. The committee promptly made a report, recommending a detailed plan, but the plan could not be put into effect last year because the time was too late to explore the question of relating the campus drive to the plans of the City of Norman or to effect the necessary organizing on the campus.

This year discussions were started earlier. These discussions have led me to doubt that the recommendations of the Senate can be worked out in such a way as to achieve the results that I assume the Senate expected from this action.

For one thing, it is desirable that the students continue to control and manage their own Campus Chest as a separate operation from any drive put on by or for the University staff.

For another thing, I understand from the Secretary of the Norman Chamber of Commerce that Norman has no plan for a united drive this year.



Campus United Charity Fund -- continued

This means that, if the recommendations of the Senate were put into effect, the University would actually be establishing its own organization to raise funds for external activities and agencies without relation to what is being done in the community and without covering the entire University (since the students would be excluded). The University would have to assume the responsibility for making decisions as to how the collected funds would be allotted and to what agencies and organizations they would go. The faculty and staff would not be relieved of being solicited in their homes during the campaigns that will continue through the year in Norman. The President's Office would have to call on members of the faculty and staff to give their time to putting on the drive, and this I should be quite reluctant to do since such work can hardly be construed as normal and regular University duty.

For these reasons, although I agree with and heartily approve the purposes of the Senate in making this recommendation, I do not believe that my office should try to implement it at this time.

Two possibilities occur to me: One is to consider the action of the Senate approved but to hold implementation in abeyance until such time as the City of Norman goes to the united drive plan, with the idea of helping the City of Norman key the University into such a plan. Another is for the Senate to establish its own organization for experimenting with a united drive this year.

Perhaps the Senate will wish to discuss this matter further at its October meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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G. L. Cross, President

Senate Action

Following a very brief discussion, Professor Fraser moved that this matter be referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel for further consideration. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

## COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE FOR 1956-57

At the September meeting of the University Senate, the membership of various committees was determined except for three vacancies. During October two new members of the Senate were elected by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Committee on Committees prepared recommendations for the completion of committee assignments.

Professor Fraser, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the committee recommendation that Dr. J. Rud Nielsen be assigned to the Committee on Teaching and Research; Dean William E. Livezey to the Committee on Courses and Curricula; Dr. Donnell Owings to the Committee on Journal. The recommendation was approved by the Senate.



## CAMPUS TRAFFIC ✓

Dr. Larsh raised for discussion the problem of automobile traffic on the campus of the University. He emphasized the difficulties involved in teaching classes in various buildings with traffic on the streets at all times. Dr. Riggs added comments to reinforce the point of view held by Dr. Larsh.

Dr. Raines made a motion to refer this problem to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for consideration and a report at a later date. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

## EQUIPMENT FOR LEFT-HANDED STUDENTS ✓

Professor Inenicka raised for discussion the problem involving need for armchairs for left-handed students. He brought out the fact that 11 per cent of our students are left-handed but no special chairs or other equipment is ever provided to meet their needs. Such needs are met in many elementary and secondary schools.

Following a brief discussion, Professor Inenicka made a motion to refer this problem to the Committee on Teaching and Research; the committee to develop a resolution concerning proper equipment for left-handed students. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

## REPORTING OF GRADES ✓

The Chairman of the Senate read a two-page letter from Marilyn Richardson, Secretary of the AWS Scholarship Committee, which presented the point of view of the Association of Women Students relative to reporting of 8-weeks grades. The letter also pointed up that improvement in learning might result from professors issuing grades at the 4- and 12-week intervals. A plan for such issuance of grades was recommended in the letter.

Following a discussion of this matter, Professor Rice moved that the problem be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate. The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Academic Standards with the suggestion that the committee meet with representatives of the Association of Women Students to consider the problem.

## SELF-STUDY SURVEY OF THE UNIVERSITY ✓

On October 27, 1956, Dr. Joseph C. Pray, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee on Self-Evaluation, submitted to the University Senate a 33-page statement of the TWO YEAR REPORT OF PROGRESS. That report contains two specific recommendations requiring immediate consideration. The entire report will be distributed to the Faculty within a few days.

Recommendations of the Coordinating Committee on Self-Evaluation

- A. That the statute setting up the Coordinating Committee on Self-Evaluation (University Senate Journal 2/54, pp. 3-10, February 22, 1954) respecting the composition of the committee be amended as follows:

Self-Study Survey of the University -- continued

Under "General Procedures" and "1. Coordinating Committee" in place of the first paragraph insert the following paragraph:

We therefore recommend the creating of a central Coordinating Committee. This shall be an all-University committee composed of seven members of the University staff. The chairman shall be the Executive Vice-President of the University. The remaining shall be six members appointed by the President from the University staff from nominations equalling twice the number of vacancies to be filled. There shall be three-year staggered terms, with two terms expiring each year. Initial appointments shall be for one-, two-, and three-year terms.

- B. That new legislation be adopted (which in a way is in the form of an amendment to the "General Procedures" above):

An office of Institutional Evaluation is herewith created, under the administration of a Director, and such staff as can be made available when needed. This office should be located in the Office of the President. Its services should be available to the Office of the President, University Senate Committees, the Coordinating Committee on Self-Evaluation, and Colleges and Departments generally.

Senate Action

Dr. Hall moved that the recommendations of the Coordinating Committee on Self-Evaluation be referred to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications for consideration and a report. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

## CLASS SCHEDULE ✓

Dr. Heilman raised for discussion the matter of scheduling of classes on Saturday mornings. He expressed the view that increasing enrolments may soon necessitate a return to the 5 1/2-day week. Following a brief discussion of this matter, Dr. Heilman moved that the proper committee be instructed to look into the feasibility and desirability of a 5 1/2-day week. His motion was seconded and passed. The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Courses and Curricula.

## ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 1956, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, November 14.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary



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From 1947 to 1950, the following information is given:

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The following information is given for the year 1948:

The following information is given for the year 1949:

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