

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, November 26, 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

Bell, Robert E.  
 Bowen, Willis  
 Clark, Ralph W.  
 Crites, Dennis  
 Dunham, Lowell  
 Ezell, John S.  
 Feaver, J. Clayton  
 Fraser, George B.  
 Hall, Rufus  
 Harvey, Harriet  
 Herbert, H. H.  
 Heilman, Arthur  
 Hoy, Harry E.  
 Keeley, Joe  
 Keown, William H.  
 Larsh, Howard W.

Present

Lewis, Eunice  
 Livezey, William  
 Lnenicka, William J.  
 Morris, John W.  
 Nielson, J. Rud  
 Owings, Donnell M.  
 Powell, Lytle  
 Reese, Jim E.  
 Rice, Leslie  
 Shuman, Ronald  
 Smith, William H.  
 Springer, C. E.  
 Warren, Mary A.  
 Wilcox, Stewart  
 Wurtzbaugh, Jewel

Absent

Crook, Kenneth E.  
 Cross, George L.  
 Daron, G. H.  
 Felton, Jean S.  
 Jorgenson, Lloyd  
 McGrew, William C.  
 Plath, Ernest C.  
 Raines, John M.  
 Riggs, Carl  
 Scott, L. V.  
 Turkington, D. B.  
 Vliet, R. Dale

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the Senate for the meeting held on October 29, 1956, was approved.

ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT ✓

Letter from President Cross

November 1, 1956

Professor Jim Reese, Chairman  
 University Senate

Dear Professor Reese:

Attached is a copy of a recommendation on the granting of University credit to students who pass the College Board Examinations. This recommendation was made to the University College Council by its Committee on Academic Standards and was adopted by the University College Council and recommended to the President.

I am now referring it to the University Senate for such action as it may see fit on the question of making the recommendation applicable to the whole University.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross  
 President

Advanced Standing Credit - continued

Letter from the Committee on Academic Standards

May 17, 1956

Dean Glenn Couch  
University College

Dear Dean Couch:

The Academic Standards Committee has investigated the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. It has been determined that the examinations of the board could be taken by high school students without necessarily taking a college level course. However, as matters stand now these examinations would be administered by the schools rather than by the University. It has further been determined that as of now the following secondary schools in this state provide advanced courses for individuals who anticipate enrollment in college: John Marshall School, Oklahoma City; U. S. Grant School, Oklahoma City; Daniel Webster School, Tulsa; Will Rogers School, Tulsa; Vinita School, Vinita; and Bartlesville School, Bartlesville. None of these have at this stage cooperated with the College Entrance Examination Board.

The Committee feels that the University should grant advanced standing to students passing College Board Examinations and believes that the degree of credit granted is to be determined by each department involved.

Sincerely yours,

Hans A. Schmitt, Chairman  
Academic Standards Committee  
University College Council

Senate Action

Professor Herbert moved that the matter of advanced standing credit and the program of the College Entrance Examination Board be referred to the Committee on Academic Standards for consideration and a report. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

PROGRESS REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Various reports of progress on specific matters of concern to the University Senate were given as follows:

Committee on Faculty Personnel -- Professor Keeley stated that the committee has met to consider the problem of a Campus United Charity Fund and that a formal written report will be made at the January meeting of the Senate.

Committee on Student and Public Relations -- Dr. Hoy reported that his committee has met and discussed some of the problems involved in campus traffic. Recommendations will be made to the Senate in January.

Progress Reports from Senate Committees - continued

Committee on Teaching and Research -- Dr. Heilman stated that consideration of the need for special equipment for left-handed students is in process.

Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications -- Dean Clark reported that the committee has met twice to consider recommendations made by the Coordinating Committee on Self-Evaluation of the University.

Committee on Courses and Curricula -- Dr. Harvey reported that the committee has met and formulated recommendations relative to scheduling classes on the basis of a 5 1/2 day week. The recommendations will be ready for consideration in January.

Committee on Academic Standards -- Dr. Springer stated that the committee has met with representatives of the Association of Women Students to discuss problems related to the issuance of mid-semester grades. A specific written report will be submitted at a later date.

ONE-HALF YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AT FULL PAY

Senate Proposal -- (Journal of the Senate, January 28, 1952, pages 9-10)

"...leave of absence for one-half year at full pay may be granted to any teacher above the rank of instructor who has completed seven years of service as teacher in the University, subject to the following additional provisos: ..."etc.

Report of Regents' Action -- (Journal of the Senate, April 28, 1952, page 2)

President Cross discussed the foregoing proposal with the University Regents and submitted the following letter report for the Senate's information:

"I have discussed with the Regents of the University the recommendation made by the Senate concerning the Senate's proposal that one-half year leave of absence be granted at full pay for those faculty members who are able to provide a satisfactory plan of research or study.

"The Regents were of the opinion that this new policy could not be approved at the present time. They expressed the belief that such a revision of policy would bring forth more applications for leave of absence than the University would be in a position to approve."

Senate Action

Professor Rice raised for discussion the question of whether the passing of four years might not now have resulted in circumstances conducive to approval of some program whereby the above plan for 1/2 year sabbatical leaves might be instigated. He suggested that the University Senate might well reopen consideration of this matter.

Dr. Nielsen moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel for consideration and a report to the Senate. His motion was seconded and approved.

## REDUCTION OF ENROLMENT FEES FOR FACULTY WIVES ✓

Dr. Owings raised for consideration the possibility of developing a plan whereby fees for courses offered by the University might be waived or substantially reduced for the wives of faculty members. He emphasized that such an arrangement would constitute a "fringe" benefit of considerable value to the faculty but at only slight cost to the University.

Dr. Owings moved that the feasibility and desirability of reduced fees for the wives of faculty members be studied by the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

The problem was referred by the Chairman of the Senate to the Committee on Courses and Curricula.

## ACADEMIC TENURE ✓

Letter from Dr. David

November 24, 1956

Professor Jim E. Reese, Chairman  
University Senate

Dear Professor Reese:

The Principles of Academic Tenure adopted by the Regents of the University in 1947 (Regents' Minutes, May 14, 1947), together with the defining Regulations Concerning Academic Tenure (Faculty Handbook, p. 22) and the action of the Senate on April 26, 1954 (Journal 4 - 54, p. 7) provide a formulation of both policy and procedure which is, on the whole, admirably explicit. I have felt for several years, however, that the formulation is not sufficiently explicit on at least one important point, namely, the employment status of a faculty member during his probationary period.

On this point, the Principles (paragraph 2) assert only that "Notice should be given at least one year prior to the expiration of the probationary period if the teacher is not to be continued in service after the expiration of that period!" There is no clear statement, as far as I can discover, on whether similar notice is required to terminate an appointment before the expiration of the probationary period. Closely related questions are the following: Does an appointment to one of the professional ranks on the Faculty of the University create a presumption, unless the contrary is specifically stated, that the appointment will be continued through the probationary period except when adequate cause is shown for prior termination? If there is such a presumption, what procedure should be employed to determine whether an allegation of adequate cause for termination before expiration of the probationary period is justified?

In the absence of an explicit policy formulation, answers to the above questions cannot be obtained by examining past practice because, as far as I can ascertain, practice has not been uniform.

I therefore respectfully request that an appropriate committee of the Faculty Senate be asked to study the general problem of a faculty member's status during the probationary period and, at the Committee's discretion, to formulate recommendations of policy and procedure relating to this problem.

Sincerely yours,  
Paul R. David  
Professor of Zoology

Academic Tenure -- continued

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion of the implications of the problems raised by Dr. David, a motion was made by Dr. Heilman that the matter be referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel for consideration and a report. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, 1958, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Monday, January 21.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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