# JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, September 30, 1957, 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

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Almquist, C. T. Bandy, William R. Bell, Robert E. Benson, Oliver Brinker, Paul A. Brixey, John C. Cass, Carl B. Clark, Ralph W. Coffman, Stanley K. Crites, Dennis M. Dunham, Lowell Elconin, Victor A. Ezell, John S. Fell, Ruth D. Hall, Rufus G., Jr. Harvey, Harriet Heilman, Arthur W. Herbert, H. H. Larsh, Howard W.

Livezey, William E. McGrew, William C. Morris, John W. Nielsen, J. Rud Plath, Earnest C. Pool, Richard B. Poston, Lawrence S., Jr. Raines, John M. -Reese, Jim E. Rice, Leslie H. Riggs, Carl D. Rupiper, Omer J. Schultz, E. J. Shuman, Ronald B. Smith, William H. Turkington, D. Barton Warren, Mary A. Wilcox, Stewart C.

#### Absent

Colmore, John P. Cross, George L. Felton, Jean S. Larsen, Earl G. Roller, Duane H. D.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Secretary of the Senate called attention to an error on page 12 of the Journal of the University Senate for May 27, 1957. The name of Lawrence S. Poston, Jr., should be added to the list of elected senators under the heading "General Faculty".

With the correction of the above mentioned error, the Journal of the Senate for the regular meeting held on May 27, 1957 was approved.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

# Chairman of the Senate for 1957-58

Dr. Rufus G. Hall, Jr., was elected to serve as Chairman of the University Senate. He immediately assumed his duties as Chairman for 1957-58.

# Vice Chairman of the Senate for 1957-58

Dr. Arthur W. Heilman was elected Vice Chairman of the University Senate.

## Secretary of the Senate for 1957-58

Dr. Gerald A. Porter was elected Secretary of the University Senate.

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# COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE FOR 1957-58

Dr. Harriet Harvey, Chairman of the Committee on Committees of the Senate, presented the nominations for committee of the University Senate. Approval was given by the Senate of the following committee membership arrangement:

# Committee on Academic Standards

- 1. Ronald Shuman\*
- 2. Lowell Dunham
- 3. Howard Larsh
- 4. John Raines
- 5. Duane Roller
- 6. John Brixey
- 7. Earl Larsen

# Committee on Teaching and Research

- 1. Oliver Benson\* 2. John Ezell 3. Ernest C. Plath 4. Arthur Heilman 5. J. Rud Nielsen
- 6. John P. Colmore
- 7. W. R. Bandy

## Committee on Faculty Personnel

- 1. Jim E. Reese\*
- 2. John Morris
- 3. Leslie Rice
- 4. Stewart Wilcox
- 5. Paul Brinker
- 6. Victor Elconin
- 7. Omer J. Rupiper

## Committee on Journal

- 1. Jim E. Reese
- 2. Rufus Hall
- 3. Donnell Owings

# Committee on Courses and Curricula

- 1. Harriet Harvey\*
- 2. D. B. Turkington
- 3. Rufus Hall
- 4. Jean S. Felton
- 5. William Livezey
- 6. Stanley Coffman
- 7. E. J. Schultz
- 8. Donnell Owings

## Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications

- 1. Ralph Clark\*
- 2. H. H. Herbert
- 3. Dennis Crites
- 4. Robert Bell
- 5. C. T. Almquist
- 6. Lawrence Poston
- 7.

### Committee on Student and Public Relations

- 1. Carl Riggs\*
- 2. William McGrew
- 3. Mary Warren
- 4. Ruth Fell
- 5. W. H. Smith
- 6. Carl B. Cass
- 7. Richard Pool
- NOTE: The vacancy on the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications will be filled when a person has been elected to fill the current vanancy in the Senate.

\*It is the responsibility of the first person named to each committee to call the committee together for organizational purposes and to begin the work of the year.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

### Explanatory Comment

Two vacancies have developed on University Committees for which the Senate makes nominations to the President. The Senate was requested by Vice President McCarter to nominate two faculty members for each of the following committees:

Committee on Retirement and Tenure, position of Professor Ansel Challenner on leave for the first semester, 1957-58.

Budget Council, position of Professor Ellis M. Sims who was permitted to withdraw from the Budget Council because of an unexpected staff shortage in the School of Mechanical Engineering.

### Senate Action

The Committee on Committees of the Senate made two nominations for each of the committees indicated above and the Senate approved the nominations as follows:

Committee on Retirement and Tenure -- Walter J. Ewbank, Mechanical Engineering Pearce C. Kelley, Marketing

Budget Council -- Wilbur F. Cloud, Petroleum Engineering Othel D. Westfall, Accounting

# RE-EVALUATION OF CREDIT IN MILITARY COURSES

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# RE-EVALUATION OF COURSES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Deans Council Recommendations

To: Professor Jim Reese

June 17, 1957

From: Pete Kyle McCarter

Subject: Deans Council Recommendations

The Deans Council has recommended to President Cross that the Senate be asked (1) to consider re-evaluating the amount of credit allowed for courses in Military Science, Air Science, Naval Science, and (2) to re-evaluate Physical Education with special reference as to whether courses should be compulsory.

These two matters are referred to the Senate for its consideration.

## Re-Evaluation of Credit in Military Courses and Re-Evaluation of Courses in Physical Education -- continued

### Senate Action

Dr. Crites moved that the problem of re-evaluating military courses and physical education courses be referred to the Committee on Academic Standards. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Morris made a substitute motion that the problem be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed by the

The Chairman of the Senate immediately referred this matter to the Committee on Courses and Curricula.

# STUDENT CHEATING ON TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Letter from Dean Brown

July 6, 1957

Dr. Gerald A. Porter College of Education University of Oklahoma

Dear Gerald:

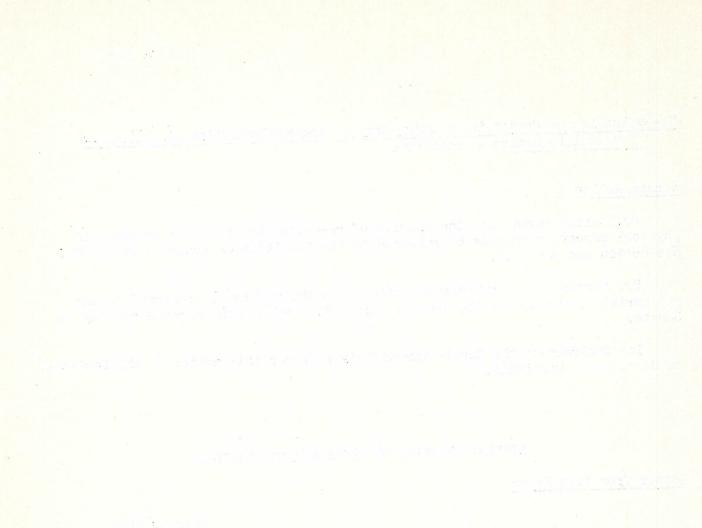
I am enclosing a letter addressed to Dr. Jim E. Reese, Chairman of the University Senate, prepared by the Executive Committee of the College of Business Administration pertaining to the problem of student cheating on tests and examinations.

The Executive Committee will appreciate it if this letter is placed on the agenda of the first meeting of the Senate this fall.

Cordially yours,

Horace B. Brown Dean

HBB:dr cc: Dr. Jim E. Reese



Student Cheating on Tests and Examinations -- continued

Letter from the Executive Committee of the College of Business Administration

July 6, 1967

Dr. Jim E. Reese, Chairman University Senate

Dear Dr. Reese:

Just before the final examination period last month, the faculty of the College of Business Administration was forcefully reminded of the prevalence of cheating on tests and the existence of "cold copies" of examinations. Although certain precautions were adopted to avoid unfortunate incidents, we believe that many of the conditions are sufficiently widespread to justify action by the University Senate. We learned that our own problems stem from many causes, including the design, reproduction, and administration of examinations.

With respect to test design, many faculty members have re-used examinations, usually under the press of time. Those students who do not have access to copies of previous examinations are obviously and substantially disadvantaged.

Concerning the reproduction and temporary storage of tests, many procedures invite trouble: the practice of departmental secretaries typing tests while students are in the office, the lack of incinerator facilities for disposing of used stencils and test materials, and the practice of storing tests in departmental offices (even in locked filing cases).

Finally, the problems associated with administering tests to large classes in crowded rooms are well known. In the absence of an effective honor system, however, the inadequate supervision of tests must surely contribute in an important way to the prevalence of cheating.

Failure to exercise the strictest security in all stages of the examination, from its inception to its duplication and administration cannot fail to have an adverse effect upon student morale. The continuation of circumstances which are conducive to cheating or, worse, which reward dishonesty, can only harm the University. Therefore, the Executive Committee of the College of Business Administration requests the University Senate to study the entire problem of course examination, including, but not limited to the areas mentioned above, and to recommend corrective measures to control cheating.

## Respectfully yours,

Dewey L. Barnes Horace B. Brown Paul A. Brinker

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#### Senate Action

Dean Livezey moved that the problems relative to student cheating on tests and examinations be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate. His motion was seconded and approved.

The Chairman of the University Senate immediately referred these problems to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

#### EARLIER GRADE REPORTS

# Letter from Steve Beckman, President, Student Senate

Dr. Gerald A. Porter, Secretary University Senate June 5, 1957

Dear Dr. Porter:

I am enclosing a copy of resolution number 1957-S-76, "A Resolution Concerning Earlier Grade Reports," passed by the Student Senate at its meeting on May 16. Since the University Senate will not meet again until September, Dr. Reese suggested that I address this letter to you so that it can be put on the agenda for the first meeting this fall.

Since the academic period will be fifteen weeks next year instead of sixteen weeks as in the past, the Student Sonate is recommending that the University Senate change the deadline for mid-term grades from 5:00 p.m. on the Monday of the ninth week to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday of the eighth week. In reality, our recommendation is to make permanent the change which already has been made for the fall term 1957-58

In the past, the students have had about six weeks after receiving their notice of unsatisfactory grades to improve them. The mid-term grades have been turned in by 5:00 p.m. of the ninth week, they have been processed by the Office of Admissions and Records and sent to the Office of Student Affairs by Friday of that week, and the students have received notice of their unsatisfactory grades during the tenth week.

With the new fifteen-week academic period, however, the students will have only five weeks to improve their grades if the present system is not changed. Since we feel that the students should have at least six weeks to improve their grades after receiving their notice of unsatisfactory grades, we are recommending that the deadline for mid-term grades be moved up to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday of the eighth week.

If I may be of further help in explaining our concern for the approval of our recommendation, I shall be very happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Beckman, President

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Earlier Grade Reports -- continued

## Student Senate Resolution

Senate Session -- Spring, 1957

Scnate Bill No. 1957-S-76

Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EARLIER GRADE REPORTS

Whereas: The new term will include only fifteen weeks of instruction, and

- Whereas: The mid-term grades are scheduled at the eighth week now and grade reports would not be received by the student in time to improve unsatisfactory grades, and
- Whereas: Some instructors do not give examinations until after school has been in session for eight weeks and thus base the mid-term grade of a student upon one examination; allowing the students to get so far behind that it is impossible for them to bring their grades up to passing, and
- Whereas: The need for earlier reports was evidenced in a recent study of freshmen women whose placement tests showed them to be capable of satisfactory work upon being timely notified; therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma respectfully requests that the mid-term grade reports be turned in by 5:00 p.m. the Monday following the seventh week; and be it further
- Resolved, That the President of the Senate is hereby instructed to send copies of this resolution and letters of explanation to the appropriate persons.

#### Senate Action

Dr. Reese moved that the matter of earlier grade reports be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and

The Chairman of the University Senate immediately referred this matter to the Committee on Academic Standards.

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# UNIFORM FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD

# Letter from Dr. Robert E. Bell

June 3, 1957

Dr. Jim Reese, Chairman Faculty Senate Faculty Exchange

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that a specific period of time is set aside for final examinations, and that except for special concessions requiring permission, all final examinations are to be given at the designated times.

It is clear that there is either a considerable number of violations to this regulation, or that too many special concessions have been granted. I recommend that a study of this matter be made, and that recommendations be offered to bring about a uniform final examination period.

Respectfully yours,

Robert E. Bell Professor of Anthropology

Senate Action

There was considerable discussion in the Senate of the implications in the letter written by Dr. Bell. It was pointed out that attempts are now being made by several groups in the University to implement current regulations in such a way that most problems in the uniform final examination program will be eliminated.

Following the discussion, Dr. Bell withdrew his letter from further considera-

# STUDENT RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Letter from Steve Beckman, President, Student Senate

September 27, 1957

Dr. Gerald A. Porter, Secretary University Senate

Dear Dr. Porter:

I am enclosing a copy of resolution number 1957-S-84, "A Resolution Requesting a Change in the Dates of the Christmas Holidays," passed by the Student Senate during its meeting on September 26. I understand that the University Senate cannot take action on our Resolution at its meeting Monday, September 30. I am requesting, however, that it be referred to a committee so that it may be considered at your

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Student Resolution Concerning Christmas Holidays -- continued

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I think the resolution adequately expresses our position and supports this position with sound thinking. I emphasize the fact that our Resolution is not requesting any additional holidays. If our proposal is adopted by the University Senate, every class will meet the same number of times as it will under the present calendar.

The purpose of our Resolution is primarily a matter of convenience for all members of our academic community, students, faculty, and administration. Since our proposal, if adopted, will afford this added convenience without undermining the academic standards of our university, the Student Senate hopes that the University Senate will concur with our decision and adopt this calendar change.

I shall appreciate the opportunity to answer questions and to discuss this Resolution with the committee to which it is referred.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Beckman, President Student Senate

Student Senate Resolution

Senate Session -- Spring, 1957 Senate Bill No. 1957-S-84

Title: A Resolution Requesting a Change in the Dates of the Christmas Holidays.

- Whereas: The Christmas holidays of 1957-58 are now scheduled to take place from 10:00 p.m., December 18, 1957 to 8:10 a.m., January 2, 1958; and
- Whereas: The proposed change will comply with the University Senate's set of rules applying to Christmas holidays; and
- Whereas: Students traveling a great distance will still be allowed four full days before Christmas to reach home; and
- Whereas: Under the present calendar, students living a great distance from the University will have to travel on New Year's Day in order to be at school by 8:10 a.m., January 2, 1958; therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the University Senate be respectfully requested to change the Christmas holidays to take place from 12:00 noon on December 21, 1957 to 8:10 a.m., January 6, 1958.

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# Student Resolution Concerning Christmas Holidays -- continued

## Senate Action

Dr. Larsh moved that the problem involved in the student resolution relative to a change in the Christmas holidays be referred to the Committee on Academic Standards for consideration and a report at the October meeting of the Senate. His motion was seconded.

A brief discussion followed the foregoing motion. Dr. Morris then made a substitute motion that the request of the Student Senate for a change in the Christmas holidays be denied. His motion was seconded and following a considerable amount of discussion was passed by the University Senate.

#### PARKING ON CAMPUS

Dr. Raines raised for consideration by the Senate certain problems connected with the parking of automobiles on campus. Following his general comments he made a motion that the Committee on Student and Public Relations be charged with the responsibility for making a study of the entire matter of parking regulations as put into effect with the beginning of the first semester, 1957-58. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

## FACULTY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Dr. Wilcox raised for consideration by the Senate certain questions relative to the total program of insurance as applied to the faculty of the University. Following his general comments, Dr. Wilcox moved that the questions of retirement age and major medical insurance be studied by the appropriate committee of the Senate and that recommendations be made to the Senate concerning these questions. His motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

The Chairman of the University Senate immediately referred this matter to the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:33 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 1957 at 4:10 p.m. Material for the agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 16.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary