

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, March 31, 1958, 4:10 P. M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by Dr. Rufus G. Hall, Jr.

Present

Bell, Robert E.
Benson, Oliver
Brinker, Paul A.
Brixey, John C.
Cass, Carl B.
Coffman, Stanley K.
Colmore, John P.
Crites, Dennis M.
Dunham, Lowell
Elconin, Victor A.
Ezell, John S.
Hall, Rufus
Harvey, Harriet
Heilman, Arthur W.
Herbert, H. H.
Larsh, Howard W.

Present

McGrew, William C.
Morris, John W.
Mouck, Fred A.
Nielsen, J. Rud
Owings, D. M.
Plath, Ernest C.
Pool, Richard B.
Raines, John M.
Reese, Jim E.
Rice, Leslie H.
Roller, Duane
Rupiper, Omer
Shuman, Ronald B.
Turkington, D. Barton
Warren, Mary A.
Wilcox, Stewart C.

Absent

Almquist, C. T.
Bandy, William R.
Clark, Ralph
Cross, George L.
Fell, Ruth
Felton, Jean
Larsen, Earl G.
Livezey, William E.
Poston, Lawrence S.
Riggs, Carl
Schultz, E. J.
Smith, William H.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting on February 24, 1958, was approved.

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTION

Explanatory Comment

In its February meeting the Senate nominated Professors Willis Bowen and Harley Brown for the position on the Council on Instruction vacated by the resignation of Professor A. M. de la Torre. Both Professor Bowen and Professor Brown are already committed to afternoon classes which prevents them from attending Council meetings. For this reason, President Cross requested the Senate to submit two more nominations.

Senate Action

Dr. Harvey, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the names of two persons as nominees recommended by that Committee. The individuals named were:

Professor Johannes Malthaner, Modern Languages
Professor J. Bennett Clark, Plant Sciences

Nominations for Vacancy on the Council On Instruction -- continued

Dr. Harvey moved that the nominations be accepted by the University Senate. Her motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

Dr. Wilcox, from the floor of the Senate, then nominated Professor Lowell Dunham from the Department of Modern Languages.

In the voting which followed, the University Senate approved the following persons as nominees for the position on the Council on Instruction.

Professor Lowell Dunham

Professor J. Bennett Clark

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Explanatory Comment

Each year, at the regular Senate meeting in March, the Committee on Committees submits nominations for University committees which will be appointed by President Cross. The Senate then considers the nominations, may make additional nominations from the floor, and at the regular meeting in April approve the list of nominations to be submitted.

Senate Action

Professor Harriet Harvey, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the list of nominations prepared by the Committee. The University Senate accepted the nominations made by the Committee on Committees and no additional nominations were made from the floor of the Senate. The final list of nominations will be submitted to President Cross so that he can make specific appointments to the various University committees.

Further Action by the Senate Relative to Annual Nominations

In connection with consideration of nominations for University committees, Dr. Benson moved that in future years in the cases of the Budget Council and the Council on Instruction, the Committee on Committees should present for consideration twice the number of names required by President Cross so that the Senate might exercise a greater degree of selectivity. His motion was seconded.

Professor McGrew then offered a substitute motion that the entire matter of procedure for nominating be referred to the appropriate committee so that careful consideration should be given to numbers nominated, time of acting upon nominations, availability of persons for service on committees, and nominations for committees where it is known that people will be on leaves of absence. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

This problem was immediately referred to the Committee on Committees. The Committee was charged with responsibility for revamping the present procedure for the annually making of nominations for University committees.

LATE ENROLLMENT

Letter from Dr. Fowler

February 26, 1958

Dr. Rufus G. Hall, Chairman
University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Dr. Hall:

Each semester more and more time seems to be devoted to the enrollment, in department offices, of late-coming students. For a week or ten days after enrollment, our office (and those of many other departments on the campus, I am sure) is brought to a standstill by students who have failed to complete or begin their enrollment during the established period. I would estimate the cost to the University of enrolling each such student at around \$20.00. Our department has therefore voted in staff meeting to petition the Senate to investigate this matter and see whether some means cannot be found for reducing this annoyance, including perhaps stiffer penalties for late enrollment. It is our feeling that in many cases students enroll late intentionally in the possible justified opinion that the fees involved are small compared with advantages in terms of ease of getting into desirable sections.

Sincerely,

R. G. Fowler

For the Department of Physics

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cc - Dean Fellows

Senate Action

Dr. Dunham moved that the problem pointed up by Dr. Fowler be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Courses and Curricula for consideration and a report.

SALARY INCREASES VS. GROUPE INSURANCE

Memo from Vice President McCarter

March 14, 1958

To: Professor Rufus Hall

From: Pete Kyle McCarter

President Cross has asked me to refer to the University Senate the attached memorandum from the State Regents concerning "Group Insurance Suggestions."

In our discussions in the President's Office the question has risen whether the faculty would prefer that the University give priority to direct salary increases or to further development of a group insurance plan. We also recognize that the Senate may need more detailed information than is given in this memorandum.

Nevertheless, the President would like to have from the Senate some indication of faculty opinion.

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cc: Professor Gerald Porter

Enclosure (1)

Senate Action

Dr. Larsh moved that consideration of whether the faculty would prefer that the University give priority to direct salary increases or to further development of a group insurance plan be referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate for study and a report. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION IN THE CLASS SCHEDULE BULLETIN

Letter from the President of the Student Senate

March 17, 1958

Dr. Rufus Hall
President, University Senate
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Hall:

I am enclosing a copy of "A Resolution Relating To The Need For Publication of Information In The Class Schedule Bulletin," as was passed by the Student Senate by a vote of 32-0 in regular session on Thursday, March 13, 1958.

Publication of Information in the Class Schedule Bulletin -- continued

I think the resolution explains a situation which needs to be looked into in the very near future. This does not concern the military departments as much as it applies to certain schools in degree-granting colleges.

As you will observe in this resolution, our main concern pertains to upper division classes. Of course, we would like to see all courses list the instructor's name beside them, but we realize that there are many limitations to this. Consequently, at this time we are just requesting that the specified information be printed for at least the upper division courses.

Johnnie Buchanan, the author of the resolution and a senator from the College of Engineering would be glad to talk with University Senate Committee on Courses and Curriculum concerning this problem. We feel that for upper division courses it is imperative that a student be allowed to select the instructor from which he feels he can gain the most knowledge.

The main reason why the student Senate does not favor a plan of pre-enrollment is because the student is not allowed to choose among the most qualified instructors. A junior or senior undergraduate student who is sincerely interested in his studies, will learn a lot more from a professor who knows the subject well rather than from a professor that the student knows is easy or not as well qualified. Consequently he will choose the harder, but more qualified professor.

Thank you and the committee for taking action on this resolution, and if either Senator Buchanan or I can be of help, we would be more than happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Dick McKnight,
President

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Enclosure

Student Senate Resolution

Senate Session: Fall, 1957
Senate Bill No. 1957-F-22

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NEED FOR PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION IN THE CLASS SCHEDULE BULLETIN

Whereas: The Student Senate considers the publication in the Class Schedule Bulletin of course names, meeting times, meeting locations, and Instructor's names to be of great importance and benefit to the students; and

Student Senate Resolution -- continued

Whereas: Some departments are not listing all of the above information and the students are thus deprived of the benefits of this information; and

Whereas: These omissions have become a source of ill feelings between students and faculty; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Senate respectfully recommends to the Faculty Committee on Courses and Curriculum and to the chairmen of all the departments concerned that all of the above information be published, at least for all upper division classes, in the Class Schedule Bulletin as nearly complete and true as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That if this information is not available by the time the Class Schedule Bulletin is printed, that said information should be published in the Student newspaper or posted on the individual departmental bulletin boards, prior to sectioning.

Submitted on motion by John Buchanan

Passed by a Vote of 32-0

Motion Seconded by Kent Brooks

March 13, 1958

Signed by: Dick McKnight, President
Jewell Monroe, Secretary

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion of the Student Senate resolution, Dr. Wilcox moved that the University Senate suggested to departments that, where possible, all courses numbered 200 or above be carried in the class schedule bulletins with the names of instructors. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Reese then offered a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the appropriate Senate committee for study and a report. His motion was seconded and passed.

The problem was immediately referred to the Committee on Courses and Curricula.

DEFINITION OF "GENERAL FACULTY" ✓

Memo from Dr. Porter

March 20, 1958

To: Dr. Hall, Chairman, University Senate

From: G. A. Porter

Subject: Definition of "General Faculty"

In connection with the preparation of the nominating ballots for the election of representatives in the University Senate from the General Faculty, I have been made aware that the definition of the "General Faculty", as presented in the current Bulletin of the University of Oklahoma--Catalog Issue, is incorrect.

Definition of "General Faculty" -- continued

The error in the definition, as reflected in the nomination ballot, is probably not serious in terms of the election. However, the inaccuracies may at a future date result in something more serious.

I suggest that this matter be considered by the University Senate.

Senate Action

Dr. Morris moved that consideration of how to define the "General Faculty" be referred to the appropriate Senate Committee. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

EVALUATION OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Dr. Crites, Chairman of the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, distributed to the members of the University Senate copies of a report his committee has prepared relative to evaluation of the various University committees. He requested that the report be studied, that it be placed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Senate in April, and that action be taken by the Senate at the April meeting.

COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTION

Dr. Crites, Chairman of the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, distributed to the members of the University Senate copies of a report his committee has prepared relative to the functions and procedures of the Council on Instruction. He requested that the report be studied, that it be placed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Senate in April, and that action be taken by the Senate at the April meeting.

OVERAGE CREDIT

Dr. Raines, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards, distributed to the members of the University Senate copies of a progress report relative to the problems involved in the handling of overage credit. This matter will be included in the Agenda for the April meeting of the University Senate, at which time action will be taken by the Senate.

EARLY GRADE REPORTS

Following brief comments to introduce this matter, Dr. Wilcox moved that the red card reports (early grades at end of four weeks) be abolished. His motion was seconded,

Dr. Reese made a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the appropriate Senate committee for consideration. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:11 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 1958, at 4:10 p.m. Materials for the agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 16.

Gerald A. Porter. Secretary

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the above mentioned matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting on the 15th inst.

but I trust that you will be able to attend on the 16th inst.

and I shall be glad to hear from you on that day.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,

J. H. [Name]

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