

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, February 29, 1960, 4:10 P.M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by Dr. John C. Brixey.

Present

Almquist, C. T.
Bandy, William R.
Bavinger, Eugene A.
Bittle, William E.
Bowen, Willis H.
Brinker, Paul A.
Brixey, John C.
Cass, Carl B.
Coffman, Stanley K.
Cross, George L.
Crosser, Orin K.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Elconin, Victor
Ellison, Herbert J.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fell, Ruth

Present

Hale, John M.
Holland, C. Joe
Howard, Robert A.
Hoy, Harry E.
Love, Tom J.
Morris, Virginia
Peterson, Robert V.
Pool, Richard
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Roller, Duane H. D.
Shadid, Tannell A.
Schultz, E. J.
Sommers, E. Blanche
Springer, C. E.
Steanson, Edith
Upchurch, Vernon
Upthegrove, William

Absent

Artman, Jim P.
Colmore, John P.
Dunham, Lowell
Eriksen, John C.
Fite, Gilbert C.
Huff, Gilbert C.
Keown, William H.
Larsen, Earl G.
Peach, W. Nelson
Rupiper, Omer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on January 25, 1960, was approved.

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE ~~X~~

Statement from the Committee on Student and Public Relations -- January 18, 1960

The committee met on January 14 and discussed the problem of "streamlining" the enrolment procedure with Mr. Boyce Timmons present. Mr. Timmons pointed out that it would be possible for various departments to obtain enrolment packets or the number two cards from the enrolment packets, prior to the scheduled enrolment period. Student advisers could then make appointments to meet their advisees at a time to suit their convenience rather than meeting them individually at the exact times scheduled according to the alphabetical table in the Class Schedule. This would permit various departments to make adjustments in terms of the hours spent by individual advisers.

The committee believes that this information should be circulated but that any change in the present system of enrolment is not called for at this time.

Committee on Student and Public Relations

Harry E. Hoy, Chairman

Enrolment Procedure -- continued

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion, President Cross moved that the report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations be circulated to the Faculty. His motion was seconded and passed.

The report, as presented on page 1 of this Journal, is hereby circulated to all members of the Faculty.

CLASS SCHEDULING

Letter from Dr. Doerr

February 10, 1960

Dr. Gerald A. Porter, Secretary
University Senate

Dear Dr. Porter:

Various departments, scheduling committees, and departmental chairmen have been plagued with antithetical regulations, which, on the one hand require scheduling a certain percentage of classes in split sections and afternoons, and on the other hand, demand compliance with "the rule of ten." This has resulted either in departments failing to comply with scheduling arrangements, or scheduling required courses at unattractive hours and elective courses at popular hours, i.e. 9:00 or 10:00 MWF. This last has created significant scheduling difficulties for those students who are attempting to acquire a liberal education in a reasonable period of time.

I suggest, then, that the University Senate recommend that students be required to take a certain percentage of classes in the afternoon and in split sections. Failing this, I suggest that classes at "unattractive" hours be scheduled first in the examination schedule, and that classes at "popular" hours be scheduled last in the final examination period.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur H. Doerr
Associate Professor of Geography

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Doerr moved that the matter indicated above be referred to the University Class Schedule Committee for study. His motion was seconded and passed.

FACULTY PERSONNEL PROBLEMS ~~X~~

Resolutions submitted by the Committee on Faculty Personnel

February 16, 1960

The Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel would like to place the following resolutions on the agenda for this month's meeting.

1. Resolved: The Senate request the Administration to adopt a policy of providing, for faculty who become disabled, full salary for the first three months of disability and one-half salary for an additional thirty-three months of disability.
2. Resolved: The Senate request the Administration to adopt a policy of paying professors who teach a course overload because of the absence of a colleague on the basis of 75% of salary per credit hour for the period of teaching overload beyond two weeks. This assumes a replacement cannot be hired.
3. Resolved: The Senate request the Administration to adopt a policy of paying a retired faculty member his contribution toward retirement income except for conditions under which this is forbidden by the Teacher's Retirement Act.

Committee on Faculty Personnel

O. K. Crosser, Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Crosser moved that the resolutions presented above be adopted by the University Senate. His motion was seconded.

In the discussion which followed the motion, President Cross indicated that resolutions 1 and 2 need considerable study and that resolution 3 is now being followed in a large measure. President Cross indicated further that the resolutions are, in general good but that it may not now be financially feasible to expedite them.

Dr. Ewing requested that the resolutions be voted upon separately and all were adopted in the voting that followed.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Statement from the Committee on Academic Standards

February 26, 1960

The Committee on Academic Standards of the Senate recommends two actions to the Senate: first, the adoption of the resolution attached hereto; second, an alteration in the Bulletin of the University and of the various Colleges as specified on the second sheet attached to this letter.

Committee on Academic Standards

William Keown, Chairman	Clayton Feaver
Willis Bowen	Earl Larsen
John Brixey	Duane Roller
Cortez Ewing	

Resolution Attached to Foregoing Letter

Resolution on Raising Eligibility Requirements
for Intercollegiate Athletic Competition

Whereas the senate heartily endorses the present University of Oklahoma policy of requiring that university students must maintain a C average on all academic work undertaken in order to remain in good standing;

Whereas the senate would deprecate the development of any policy which featured distinctions in academic standards between athletes and non-athletes in the student body; and

Whereas, under existing circumstances, it is possible for an athletic scholarship athlete at the University of Oklahoma to be dropped from the university for poor scholarship and still be eligible for an athletic scholarship and for athletic competition at other schools in the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Big Eight);

Be it resolved that the senate, as representative of the general faculty of the University of Oklahoma, requests President George L. Cross to inform the presidents of the other universities of the Big Eight conference of faculty convictions on the desirability of improving academic standards and to urge their faculties to consider approval of raising the existing eligibility requirements to a C-average minimum for conference athletic competition; and it further requests that the University of Oklahoma Faculty Representative, Dean Earl Sneed, continue his efforts to secure agreement by the faculty representatives of the other conference universities to raising the minimum conference athletic competition requirement from the present C grades in 60 percent of academic credit hours undertaken to a straight C average in all such credit hours undertaken, with minimum hours standards remaining as they are at present.

Academic Standards -- continuedSecond Action Recommended by the Committee on Academic StandardsProposed Change in the Catalog

It is proposed that Paragraph A (1) on pages 30-31 of the Catalog Issue of the Bulletin of the University of Oklahoma for 1958-59 with Calendar and Announcements for 1959-60 and similar statements in the Bulletins of the various schools and colleges be changed from:

- (1) Maintenance of a "C" Average: (a) Whenever a student fails to maintain an over-all average of "C" on the work of any semester, with the exception of the first semester of the freshman year, he will be placed on academic probation. He may remove his probationary status as soon as he has, at the end of any subsequent semester, raised his over-all average to "C." Under no circumstances, however, will he be given more than two semesters in which to remove his probationary status. (b) During his probationary period only the grades in courses taken in residence and applicable for credit toward his degree will count toward the removal of the probation. (c) If at the end of the probationary period he has not raised his over-all average to "C," under the conditions specified above, he will not be permitted to apply for re-instatement until one calendar year has passed from the close of the term or semester in which he was last on probation. (d) A student may use two summer sessions in raising his over-all average, and these summer sessions will not count against the number of semesters of probation which the student is allowed. (e) The above regulation concerning the maintenance of a "C" average will become effective September 1, 1959, and is not retroactive.

to:

- (1) Maintenance of a "C" Average: (a) Whenever a student fails to maintain an over-all average of "C" on the work of any semester, with the exception of the first semester of the freshman year, he will be placed on academic probation. He may remove his probationary status as soon as he has, at the end of any subsequent semester, raised his over-all average to "C." (b) During his probationary period only the grades in courses taken in residence and applicable for credit toward his degree will count toward the removal of the probation. (c) A student on academic probation must make reasonable progress toward raising his over-all average to "C." Otherwise he will not be permitted to apply for re-instatement until one calendar year has passed from the close of the term or semester in which he was last on probation. (d) The above regulations concerning the maintenance of a "C" average will become effective September 1, 1960, and is not retroactive.

Senate Action

In the absence of Dr. Keown, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards, Dr. Roller commented on the report of the committee as presented above. He indicated that the report was developed to resolve certain of the problems raised by President Cross at the January meeting of the Senate. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Roller moved the adoption by the Senate of the resolution which is presented on page 4 of this Journal. His motion was passed.

Dr. Roller then moved adoption of the change in the catalog which is presented above on this sheet. His motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 1960. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, March 16.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary